

of the United States, or others, at a sum not less than the par value thereof, certificates of stock of the United States, to any amount not exceeding the sum of five millions of dollars, and bearing an interest of not exceeding four and one half per centum per annum, from the period of the sale thereof; which stock, so created, shall be redeemable at the pleasure of the United States, at any time after the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two. And, upon the sale of such stock, in manner aforesaid, credit or credits to the proprietors thereof, shall thereupon be entered and given on the books of the treasury, in like manner as for the present funded debt; which said credits or stock shall thereafter be transferable as other public stock of the United States.

Moneys received from the sale of certificates of said stock, to be applied to the payment of the awards under the treaty with Spain.

Proviso.

Interest accruing on said stock to be paid out of the treasury.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the moneys which may be received from the issuing and sale of the aforesaid certificates of stock, shall [be,] and the same are hereby, directed to be applied to the payment and discharge of the awards of the commissioners under the treaty with Spain, of the twenty-second day of February, in the year eighteen hundred and nineteen. *Provided, also*, That in all cases where the person or persons, in whose name, or for whose benefit and interest, the aforesaid awards shall be made, shall be in debt and in arrears to the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury shall retain the same out of the amount of the aforesaid awards, in the first instance, and a warrant or certificate, as the case may be, shall only issue for the balance. (a)

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That a sum, equal to what will be necessary to pay the interest which may accrue on the said stock, to the end of the present year, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for that purpose, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, May 24, 1824.

STATUTE I.

May 24, 1824.

CHAP. CXLI.—*An Act changing the mode of surveying the public lands, on any river, lake, bayou, or water-course.*

Course to be pursued in surveying lands.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That, whenever, in the opinion of the President of the United States, a departure from the ordinary mode of surveying land on any river, lake, bayou, or water-course, would promote the public interest, he may direct the surveyor general, in whose district such land is situated, and where the change is intended to be made, under such rules and regulations as the President may prescribe, to cause the lands thus situated, to be surveyed in tracts of two acres in width, fronting on any river, bayou, lake, or water-course, and running back the depth of forty acres; which tracts of land, so surveyed, shall be offered for sale entire, instead of in half-quarter sections, and in the usual manner, and on the same terms, in all respects, as the other public lands of the United States.

APPROVED, May 24, 1824.

STATUTE I.

May 25, 1824.

CHAP. CXLV.—*An Act to alter the times of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the district of South Carolina.* (b)

The times for holding the cir-

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That instead of the times now

(a) If, under the act of May 24, 1824, ch. 140, sec. 2, the Secretary of the Treasury omit to retain the amount of debt due to the United States from a person entitled by an award under the Spanish treaty, from money provided for the payment of such award, it does not prejudice the United States to proceed for payment of such debts against the general assignee, who has received the money from the treasury. *The United States v. William Hunter, 5 Mason, C. C. R. 62.*

(b) Circuit and district courts in South Carolina. Act of September 24, 1789, (obsolete,) ch. 20, sec. 3.

An act to alter the times for holding the circuit courts of the United States, in the district of South

established by law, the circuit court for the district of South Carolina, shall, annually, be holden as follows, to wit: at Charleston on the second Tuesday of April, and at Columbia on the third Tuesday of November.

cuit court for the district of South Carolina, to be changed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all suits, actions, writs, processes, and other proceedings, which now are pending in said circuit court, or which now are, or may hereafter be, commenced for, or returnable to the said circuit court, at the times and places heretofore established, shall be returnable to, heard, tried, and determined, in the said circuit court, at the times and places hereby respectively established for the holding thereof.

All suits to be proceeded with as before.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the passing of this act, the times of holding the district court of the United States at Laurens Courthouse, South Carolina, shall be so altered that the said court shall hereafter convene on the Tuesday next ensuing, after the adjournment of the circuit court of the United States at Columbia.

The times of holding the district courts at Laurens Courthouse, to be altered.

APPROVED, May 25, 1824.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. CXLVI.—*An Act to enable the President to hold treaties with certain Indian tribes, and for other purposes.*

May 25, 1824.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to defray the expenses of making treaties of trade and friendship with the Indian tribes beyond the Mississippi: and that the said sum shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation for making treaties with the Indians beyond the Mississippi.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the purpose of negotiating said treaties, on the part of the United States, the President shall be, and he hereby is, authorized to appoint suitable persons for commissioners, and to fix their compensation, so as not to exceed what has been heretofore allowed for like services.

Commissioners to be appointed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President shall be, and hereby is, authorized to appoint two sub-agents to be employed among the Indian tribes, on the waters of the Upper Missouri, whose annual salary shall be eight hundred dollars each, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Two sub-agents to be employed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of Indian agents to designate, from time to time, certain convenient and suitable places for carrying on trade with the different Indian tribes, and to require all traders to trade at the places thus designated, and at no other place or places.

Indian agents to designate convenient places for carrying on trade.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis, and his successors in office, shall possess all the pow-

The power vested in the superintendent

Carolina, and Georgia, and providing that the district court of Pennsylvania shall, in future, be held at the city of Philadelphia, (obsolete,) August 11, 1790, ch. 42.

An act concerning the circuit courts of the United States, March 3, 1797, ch. 27.

An act to amend the judicial system of the United States, April 29, 1802, ch. 31.

An act for the more convenient arrangement of the times and places of holding the circuit courts of the United States, for the districts of South Carolina and Georgia, April 24, 1816, ch. 74.

An act to divide the state of South Carolina into two judicial districts, Feb. 21, 1823, ch. 11.

An act to alter the times of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States, for the district of South Carolina, May 25, 1824, ch. 145.

An act to amend an act, entitled "An act to alter the times of holding the circuit and district courts for the district of South Carolina," March 3, 1825, ch. 79.

An act for altering the time of holding the session of the Supreme Court of the United States, and of the sessions of the circuit court of the United States, for the districts of South Carolina and Georgia, May 4, 1826, ch. 37.

An act to alter the times for holding the sixth circuit court of the United States, for the district of South Carolina, Feb. 5, 1829, ch. 19.

An act to change the times of holding the federal courts in Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and Louisiana, March 1, 1845, ch. 39.