

of 18th April, 1814, ch. 84, repealed.

of an act, entitled "An act concerning the pay of the officers, seamen, and marines, in the navy of the United States," passed the eighteenth of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

APPROVED, February 22, 1817.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 22, 1817.

CHAP. XV.—*An Act providing for the division of certain quarter sections, in future sales of the public lands.*

The sections designated to be offered for sale in quarter or half quarter sections, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, from and after the first day of September next, the sections designated by number two, five, twenty, twenty-three, thirty, and thirty-three, in each and every township of the public lands, the sale of which is now, or hereafter may be authorized by law, shall be offered for sale either in quarter sections, or half quarter sections, at the option of the purchaser; and in every case of the division of a quarter section, the partition shall be made by a line running due north and south, and in every other respect the said sections shall be offered, whether at public or private sale, on the same terms and conditions as have been, or may be, by law, provided for the sale of the other public lands of the United States.

Manner of surveying the land.

APPROVED, February 22, 1817.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 24, 1817.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington.*

[Obsolete.]
The superintendent to lay off that part of the public reservation of ground described.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the commissioner for the superintendence of the public buildings in the city of Washington be, and he hereby is, authorized to lay off into building lots all that part of the public reservation of ground in the said city, numbered ten, lying on the north side of the Pennsylvania avenue, between Third and Four and an Half streets west, embraced by the whole of the front of said reservation on said avenue, and extending back, or northwardly, not exceeding two hundred feet; and, under the direction of the President of the United States, to sell any number of such lots, not exceeding one half of the whole number, and the avails thereof to pay into the treasury of the United States; and in such sales the commissioner is hereby directed to reserve to the United States every other lot, except in particular cases it may be expedient to sell two or more contiguous lots; but all sales made in virtue of this act shall be under and upon the express condition, that the purchaser shall build and finish, or cause to be built and finished, within three years from the day of sale, a good and substantial brick or stone house of not less than three stories high, exclusive of the basement story, nor less than twenty-five feet front, and in failure of a compliance with the said conditions, or any of them, the lots so sold shall revert to the United States, and the party failing shall incur a forfeiture of any and all moneys which may have been paid for the same.

To sell half the lots, &c.

Condition of sale.

Appropriation of the moneys arising from the sales.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the moneys arising from the sales aforesaid be, and they hereby are, appropriated to the payment of any moneys which may hereafter be expended for the public buildings and public improvements in the city of Washington.

APPROVED, February 24, 1817.