

writing, or otherwise, his reasons why the suspended credits should be admitted, the comptroller shall immediately consider the same, and decide thereon, according to the principles of equity, and the usages of the treasury department.

Decision of
Comptroller
conclusive on
all concerned.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases, where the final decision of the comptroller shall be against the claimant, such determination shall be final and conclusive to all concerned.

APPROVED, March 3, 1795.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1795.

CHAP. XLIX.—*An Act to authorize a grant of lands to the French inhabitants of Gallipolis, and for other purposes therein mentioned.*

President to
cause a certain
tract of land to
be surveyed.

1798, ch. 59.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to cause to be surveyed, in the territory northwest of the Ohio, a tract of land situate on the northerly bank of the river Ohio, beginning one mile and a half on a straight line above the mouth of Little Sandy, thence down the said river Ohio along the courses thereof eight miles when reduced to a straight line, thence at right angles from each extremity of the said line so as to include the quantity of twenty-four thousand acres of land to be disposed as herein after directed.

To cause the
French inhabit-
ants of Gallio-
polis to be enu-
merated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be authorized to cause to be ascertained the number of French inhabitants and actual settlers of the town or settlement of Gallipolis, being males above eighteen years of age or widows who are or shall be within the said town or settlement of Gallipolis on the first day of November next.

Letters patent
to be issued to
John G. Gervais
for a tract of
said land on
condition.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to issue letters patent in the name and under the seal of the United States, thereby granting to John Gabriel Gervais, and his heirs, four thousand acres of land, part of the said twenty-four thousand acres to be located on the northwest bank of the river Ohio opposite to the mouth of the Little Sandy, with condition in the said letters patent that if the said John Gabriel Gervais or his heirs shall not personally within three years from the date of the same patent settle on the same tract of land, and there continue settled for three years next thereafter, the same letters patent shall be void and determine, and the title thereof revert in the United States as if this law had not passed.

Remainder to
be distributed
among the ac-
tual settlers of
Gallipolis.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be and he is hereby authorized and empowered to cause to be surveyed, laid off and divided, the remaining twenty thousand acres of land, residue of the twenty-four thousand acres, into as many lots or parts as the actual settlers of Gallipolis shall on the ascertainment aforesaid amount to, and the same to be designated, marked and numbered on a plat thereof to be returned to the secretary of the said territory, together with a certificate of the courses of the said lots, the said lots or parts of the aforesaid tract, to be assigned to the settlers aforesaid by lot. And the President of the United States is hereby authorized and empowered to issue letters patent as aforesaid to the said actual settlers and their heirs for the said twenty thousand acres, to be held by them in severalty in lots to be designated and described by their numbers on the plat aforesaid, with condition in the same letters patent that if one or more of the said grantees his or her heirs or assigns shall not within five years from the date of the same letters make or cause and procure to be made an actual settlement on the lot or lots assigned to him, her or them, and the same continue for five years thereafter, that then the said letters patent so far as concerns the said lot or lots not settled and continued to be

Patents to is-
sue,

on condition.

settled as aforesaid shall cease and determine and the title thereof shall revest in the United States in the same manner as if this law had not passed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be taken or considered in any manner to impair or affect the claims of the said settlers against any person or persons for or by reason of any contracts heretofore made by them, but that the same contracts shall be and remain in the same state as if this law had not passed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1795.

Settlers' claims against contractors not to be impaired.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. L.—*An Act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States.*(a)

March 3, 1795

[Obsolete.]

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That, for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States, the Secretary for the department of State shall, after the end of the next session of Congress, cause to be printed and collated at the public expense, a complete edition of the laws of the United States, comprising the constitution of the United States, the public acts then in force, and the treaties, together with an index to the same.

Secretary of State to cause an edition of the laws, &c. to be printed.

1799, ch. 30.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That four thousand five hundred copies of the said edition shall be divided by the said secretary, among the respective states, and the territories northwest and south of the river Ohio, according to the rule for apportioning representatives; and that the proportion of each state or territory shall be transmitted by the said secretary to the governor or supreme executive magistrate thereof, to be deposited in such fixed and convenient place in each county, or other subordinate civil division of such state or territory, as the executive or legislature thereof shall deem most conducive to the general information of the people: and that five hundred copies of the said edition be reserved for the future disposition of Congress.

A certain number of copies to be distributed among the states.

1814, ch. 69.

Some to be reserved.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the acts passed at each succeeding session of Congress, including future treaties, shall be printed and distributed, in like manner and proportion.

APPROVED, March 3, 1795.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LL.—*An Act making provision for the purposes of Trade with the Indians.*

March 3, 1795.

[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a sum, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, be appropriated to the purchase of goods for supplying the Indians within the limits of the United States, for the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and that the sale of such goods be made under the direction of the President of the United States.

Goods to be purchased for supplying the Indians.

APPROVED, March 3, 1795.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LII.—*An Act to regulate the Compensation of Clerks.*

March 3, 1795.

[Obsolete.]

SECTION 1. *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, the Secretary of the department of State and the Secretary of the department of War, be authorized to vary, for the present year, the compensations heretofore established for clerks in their respective departments, in such manner as the services to be performed

Compensations of clerks in the departments may be varied for the present year.

(a) See an Act for the more general promulgation of the laws of the United States, March 2, 1799, ch. 30.