

petent to the Legislatures of the several Territories, to readjust and apportion the representation in the two branches of their respective bodies in such manner from time to time as may seem to them just and proper: *Provided*, That the numbers of said bodies as authorized by existing laws shall not be increased.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That justices of the peace, and all general officers of the militia in the several Territories shall be elected by the people in such manner as the respective Legislatures thereof may provide by law.

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Legislatures to apportion the representation from time to time  
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Justices of the peace, &c. to be elected by the people.

STATUTE I.

June 15, 1844.

CHAP. LXX.—*An Act to authorize the issuing of Patents for certain lands in the St. Augustine land district in Florida, the sales of which were not regularly reported.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in all cases where it shall appear, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, that individuals had applied to John C. Cleland, late receiver at St. Augustine, in Florida, while acting as receiver, for the entry of any of the lands in that district, and had made payment to him therefor, as required by law, and where said Cleland failed to furnish the usual evidence of such payments to the register of the land office aforesaid, and to make the usual returns thereof to the General Land Office, such individuals shall be entitled to receive patents for such entries, where the lands applied for by them have not since been sold: but if sold, the money paid by them may be applied to the purchase of any other land in that district subject to entry at private sale: *Provided*, That this act shall only apply to those cases where evidence that such application was made, is now in the General Land Office.

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Where application and payment were made to J. C. Cleland, but he did not make the returns, patents to issue.

Proviso.

STATUTE I.

June 15, 1844.

CHAP. LXXI.—*An Act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the peninsula of Florida."*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in any case in which it shall appear to the Commissioner of the General Land Office that the location made by a settler under the act approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-two, entitled, "An act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the peninsula of Florida," was located upon lands which were discovered after the issue of the permit to be liable to overflow, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner to authorize the change of the location to any other vacant quarter section within the same land district: *Provided* application for permission to change the location shall have been made at the proper land office before the fourth day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-three.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases in which settlements have been made under the provisions of said act, upon lands not surveyed before the issue of permit, the settler may, after survey, locate his quarter section in any legal subdivisions of continuous or contiguous sections, or fractional sections, so as to make up the quantity of one hundred and sixty acres, as may be, and to include his improvements, and as much of the lands described in his permit as is consistent with the system of the public surveys.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the settlers under said act may erect their dwellings, and reside upon other than the quarter

Where location under act of Aug. 4, 1842, ch. 122, was made upon land liable to overflow, it may be changed.

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When settlement was made before survey, settler may locate upon legal subdivisions, so as to include his improvement.

Settler may reside on land not in permit.

Proviso. section described in their permit, *Provided*, The land upon which they so erect their habitation shall be entered and paid for by them, if in market, or if not in market, shall be so entered within three months after it shall have been offered at public sale. *And provided, also*, That the condition of cultivation on the land described in the permit shall be faithfully complied with according to the terms of the act to which this is an amendment.

When title of U. S. is defective, settler may locate elsewhere.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in any case in which the title of the United States to the land or any part of it, not less than forty acres, described in the permit issued by the land office to any settler, or contained in the quarter section upon which he shall have been located, shall prove to be defective, a tract of land equal in quantity to that of which the title shall have proved defective as aforesaid, may be located elsewhere upon vacant surveyed lands within the same township, or within the nearest township in which there shall be sufficient quantity of vacant arable land.

Settler may perfect his title, how.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be competent for any settler under the said act to perfect his title to the quarter section located and described in the permit, by paying to the receiver of the land office in the appropriate district the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for the said quarter section: *Provided*, that such settler shall prove to the satisfaction of the register and receiver for the proper land district, that up to the date of his application to make payment, he has fully complied with the requirements of the act to which this is an amendment.

Proviso.

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STATUTE I.  
June 15, 1844.

CHAP. LXXII. — *An Act making appropriation for the support of insane persons in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.*

Appropriation for support, &c. of insane paupers.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of four thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any unappropriated money in the Treasury, for the support, clothing, and medical treatment of the insane paupers of the District of Columbia, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five: *Provided*, That the amount paid for each person shall not exceed four dollars per week: *And provided further*, That the Marshal of the District of Columbia be, and he is hereby, authorized to maintain at Baltimore or some other suitable lunatic asylum, all such lunatic persons who are paupers as are now confined in the lunatic asylum at Baltimore by order of Congress, or are in the jails of Washington and Alexandria counties, and all such as may hereafter be committed as lunatics by order of the Circuit or Criminal Courts, they being paupers of said District of Columbia, and their support being legally chargeable thereto, and that he pay the expenses of their removal and of their maintenance in such asylum as he may select, and be allowed for the same in the settlement of his accounts at the Treasury of the United States.

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Medical faculty to have the use of the insane hospital for an infirmary, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings be directed to allow the Medical Faculty of the Columbian College, District of Columbia, to occupy the insane hospital with the adjoining grounds, situated on the Judiciary Square in Washington, for the purposes of an infirmary for medical instruction and for scientific purposes, on condition that they shall give satisfactory security to keep the said building in repair, and return it, with the grounds, to the Government, in as good condition as they are now in, whenever required to do so.

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