

Act of March
31, 1808, ch. 40.

Register and
receiver to
make out cer-
tificates of con-
firmation.

Patents to be
granted on such
certificates.
Proviso.

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This act not
to affect judicial
decisions of a
certain kind.

territory by virtue of a British or Spanish warrant or order of survey, granted prior to the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, who were on that day actually resident in the said territory, and whose claims have been regularly filed with the proper register of the land-office east and west of Pearl river, according to law, and reported to Congress, agreeably to the fourth section of the act entitled "An act concerning the sale of the lands of the United States, and for other purposes," passed on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and eight, be and they are hereby confirmed in their rights to land so claimed. And the register and receiver of public monies for the district within which the lands may lie, are authorized and required to make out to such claimant or claimants, entitled thereto by the provisions of this act, a certificate of confirmation, for each of which certificates the register and receiver shall each receive one dollar, directed to the commissioner of the general land-office; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the said commissioner that such certificates have been fairly obtained, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, then and in that case patents shall be granted in like manner as is provided by law for the other lands of the United States: *Provided*, that no person shall be entitled to the benefit of this act who shall not appear by the report made to Congress as aforesaid or by the records of the boards of commissioners for the said territory to have been a resident of said territory on the twenty-seventh day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; nor shall any person be entitled to the benefit thereof who has received a donation grant from the United States: *Provided also*, that not more than six hundred and forty acres shall by virtue of this act be granted to any one claim.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to affect the decisions of the courts of justice in the said territory, heretofore made respecting the claims, or any part thereof, embraced by the preceding section, or to prevent a judicial decision between the holder of a British patent, legally and fully executed and recorded with the register of the land-office east or west of Pearl river, and the persons whose claims are confirmed by the preceding section where such claims interfere.

APPROVED, June 30, 1812.

STATUTE I.

June 30, 1812.

[Obsolete.]

CHAP. CXI.—*An Act to authorize the issuing of Treasury Notes.*(a)

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 be, and he is hereby authorized to cause treasury notes

(a) Treasury notes. Acts which have been passed relating to the issue and reimbursement of Treasury notes:—

An act to authorize the issuing of treasury notes, June 30, 1812, chap. 111.

An act authorizing the issuing of treasury notes for the service of the year 1813, February 25, 1813, chap. 27.

An act to authorize the issuing of treasury notes for the service of the year 1814, March 4, 1814, chap. 18.

An act supplemental to the act authorizing a loan for the several sums of twenty-five millions of dollars, and three millions of dollars, December 26, 1814, chap. 17.

An act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding eighteen million five hundred and fifty-two dollars, March 3, 1815, chap. 86, sec. 7.

An act to authorize the payment in certain cases on account of treasury notes which have been lost or destroyed, February 4, 1819, chap. 13.

An act to authorize the issuing of treasury notes, October 12, 1837, chap. 2.

An act additional to the act on the subject of treasury notes, March 31, 1840, chap. 5.

An act to authorize the issuing of treasury notes, February 15, 1841, chap. 4.

An act to authorize an issue of treasury notes, January 31, 1842, chap. 2.

An act for the extension of the loan of one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, and for an addition of five million of dollars on treasury notes due, April 15, 1842, chap. 14.

An act to limit the sale of public stock at par, and to authorize the issue of treasury notes in lieu thereof, August 31, 1842, chap. 287.

An act authorizing the re-issuing of treasury notes, and for other purposes, March 3, 1843, chap. 81.

Civil and diplomatic appropriation act of June 17, 1844.

