

of Georgia equal to the amount of Mississippi stock received in payment of public lands in Mississippi territory, until, &c.

Proviso; amount of payments limited, and repayment to be made to the treasury before, &c.

to the state of Georgia, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to the amount of Mississippi stock which has been or shall be received in payment of the public lands in the Mississippi territory, until the payment of one million two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, secured to the said state by the articles of agreement and cession between the United States and the state of Georgia shall be completed; and the money hereby appropriated shall be paid in the same manner as if the payments in the said Mississippi stock had been made in money. *Provided*, That the payments which shall be made in pursuance of this act shall not in the whole exceed three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and the same shall be repaid to the treasury out of the nett proceeds of the sale of public lands in the Mississippi territory before any of the moneys thence arising shall be paid for the redemption of the outstanding certificates of Mississippi stock.

APPROVED, March 3, 1817.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

CHAP. XXXVII.—*An Act for erecting a light-house on the west chop of Holmes's Hole harbour, in the state of Massachusetts.*

A lighthouse to be built on the west chop of Holmes's Hole, as soon as Massachusetts cedes jurisdiction, &c.

Superintendent, &c.

5,000 dolls. appropriated.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That, as soon as a cession shall be made by the state of Massachusetts to the United States of the jurisdiction over a piece of land proper for the purpose, the Secretary of the Treasury shall be, and he is hereby authorized to provide, by contract, to be approved by the President of the United States, for building a light-house on the west chop of Holmes's Hole harbour in the said state, and to furnish the same with all necessary supplies; and also to agree for the salaries or wages of the person, or persons, who may be appointed by the President for the superintendance and care of the same; and the President shall be authorized to make the said appointments.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, And there shall be appropriated and paid out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars for the purposes aforesaid.

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STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act transferring the duties of commissioner of loans to the Bank of the United States, and abolishing the office of commissioner of loans.*

The Bank of the United States, &c. to perform the duties of commissioners of loans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the Bank of the United States, and its several branches, shall be, and they are hereby, required to do and perform the several duties of commissioners of loans for the several states; and the Bank of the United States and its several branches, and such state banks as the Bank of the United States may employ in those states where no branch bank shall be established, shall observe and conform to the directions which have been or may hereafter be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the President of the United States, touching the execution of the duties aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all such duties and acts as are now done and performed by the commissioners of loans, in transferring stock from the books of one loan office to another, or to the books of the treasury, or from the books of the treasury to the books of the loan offices, shall be done and performed by the president of the Bank of the United States, the president of the several branches of the said bank, and by the president of such state banks as the Bank of the United States may employ, (in states where no branch of the United States Bank shall be

established :) and the acts of the presidents aforesaid shall be countersigned by the cashiers of those banks respectively.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to notify the President of the Bank of the United States, that the duties now performed by the commissioners of loans will be transferred to the Bank of the United States, and he shall direct the commissioners of loans and the agents for military pensions, where there is no commissioner, respectively, in the several states, to deliver to the president of the Bank of the United States, or to the president of a branch thereof, or to the president of such state bank as the Bank of the United States may employ, on such day or days as he may designate, the register, and all the records and papers of their respective offices; and it shall be the duty of the said commissioners of loans and agents for pensioners to comply with the said direction, and also to take duplicate receipts for the delivery of the records and papers herein described, one of which shall be transmitted, without delay, to the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided, however*, that the Secretary of the Treasury may designate such time before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, for the performance of the duties aforesaid, as the public convenience will permit; *And provided also*, That this act shall not be construed to extend to any agent for military pensions in any state where there is no bank established by law.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the office of commissioner of loans, upon the delivery of the records and papers, as herein required, to the Bank of the United States, or its branches, or to the state banks employed by the Bank of the United States in those states where there may be no branch, shall be, and hereby is, abolished; and the pay and emoluments of the said commissioners of loans, and the clerks and persons employed by them, after such delivery, shall respectively cease and determine.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the act, entitled "An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts," shall commence, and be in force, on and after the third day of this instant, March, any thing in the aforesaid act to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, March 3, 1817.

CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act to regulate the trade in plaster of Paris.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That, from and after the fourth day of July next, no plaster of Paris, the production of any country, or its dependencies, from which the vessels of the United States are not permitted to bring the same article, shall be imported into the United States in any foreign vessel. And all plaster of Paris imported, or attempted to be imported, into the United States, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, and the vessel in which the same may be imported, or attempted to be imported, together with the cargo, tackle, apparel, and furniture, shall be forfeited to the United States; and such plaster of Paris, vessel and cargo, shall be liable to be seized, prosecuted, and condemned, in like manner, and under the same regulations, restrictions, and provisions, as have been heretofore established for the recovery, collection, and distribution, and remission, of forfeitures to the United States by the several revenue laws.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force five years from the thirty-first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen: *Provided, nevertheless*, That if any foreign nation or its dependencies, which have now in force regulations on the subject of the trade in plaster of Paris, prohibiting the exportation there-

The Secretary of the Treasury to notify the President of the Bank of the United States, &c.

Proviso; as to the time, &c.

Proviso; as to states where no banks are established by law.

Office of commissioner of loans abolished, &c.

An act for the prompt settlement of public accounts in force from the 3d of March, 1817.

Act of March 3, 1817, ch. 45.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

[Obsolete.]

Importation of plaster prohibited in foreign vessels from countries whence vessels of the United States are not allowed to bring it.

This act to be in force for five years.

Proviso; a foreign nation discontinuing