

STATUTE I.

June 17, 1844.

CHAP. XCV.—*An Act to provide for the adjustment of land claims within the States of Missouri, Arkansas, and Louisiana, and in those parts of the States of Mississippi and Alabama south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers.* (a)

Provisions of act of May 26, 1824, so far as they related to the State of Missouri, revived and extended.

1824, ch. 173.

District Court to have jurisdiction of French, Spanish and British claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the expired act of the twenty-sixth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, entitled "An act to enable claimants to land within the State of Missouri and Territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims," as related to the State of Missouri (excluding all such portions of said act as referred to the territory of Arkansas) be, and is hereby, revived and re-enacted, and continued in force for the term of five years, and no longer; and the provisions of that part of the aforesaid act hereby revived and re-enacted shall be, and hereby are, extended to the States of Louisiana and Arkansas, and to so much of the States of Mississippi and Alabama as is included in the district of country south of the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and between the Mississippi and Perdido rivers, in the same way and with the same rights, powers, and jurisdictions, to every extent they can be rendered applicable, as if these States had been enumerated in the original act hereby revived, and the enactments expressly applied to them as to the State of Missouri; and the district court, and the judges thereof, in each of these States, shall have and exercise the like jurisdiction over the land claims, in their respective States and districts, originating with either the Spanish, French, or British authorities, as by said act was given to the court, and the judge thereof, in the State of Missouri.

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CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act concerning the Supreme Court of the United States.*

Act of Aug. 1, 1842, ch. 180. Session of Supreme Court, to commence when.

Proceedings, &c.

Justice of Supreme Court only required to attend one term of circuit court in each year; term to be designated by him.

May attend any other terms.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, the sessions of the Supreme Court, heretofore commenced and held on the second Monday of January, annually, shall instead thereof be commenced and held the first Monday of December, annually; and all actions, suits, appeals, recognizances, processes, writs, and proceedings whatever, pending, or which may be pending in said court, or returnable thereto, shall have day therein, and be heard, tried, proceeded with, and decided, in like manner as if the time of holding said sessions had not been hereby altered.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That hereafter it shall not be the duty of the Justice of the Supreme Court assigned to any circuit to attend more than one term of the circuit court within any district of such circuit in any one year; such term to be by him from time to time designated with reference to the nature and importance of the business pending therein and the public convenience; and at such term, appeals and writs of error from the district court, questions of law arising upon statements of fact agreed by the parties or specially reserved by the district judge, and cases at law and in equity of peculiar interest or difficulty, shall have precedence in the arrangement of the business of the court; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to take away the right of such Justice of the Supreme Court, in his discretion, to attend

(a) Notes of the acts which have been passed relative to land claims in Missouri, vol. 2, 812.

Notes of the decisions of the Supreme Court on land titles in Missouri, vol. 2, 748, 812.

Notes of the decisions of the Supreme Court on land titles in Louisiana, vol. 2, 288.

Notes of the acts which have been passed relating to land and land titles in Louisiana, vol. 2, 324.

Notes of the acts relating to the Territory, afterwards the State, of Arkansas; vol. 3, 493.

any other terms of such circuit court, whenever, in his opinion, the public interest or special exigencies may require it.

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CHAP. XCVII. — *An Act respecting the northern boundary of the State of Missouri.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be appointed by the Governor of Iowa Territory, by and with the advice and consent of the Council of said Territory, a commissioner, to act in conjunction with such commissioner as may be appointed by the State of Missouri, and such third person, not a citizen of the State of Missouri or Territory of Iowa, as may be designated by the two commissioners aforesaid; the duty of which said three persons it shall be, to ascertain, survey, and mark out the northern boundary line of the State of Missouri, and to cause plats of the said line, when so ascertained, surveyed, and marked out, to be returned to the offices of the Secretary of State of the United States, of the State of Missouri, and of the Territory of Iowa, which plats shall be accompanied by reports of their proceedings in the premises.

Commissioners to be appointed to run the boundary line between Iowa and Missouri.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said three commissioners, or a majority of them, shall have authority to appoint a surveyor, and engage the necessary assistants and laborers, to enable them to ascertain, survey, and mark the said line; and the compensation of said commissioners, and of the surveyor employed by them, shall be at the rate of eight dollars per day, for so many days as they may necessarily be employed about the business aforesaid; and the laborers and assistants shall be paid such compensation as may be agreed upon between each of them and the commissioners, or a majority of them, not to exceed two dollars per day.

Commissioners to appoint a surveyor.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the report, as aforesaid, of any two of said commissioners, shall be final and conclusive, and the line so ascertained, surveyed, marked out and returned as aforesaid, by any two of said commissioners, shall be the northern boundary line of the State of Missouri.

Compensation limited.

Report of majority of commissioners fixing the boundary line, to be final.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall not go into force until the Legislature of the State of Missouri shall have assented to the same, and agreed to abide by the award of said commissioners, or any two of them, as final and conclusive; and the sum of four thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

Act, when to take effect.

Appropriation.

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CHAP. XCVIII. — *An Act to extend the charters of the District Banks.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all actions, suits and judgments in law or equity commenced and now pending or which may hereafter be commenced by or against either of the banks of the District of Columbia whose charters expire on the fourth day of July eighteen hundred and forty-four for the collection of any debt due or the recovery of any right belonging to said banks shall not abate or be in any manner estopped by reason of the expiration of the charter of the bank commencing the same, but may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution in the same manner as though said charter had continued in existence, any law, usage, or custom, to the contrary notwithstanding; and all goods, chattels, lands, tenements, and hereditaments, seized on mesne process, attached, levied upon, set off, or in any way assigned and

May 31, 1838, ch. 91.

Aug. 25, 1841, ch. 12.

Suits, &c. in which the bank is a party, not to abate by reason of the expiration of its charter; and all property to enure to the trustees, &c.