for such sum or sums as he may think expedient, but not exceeding in the whole the sum of five millions of dollars, to be prepared, signed and issued in the manner herein after provided.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said treasury notes shall be reimbursed by the United States, at such places, respectively, as may be expressed on the face of the said notes, one year, respectively, after the day on which the same shall have been issued: from which day of issue they shall bear interest, at the rate of five and two-fifths per centum a year, payable to the owner and owners of such notes, at the treasury, or by the proper commissioner of loans, at the places and times respectively designated on the face of said notes for the payment of principal.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said treasury notes shall be respectively signed, in behalf of the United States, by persons to be appointed for that purpose by the President of the United States: two of which persons shall sign each note, and shall each receive, as a compensation for that service, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents for every hundred notes thus signed by them respectively; and the said notes shall likewise be countersigned by the commissioner of loans for that state where the notes may respectively be made payable.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized, with the approbation of the President of the United States, to cause to be issued such portion of the said treasury notes as the President may think expedient in payment of supplies, or debts due by the United States, to such public creditors, or other persons, as may choose to receive such notes in payment, as aforesaid, at par: and the Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized, with the approbation of the President of the United States, to borrow, from time to time, not under par, such sums as the President may think expedient, on the credit of such notes. And it shall be a good execution of this provision to pay such notes to such bank or banks as will receive the same at par and give credit to the treasurer of the United States for the amount thereof, on the day on which the said notes shall thus be issued and paid to such bank or banks respectively.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the said treasury notes shall be transferable by delivery and assignment endorsed thereon by the person to whose order the same shall, on the face thereof, have been made payable.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the said treasury notes, wherever made payable, shall be every where received in payment of all duties and taxes laid by the authority of the United States, and of all public lands sold by the said authority. On every such payment, credit shall be given for the amount of both the principal and the interest which, on the day of such payment, may appear due on the note or notes thus given in payment. And the said interest shall, on such payments, be computed at the rate of one cent and one half of a cent per day on every hundred dollars of principal, and each month shall be computed as containing thirty days.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That any person making payment to the United States in the said treasury notes into the hands of any collector, receiver of public monies, or other public officer or agent, shall, on books kept according to such forms as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, give duplicate certificates of the number and respective amount of principal and interest of each and every treasury note thus paid by such person; and every collector, receiver of public monies, or other public officer, or agent, who shall thus receive any of the said treasury notes in payment, shall, on payment of the same into the treasury, or into one of the banks where the public monies are, or may be deposited, receive credit both for the principal and for the interest, computed as aforesaid, which, on the day of such last mentioned payment, shall appear due on the note or notes thus paid in. And he

President to cause treasury notes to issue.

Said notes to be reimbursed.

Notes to be signed.

To be countersigned.

Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President, to cause a portion of said notes to be issued, &c.

The notes transferable by delivery and assignment.

To be received in payment of duties and taxes.

Payment of treasury notes to collectors, &c. or into banks to the credit of the United States.

shall be charged for the interest accrued on such note or notes from the day on which the same shall have been received by him in payment, as aforesaid, to the day on which the same shall be paid by him as aforesaid: *Provided always*, that no such charge or deduction shall be made with respect to any bank into which payments as aforesaid may be made to the United States, either by individuals or by collectors, receivers or other public officers or agents, and which shall receive the same as specie, and give credit to the treasurer of the United States for the amount thereof, including the interest accrued and due on such notes on the day on which the same shall have been thus paid into such bank on account of the United States.

Commissioners of sinking fund to reimburse principal and interest of said notes.

Appropriation for said reimbursement.

Appropriation for expenses.

Punishment for counterfeiting, &c.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners of the sinking fund be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to cause to be reimbursed and paid the principal and interest of the treasury notes which may be issued by virtue of this act, at the several time and times when the same, according to the provisions of this act, should be thus reimbursed and paid. And the said commissioners are further authorized to make purchases of the said notes, in the same manner as of other evidences of the public debt, and at a price not exceeding par, for the amount of the principal and interest due at the time of purchase on such notes. So much of the funds constituting the annual appropriation of eight millions of dollars, for the principal and interest of the public debt of the United States, as may be wanted for that purpose, after satisfying the sums necessary for the payment of the interest and such part of the principal of the said debt as the United States are now pledged annually to pay and reimburse, is hereby pledged and appropriated for the payment of the interest, and for the reimbursement or purchase of the principal of the said notes. And so much of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated as may be necessary for that purpose, is hereby appropriated for making up any deficiency in the funds thus pledged and appropriated for paying the principal and interest as aforesaid.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That a sum of twenty thousand dollars, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the expense of preparing, printing, engraving, signing, and otherwise incident to the issuing of the treasury notes authorized by this act.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall falsely make, forge, or counterfeit, or cause or procure to be falsely made, forged or counterfeited, or willingly aid or assist in falsely making, forging or counterfeiting any note in imitation of or purporting to be a treasury note aforesaid; or shall falsely alter, or cause or procure to be falsely altered, or willingly aid or assist in falsely altering any treasury note issued as aforesaid; or shall pass, utter or publish, or attempt to pass, utter or publish, as true, any false, forged or counterfeited note, purporting to be a treasury note as aforesaid, knowing the same to be falsely forged or counterfeited; or shall pass, utter or publish, or attempt to pass, utter or publish, as true, any falsely altered treasury note, issued as aforesaid, knowing the same to be falsely altered; every such person shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of felony, and, being thereof convicted by due course of law, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned and kept to hard labour for a period not less than three years nor more than ten years, and be fined in a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars.

APPROVED, June 30, 1812.

STATUTE I.

July 1, 1812.

[Expired.]

Act of March 3, 1815, ch. 99.

CHAP. CXII.—*An Act for imposing additional duties upon all goods, wares, and merchandise imported from any foreign port or place, and for other purposes.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an additional duty of one