

pleting the fortifications commenced for the security of the seaport towns and harbors of the United States and territories thereof, exclusive of the contemplated line of blocks and chains across the harbor of New York, there be, and hereby is appropriated the sum of four hundred and fifty thousand dollars, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the canal of Carondelet, leading from Lake Ponchartrain, by way of the Bayou St. John, to the city of New Orleans, to be extended to the river Mississippi, and made sufficiently deep throughout to admit an easy and safe passage to gun boats, if, upon survey thereof, he shall be convinced that the same is practicable, and will conduce to the more effectual defence of said city; and that for the purpose of defraying the expense thereof, there be, and hereby is appropriated the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Canal of Carondelet, to be made under the direction of the President.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, February 10, 1809.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XVI.—*An Act to revive and continue for a further time, the authority of the Commissioners of Kaskaskia.*

Feb. 15, 1809.

[Expired.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the powers heretofore vested in the register and receiver of public monies for the district of Kaskaskia be, and the same are hereby revived; and the said register and receiver shall be allowed until the first day of January next, to complete the investigation of claims to land in said district; they shall have full power to revise any of their former decisions, and also the same power and authority in relation to claims to land in the village of Pioria; notices of which have heretofore been filed as they have in relation to other claims in the said district; and the said register and receiver, and the clerk of the board, shall each be allowed an additional compensation of five hundred dollars, in full for his services in relation to such claims.

Powers vested in the register and receiver of Kaskaskia revived and continued to Jan. 1, 1810.

1806, ch. 40.

APPROVED, February 15, 1809.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XVII.—*An Act to incorporate a company for opening the Canal in the City of Washington.*

Feb. 16, 1809.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Robert Brent, Samuel N. Smallwood, Daniel Carroll of Duddington, John Law, William Brent, Frederick May, Elias B. Caldwell, James D. Barry, Griffith Coombe, and George Blagden, or any five of them be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners to open, or cause to be opened, a book for receiving and entering subscriptions for raising a capital stock not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, for the purpose of opening the canal to communicate from the Potomac river to the Eastern Branch thereof, through a part of the city of Washington, and that one month's notice be given in one of the newspapers printed in Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, of the time and place of opening the said subscription book, and that the same be kept open until the sum of forty thousand dollars be subscribed: *Provided*, that no subscription shall be received unless the sum of ten dollars be paid into the hands of the persons authorized to receive the same, on each share subscribed for.

Commissioners, &c. appointed for receiving subscriptions.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as the aforesaid sum of forty thousand dollars be subscribed, the said commissioners, or any

Stockholders to have a meet-

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