

CHAP. XXXII.—*An Act supplementary to the act, entitled “An act to amend the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes.”*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the fourth section of the act, entitled “An act to amend the act laying duties on licenses to retailers of wines, spirituous liquors, and foreign merchandise, and for other purposes,” shall be construed to extend to and include any still, or boiler, or other vessel, used in distillation, burnt, or otherwise destroyed, whether the burning or destruction shall have taken place before or since the passage of the above recited act.

APPROVED, February 4, 1815.

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Act of Aug. 22, 1813, ch. 39.
Act of April 18, 1814, ch. 91.

Repealed by fourth section of Aug. 22, 1813, ch. 39.

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CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act attaching to the Canton district, in the state of Ohio, the tract of land lying between the foot of the rapids of the Miami of Lake Erie, and the Connecticut western reserve.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all that tract of land lying between the foot of the rapids of the river Miami of Lake Erie and the western line of the Connecticut reserve, in the state of Ohio, which was ceded to the United States by certain tribes of Indians, at a treaty concluded at Brownstown, in the Michigan territory, on the twenty-fifth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and eight, shall be attached to, and made a part of, the district of Canton.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That in surveying and dividing the lands by this act attached to the district of Canton, the ordinary mode of surveying the public lands shall be so far deviated from that the boundary lines of the tracts to be laid off therein shall be run parallel to, and at right angles with, the road laid out in conformity with the said treaty, and in every other respect the surveys shall be made in the same manner, and for the same compensation allowed for the surveying the other public lands north-west of the river Ohio.*

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That all the lands by this act attached to the district of Canton, shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder, under the direction of the register of the land office and the receiver of public moneys of the said district, at such time and place as the President of the United States shall designate by proclamation for that purpose; and the sales shall remain open one week and no longer; and the said lands shall in every respect be sold on the same terms and conditions as have been provided for the sale of other lands of the United States. All the lands in the said tract remaining unsold at the close of the said sales may be disposed of at private sale by the register of the land office of the said district, on the same terms and conditions, as are provided for the sale of other public lands in the same district; and patents shall be obtained in the same manner as in case of other lands of the United States.*

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted, That the aforesaid register and receiver of public moneys shall each receive four dollars per day for each day's attendance on the public sales directed by this act.*

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Act of Feb. 25, 1811, ch. 25.

Lands attached to the district of Canton.

The ordinary modes of surveying public lands to be deviated from in surveying those of the Canton district.

Lands attached to the Canton district by this act to be offered for sale.

Fees to the register and receiver of public moneys.

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CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act for giving further time to the purchasers of public lands to complete their payments.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every person who, after

Act of March 3, 1813, ch. 43.

Act of Feb. 19, 1814, ch. 14. Further time allowed to purchasers of public lands.

Conditions.

the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ten, and prior to the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, had purchased any tract or tracts of land of the United States, not exceeding in the whole six hundred and forty acres, at any of the land offices of the United States, and whose lands have not already been actually sold or reverted to the United States, for non-payment of part of the purchase money, shall be, and they hereby are allowed the further time of three years, from and after the expiration of the period already given by law for completing the payment of the purchase money aforesaid; which further time of three years shall be allowed only on the following conditions: first, all arrears of interest on the purchase money shall be paid on or before the expiration of the time for completing the payment of the purchase money according to former laws: *Provided*, That in all cases in which the time for completing the payment of the purchase money may have expired, or shall expire before the first day of June next, the interest may be paid on or before that day: second, the residue of the sum due on account of the principal of such purchase shall be paid, with interest thereon, in three equal annual payments, as follows, viz: one third of the said sum, with the interest due thereon, within one year; one third of the said sum, with the interest due thereon within two years, and the residue, with the interest due thereon, within three years after the expiration of the time for completing the payments on such purchases according to law. And in case of failure to pay the arrears of interest, or any of the three instalments of principal, with the accruing interest, at the time above-mentioned, the tract of land shall be forthwith advertised and offered for sale in the manner and on the terms directed by law, in case of lands not paid within the time limited by law, and shall revert to the United States in like manner, if the same is not sold at such sale.

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CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act to alter and amend the several acts for establishing a Navy Department, by adding thereto a board of commissioners.* (a)

Act of March 3, 1815, ch. 92. Three officers of the navy to be appointed a board of commissioners for the navy. Their powers and duties.

Board made subordinate to Secretary of the Navy.

Board of commissioners to draw up regulations for

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint three officers of the navy, whose rank shall not be below a post captain, who shall constitute a board of commissioners for the navy of the United States; and shall have power to adopt such rules and regulations for the government of their meetings as they may judge expedient: and the board so constituted, shall be attached to the office of the Secretary of the Navy, and under his superintendence shall discharge all the ministerial duties of said office, relative to the procurement of naval stores and materials, and the construction, armament, equipment, and employment, of vessels of war, as well as all other matters connected with the naval establishment of the United States. And the said board shall appoint their own secretary, who shall receive in compensation for his services a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars per annum, who shall keep a fair record of their proceedings, subject at all times to the inspection of the President of the United States, and the Secretary of the Navy.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said board of commissioners, by and with the consent of the Secretary of the Navy, be, and are hereby authorized to prepare such rules and regulations, as shall be necessary for securing an uniformity in the several classes of vessels and

(a) See note to act of April 30, 1798, vol. i. 553. See act of Aug. 31, 1842, ch. 286, repealing this act, and organizing five bureaus attached to the Navy Department.