

lands subject to private entry in the State of Mississippi.

districts in said State, in the same manner that said warrants are now authorized to be located in the Augusta land district.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

Aug. 7, 1848.

CHAP. CXXI.—*An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license Yachts, and for other Purposes.*

Yachts used as pleasure vessels, &c., to be licensed on terms that will allow them to proceed from port to port in the United States without clearance.

Proviso: such vessels not to be allowed to transport merchandise.

Owners of such vessels to give bonds.

Such vessels to be subject in all respects to the laws of the United States.

Shall use signals, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to cause yachts used and employed exclusively as pleasure vessels, and designed as models of naval architecture, and now entitled to be enrolled as American vessels, to be licensed on terms which will authorize them to proceed from port to port of the United States without entering or clearing at the customhouse. Such license shall be in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *Provided,* Such vessels so enrolled and licensed shall not be allowed to transport merchandise or carry passengers for pay: *And provided further,* That the owner of any such vessel, before taking out such license, shall give a bond, in such form and for such amount as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, conditional that the said vessel shall not engage in any unlawful trade, nor in any way violate the revenue laws of the United States, and shall comply with the laws in all other respects.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all such vessels shall, in all respects, except as above, be subject to the laws of the United States, and shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture for any violation of the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all such licensed yachts shall use a signal of the form, size, and colors prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, and the owners thereof shall at all times permit the naval architects in the employ of the United States to examine and copy the models of said yachts.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

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CHAP. CXXIII.—*An Act to change the Place of holding the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Alabama, and for other Purposes.*

State of Alabama divided into three judicial districts.

Southern district.

Middle district.

Northern district.

Terms of the District Court for the middle district to be hereafter held at Montgomery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Alabama shall be, and the same is hereby, divided into three districts in manner following, to wit:

The counties of Mobile, Washington, Baldwin, Sumpter, Clarke, Marengo, Green, Pickens, Wilcox, Monroe, Conecuh, shall compose one district, to be called the southern district, and a court shall be held for the said district, as heretofore, at Mobile.

The counties of Montgomery, Autauga, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Chambers, Talladega, Randolph, Macon, Russell, Barbour, Pike, Henry, Dale, Coffee, Covington, Lowndes, Dallas, Perry, Bibb, Shelby, and Tuscaloosa, shall hereafter compose one district, to be called the middle district, and a court shall be held for the said district at Montgomery. And the residue of the counties of said State shall hereafter compose the northern district of Alabama, and a court shall be held for the same, as heretofore, at Huntsville.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the next term of the District Court for the said middle district, and every term thereafter, shall be held at Montgomery; and the clerk and marshal of said middle district are hereby required, forthwith, to remove all the books, and papers, and records, belonging to their respective offices from Tuscaloosa to Montgomery.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all causes at law or in chancery, pending in the said District Courts at Mobile and Huntsville, or in the Circuit Court of the United States at Mobile, in which the defendant or defendants reside in the middle district (as hereby established) at the time of serving process, shall be transferred for trial to the District Court for the said middle district, and be proceeded in, heard, adjudged, and determined in the same manner as though originally commenced or prosecuted in the said court; and it shall be the duty of the clerks of the said courts at Huntsville and Mobile safely to transmit to the clerk of the District Court at Montgomery the original papers in all cases hereby ordered to be transferred, together with a transcript of all orders and other proceedings had thereon.

All causes pending in the United States courts at Mobile and Huntsville in which the defendants reside in the middle district to be transferred to District Court for said district.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws contravening or opposed to the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Conflicting laws repealed.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

CHAP. CXLIV.—*An Act to annex the Town of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, to the Collection District of Gloucester.*

Aug. 7, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the town of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, now included in the collection district of Newburyport, shall hereafter be included in, and form a part of, the collection district of Gloucester.

Town of Essex, Mass., annexed to the collection district of Gloucester.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

CHAP. CXLV.—*An Act to annex that Part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan to the Chicago Collection District.*

Aug. 7, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the thirtieth day of September next, all that part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan, and heretofore included in the Detroit collection district, be, and the same is hereby, annexed to, and made a part of, the collection district of Chicago, in the State of Illinois.

That part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan annexed to the collection district of Chicago.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

CHAP. CXLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of those Preëmption Claimants upon the Miami Lands in Indiana, who, by their Services in the Mexican War, are entitled to Bounty Land.*

Aug. 7, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That those persons who are entitled to bounty land warrants for one hundred and sixty acres in virtue of their own services during the present war with Mexico, and who may likewise be entitled to the right of preëmption upon the Miami lands in Indiana, under the act of the third of August, eighteen hundred and forty-six, shall have the privilege of applying their warrants in payment or part payment for the tract to which they may establish their right of preëmption; said warrant to be estimated, when received as aforesaid, at the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents for each acre therein contained: *Provided*, That in no case shall the government be required to refund any excess of the estimated amount of said warrants, over and above the price of the tract claimed to be entered; and should the tract claimed to be entered as aforesaid exceed, at the rate fixed by law, the said sum, then and in such case the balance of the purchase money of said tract shall be paid in cash.

Preëmption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana entitled to bounty lands may apply their warrants in payment.
1846, ch. 77.

Proviso.

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