

Register and receiver of the land-office at Kaskaskia to inquire into validity of certain claims to land.

A clerk to be employed by them.

Report to be made to Secretary of the Treasury, which is to be laid before Congress.

Commissioners, clerk and agent; their compensation; how to be paid.

Decisions of commissioners, when to be confirmed.

Proviso as to decisions in other cases.

ceiver of public monies of the land-office at Kaskaskia, and such other person as the President of the United States shall appoint for that purpose, be, and they are hereby authorized to examine and inquire into the validity of claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia, which are derived from confirmations made, or pretended to have been made, by the governors of the North West and Indiana territory, respectively. They shall employ a clerk, and shall, in relation to the claims aforesaid, have, in every respect, the same powers which had been vested in the commissioners appointed to ascertain the claims to land in the said district. And they shall report to the Secretary of the Treasury, to be by him laid before Congress at their next session, their opinion on each of the claims aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners and clerk, appointed by this act, and such agent, as may be appointed on behalf of the United States by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall each receive five hundred dollars in full for the services performed by them under this act; which compensation, and also the contingent charges for office rent, fuel, stationery and summoning witnesses on the part of the United States, shall be paid out of the monies appropriated by law for surveying the public lands of the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the decisions made by the commissioners, heretofore appointed for the purpose of examining the claims of persons to lands in the district of Kaskaskia, in favour of such claimants to town or village lots, out lots or rights in common, to commons and commonfields, as entered in the transcripts of decisions, bearing date the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and nine, which have been transmitted by the said commissioners to the Secretary of the Treasury, according to law, be confirmed to all such rightful claimants according to their respective rights thereto: *Provided*, that nothing herein contained, shall be construed to confirm any particular decision, heretofore made in favour of any individual, or to affect the right of any other individual claiming the same land; but such conflicting claims shall be decided according to law by the proper tribunal.

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STATUTE I.

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[Obsolete.]

Appropriation for six companies.

Act of Jan. 2, 1812, ch. 11.

Specific appropriations.

CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act making an appropriation for the expenses incident to the six companies of Mounted Rangers, during the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and eight thousand seven hundred and seventy-two dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the pay, subsistence and forage, during the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, of the six companies of mounted rangers, to be raised for the service of the United States, pursuant to an act, entitled "An act authorizing the President of the United States to raise certain companies of rangers, for the protection of the frontier of the United States," that is to say:

For the pay of the officers, non-commissioned officers and privates of the said companies, the sum of one hundred and four thousand eight hundred dollars.

For the subsistence of the officers, the sum of two thousand six hundred and twenty-eight dollars.

For forage, the sum of one thousand three hundred and forty-four dollars. The said sums to be paid out of any monies in the treasury of the United States, not otherwise appropriated.

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