

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act to establish the mode of laying off the territory of Indiana into districts, for the election of its members of the legislative council.*

March 4, 1814.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the House of Representatives of the Indiana territory be, and it is hereby empowered, from time to time, to lay off the said territory into five districts for the election of the members of the legislative council of the territory aforesaid.

Indiana territory to be laid off into electoral districts.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the districts established by Governor Harrison, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and nine, shall remain, as the lawfully authorized districts for the election of the members of the legislative council of said territory, until the House of Representatives thereof shall have exercised the power vested in that body by the first section of this act.

Those already laid off to remain as the authorized ones till others are established.

APPROVED, March 4, 1814.

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CHAP. XX.—*An Act giving pensions to the orphans and widows of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States.*(a)

March 4, 1814.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any officer, seaman or marine serving on board of any private armed ship or vessel bearing a commission of letter of marque, shall die, or shall have died since the eighteenth day of June, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twelve, by reason of a wound received in the line of his duty, leaving a widow, or if no widow, a child or children under sixteen years of age, such widow, or if no widow, such child or children shall be placed on the pension list by the Secretary of the Navy, who shall allow to such widow, child or children, half the monthly pension to which the rank of the deceased would have entitled him for the highest rate of disability, under "An act regulating pensions to persons on board private armed ships;" which allowance shall continue for the term of five years; but in case of the death or intermarriage of such widow before the expiration of the term of five years, the half-pay for the remainder of the term shall go to the child or children of the deceased: *Provided,* That the half-pay shall cease on the death of such child or children. And the several pensions hereby directed shall be paid by direction of the Secretary of the Navy out of the fund provided by the seventeenth section of an act, entitled "An act concerning letters of marque, prizes and prize goods," and from no other.

Regulations concerning pensions to persons on board private armed vessels.

Act of Feb. 13, 1813, ch. 22.

Proviso.

Act of June 26, 1812, ch. 107.

Widows and children of seamen serving in the public vessels of the U. States provided for.

from the Circuit Court of Virginia, held, that Treasury notes, issued by authority of the act of Congress of October 12, 1838, are promissory notes within the meaning of the act of Congress of March 3, 1825, regulating the Post-office department. *United States v. Hardyman*, 13 Peters, 176.

Treasury notes, issued under the act of Congress of 1814, ch. 18, being by their terms receivable in payment of duties, taxes, and land debts, due to the United States, for the principal and interest due thereon, are a good tender, and may be pleaded as such to such debts. *Thorndike v. The United States*, 2 Mason's C. C. R. 1.

(a) Act of Feb. 3, 1813, chap. 22. Act of March 3, 1817, chap. 60. Act of April 16, 1818, chap. 60. Act of March 3, 1819, chap. 123. Act of April 9, 1824, chap. 34. Act of May 26, 1824, chap. 187. Act of July 4, 1836, chap. 362. Act of March 3, 1837, chap. 40. Act of July 7, 1838, chap. 189. Act of June 19, 1840, chap. 38. Act of August 23, 1842, chap. 191. Act of March 3, 1843, chap. 102. Act of April 30, 1844, chap. 13.