sentatives, each two hundred dollars; and that the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby allowed to each of the principal and engrossing clerks in the office of the secretary of the Senate and of the clerk of the House of Representatives, and a like sum to the sergeant-at-arms of the House of Representatives, and to each of the door-keepers and assistant doorkeepers of the two Houses of Congress, in addition to the compensations heretofore established by law, for the said officers, respectively; and that the aforesaid sums be paid out of any monies in the treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated.

Ante, p. 448.

Approved, March 2, 1799.

Statute III.

March 2, 1799.

Chap. XXXIV.—*An Act to authorize the sale of certain lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers in the territory of the United States northwest of the Ohio; and for giving a pre-emption to certain purchasers and settlers.*

Act of March 3, 1801, ch. 19.

Contractors with John C. Symmes to have a right of pre-emption, on making certain payments.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That any person or persons, who before the first day of April, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven, had made any contract or contracts, in writing, with John Cleves Symmes, for the purchase of lands between the Great and Little Miami rivers, which are not comprehended in his patent, dated the thirtieth day of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, shall be entitled to a preference, in purchasing of the United States, all the lands so contracted for, at the price of two dollars an acre, to be paid to the treasurer of the United States, as follows: one third part of the purchase money, on or before the first day of September next; one other third part in one year from the said first day of September; and the remaining third part in two years from the said first day of September; which two last payments shall be secured in the manner pointed out and directed by the act, intituled "An act for providing for the sale of the lands of the United States in the territory northwest of the river Ohio, and above the mouth of Kentucky river." And that upon each payment, the same evidences of purchase and title shall be given to the purchasers, respectively, as to purchasers under the said recited act.

Ante, p. 266.

1796, ch. 29.

Notice to be given by purchasers.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That each and every person claiming the benefit of this act, shall, on or before the first day of September next, give notice, in writing, to the Secretary of the Treasury, or to the Surveyor General, that they claim the right of pre-emption, by this act offered, and do assent to the terms of sale established by this act. And if any person shall neglect to give the said notice, or shall fail in making the first payment, as before directed, all right of pre-emption shall cease, and become void; and the lands shall be surveyed and sold agreeably to the directions of the before recited act.

Right of pre-emption may be lost, &c.

The lands to be surveyed.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Surveyor General shall, as soon as may be, after the receipt of the notice aforesaid, lay off and survey the said lands, agreeably to the directions of the said recited act, unless the said lands have been heretofore surveyed and laid off by the said contractors or settlers; in which case, the Surveyor General shall survey the outlines of such tract or tracts, so as to ascertain the contents, and shall cause the same to be recorded and deposited, as in and by the said recited act is directed for the plats and surveys made under that act.

Purchasers may be credited with the expense of surveying.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it may be lawful for the Secretary of the Treasury to credit the said purchasers with such reasonable sum or sums of money as have been expended in surveying the said land; provided the same does not exceed the sums allowed by the United States to their own surveyors for the like services.

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Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the evidences of the public debt of the United States shall be receivable in payment for the said lands, agreeably to the directions of an act, intituled "An act to authorize the receipt of evidences of the public debt in payment for the lands of the United States."

Evidences of public debt may be received in payment.

Ante, p. 507.

Approved, March 2, 1799.

Statute III.

Chap. XXXVI.—*An Act in addition to "An act for the relief of sick and disabled Seamen."*(a)

March 2, 1799.

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 hereby is authorized to direct the expenditure of any monies which have been or shall be collected by virtue of an act, entitled "An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen," to be made within the state wherein the same shall have been collected, or within the state next adjoining thereto, excepting what may be collected in the states of New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut; any thing in the said act contained to the contrary thereof, notwithstanding

Manner of expending monies collected.

1802, ch. 51.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy shall be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to deduct, after the first day of September next, from the pay thereafter to become due, of the officers, seamen and marines of the navy of the United States, at the rate of twenty cents per month, for every such officer, seaman and marine, and to pay the same quarter annually to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be applied to the same purposes, as the money collected by virtue of the above mentioned act is appropriated.

Secretary of the Navy to deduct a certain sum from the pay of the navy.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers, seamen and marines of the navy of the United States, shall be entitled to receive the same benefits and advantages, as by the act above mentioned are provided for the relief of the sick and disabled seamen of the merchant vessels of the United States.

Officers, seamen, &c. of the navy entitled to the benefits of the act.

Approved, March 2, 1799.

Statute III.

Chap. XXXVII.—*An Act authorizing an augmentation of the Marine Corps.*

March 2, 1799.

See act of July 11, 1798, ch. 72.

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 to cause the marine corps in the service of the United States to be augmented, by the appointment and enlistment of not exceeding two first lieutenants, six second lieutenants, eight sergeants, one hundred and seventy privates and eighteen drums and fifes, who shall be respectively allowed the same pay, bounty, clothing and rations, and shall be employed under the same rules and regulations to which the said marine corps are or shall be entitled and subject.

Approved, March 2, 1799.

Statute III.

Chap. XXXVIII.—*An Act to augment the Salaries of the Officers therein mentioned.*

March 2, 1799.

[Obsolete.]

1802, ch. 25.

Section 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in lieu of the salaries heretofore allowed by law to the officers of the government of the United States, herein mentioned, the following annual com-

(a) An act for the relief of sick and disabled seamen, July 16, 1798, chap. 77.