

be given against the defendant, or respondent, if it shall appear to the court, before which such suit or prosecution shall be tried, that there was probable cause for doing such act or thing, such court shall order a proper certificate or entry to be made thereof, and in such case the defendant or respondent shall not be liable for costs, nor shall he be liable to execution, or to any action for damages, or to any other mode of prosecution, for the act done by him as aforesaid: *Provided*, That such property or articles as may be held in custody by the defendant, if any, be, after judgment, forthwith returned to the claimant or claimants, his, her, or their agent or agents.

Officers not to be liable to costs, upon judgments against them, in certain cases.

Proviso.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue in force for one year, and no longer: *Provided*, That all fines, penalties, and forfeitures, which shall have been incurred before the expiration of the act, shall be recovered and distributed, and may be mitigated or remitted, in the same manner as if it had not expired.

Duration of this act.  
Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1815.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. XCV.—*An Act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for the better organization of the courts of the United States, within the state of New York."*

March 3, 1815.

*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, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, be, and hereby is authorized to appoint one person as marshal, and one as district attorney for the northern judicial district of the United States within the state of New York, created by the act to which this act is a supplement, bearing date the ninth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen; and that the terms of appointment and service, together with the duties, responsibilities and emoluments of the said marshal and district attorney, respectively, for the district aforesaid, be in all respects the same within their said district, as the terms of appointment and service, the duties, responsibilities and emoluments of all other marshals and district attorneys, respectively, within their respective districts, in the United States of America.

Act of April 9, 1814, ch. 49.  
The President to appoint a marshal and district attorney.

Compensation.

APPROVED, March 3, 1815.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act making an additional appropriation for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.*

March 3, 1815.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That, for defraying the expense of preparing certificates of registry for ships and vessels, and for furnishing lists of crews, the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation for certificates of registry of ships.

APPROVED, March 3, 1815.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. XCVII.—*An Act further supplementary to an act, entitled "An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory."*

March 3, 1815.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the commissioners appointed by virtue of the act entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory,'" shall be, and they are hereby

Act of March 31, 1814, ch. 39.  
Commissioners authorized to decide upon the quantity of