

which may be so ceded, within one year after the passing of this act, such expenditure having been ascertained and proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall be taken and allowed as part of the expenditure intended by this act.

APPROVED, February 15, 1799.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act to authorize the reimbursement of monies expended in rendering aid to sick and destitute American Seamen, in foreign countries.*

Feb. 19, 1799.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of State be, and hereby is authorized, under the direction of the President of the United States, to reimburse such reasonable advances of money, as have been made, or, during the present year, may be made, by the consuls of the United States, in affording relief to sick and destitute American seamen, in foreign countries, or in aiding them to return to their homes, beyond the sum allowed by law for that purpose.

APPROVED, February 19, 1799.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act to amend an act entitled "An act giving effect to the Laws of the United States within the district of Tennessee."*

Feb. 19, 1799.

[Obsolete.]

SECTION I. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any person who shall commit an offence against the laws of the United States, on the east side of Cumberland mountain, within the district of Tennessee, shall not be held to answer at the court at Nashville, or any other place, on the west side of said mountain, and that any person who shall commit an offence against the laws of the United States on the west side of said mountain, within the said district, shall not be held to answer, at the court at Knoxville, or any other place, upon the east side of said mountain, but that all persons who shall commit offences against the laws of the United States (within the said district) shall be held to answer in the court on that side of the said mountain, where such offence shall have been committed.

Offenders to answer on that side of Cumberland mountain, where their offences were committed.

Ante, p. 496.  
Act of April 29, 1802, ch. 31, sec. 16.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any suits which shall be brought by the United States, in the district court of Tennessee, against any person residing on the east side of said mountain, shall not be returned to the court at Nashville, on the west side of the said mountain, and that any suits which shall be brought by the United States, against any person residing upon the west side of said mountain, shall not be returned to the court at Knoxville, on the east side of the said mountain. But that all suits which shall be brought by the United States against any person or persons residing on the respective sides of the said mountain, shall be returned to the court, on that side of the said mountain, where the defendant or defendants shall reside, or be found at the time of bringing such suit or suits.

Suits by the United States to be returned to the court on that side of the mountain where the defendants are found.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the western foot of Cumberland mountain shall be the boundary, dividing the jurisdiction of the eastern from the western side of said mountain.

Western foot of Cumberland mountain to be the boundary.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all suits which may be brought as aforesaid, shall be proceeded upon to final judgment in the court wherein such suit or suits shall have been originally returned, and it shall be the duty of the clerk of the district of Tennessee, to keep two separate dockets, for the purposes aforesaid—one for the court at Nashville, and one for the court at Knoxville—*Provided,* that nothing in this act shall be so construed, as to prevent writs of execution issued from either of the said courts, being executed on the person or property

Suits to be proceeded upon to final judgment in the court to which they are returned, &c.

No restriction as to executions.

of the defendant or defendants, in any part of the district of Tennessee, in the same manner as if this act had never been made.

APPROVED, February 19, 1799.

STATUTE III.

Feb. 19, 1799.

CHAP. IX.—*An Act appropriating a certain sum of money to defray the expense of holding a Treaty or Treaties with the Indians.*

[Obsolete.]

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a sum not exceeding twenty-five thousand dollars, be appropriated to defray the expense of such treaty or treaties as the President of the United States shall deem expedient to hold with the Indians: *Provided,* nothing in this act contained shall be construed to admit an obligation on the part of the United States to extinguish, for the benefit of any state or individual citizen, Indian claims to any lands lying within the limits of the United States; and that the compensation to be allowed to any of the commissioners appointed, or who may be appointed for negotiating such treaty or treaties, shall not exceed, exclusive of travelling expenses, the rate of eight dollars per day, during the time of actual service of such commissioner.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum aforesaid shall be paid out of any monies in the treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, February 19, 1799.

STATUTE III.

Feb. 25, 1799.

CHAP. X.—*An Act fixing the pay of the Captains and Commanders of ships and vessels of war of the United States.*

[Obsolete.]

By what officers vessels of the U. States are to be commanded.

Ante, p. 556.

Pay and allowance to captains and commanders.

Allowance to commanders of squadrons and the commander of the navy.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the vessels in the service of the United States, mounting twenty guns and upwards, be commanded by captains—those not exceeding eighteen guns (except galleys, which are to be commanded as heretofore provided by law) by masters or lieutenants, according to the size of the vessel, to be regulated by the President of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the pay of captains commanding ships of thirty-two guns and upwards, be one hundred dollars per month, and eight rations per day; of captains commanding ships of twenty and under thirty-two guns, seventy-five dollars per month and six rations per day; of a master commandant, sixty dollars per month and five rations per day; and of lieutenants, who may command the smaller vessels, fifty dollars per month, and four rations per day.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That whenever any officer, as aforesaid, shall be employed in the command of a squadron, on separate service, the allowance of rations to such commanding officer shall be doubled during the continuance of such command, and no longer, except in the case of the commanding officer of the navy, whose allowance, while in service, shall always be at the rate of sixteen rations per day.

APPROVED, February 25, 1799.

STATUTE III.

Feb. 25, 1799.

CHAP. XI.—*An Act making appropriations for defraying the expenses which may arise, in carrying into effect certain Treaties between the United States and several tribes or nations of Indians.*

[Obsolete.]

Treaties of New York and Colerain with the Creeks.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That for the purpose of defraying the expenses which may arise in carrying into effect the