

Provided also, that the discharge of any agent, and the appointment of another in his stead, be at the discretion of the President of the United States.

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Removal from office to be at the discretion of the President.

STATUTE II.

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CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act giving further time for registering claims to lands in the eastern and western districts of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana.* (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every person or persons claiming lands in the eastern or western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana, who are actual settlers on the land which they claim, and whose claims have not been heretofore filed with the register of the land-office for the district wherein the lands lie, shall be allowed until the first day of January next, to deliver notices in writing, and the written evidences of their claims, in the said districts respectively, to the register of the land-office at New Orleans and Opelousas; and the notices and evidences so delivered within the time limited by this act, shall be recorded in the same manner, and on payment of the same fees, as if the same had been delivered before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eight; but the rights of such persons as shall neglect so doing within the time limited by this act, shall, so far as they are derived from, or founded on, any act of Congress, ever after be barred and become void, and the evidences of their claims never after admitted as evidence in any court of the United States against any grant derived from the United States.

Actual settlers allowed a further time for filing their claims to the register of the land-office at New Orleans and Opelousas.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That every person or persons who had filed his or their notice of claim to lands lying within either of the said districts with the proper register of the land-office, according to former laws, but have not exhibited any testimony or written evidence in support of the same, and whose claim has not been confirmed by the commissioners appointed to ascertain and settle claims to lands in the said districts, shall be allowed until the first day of January next, to deliver the written evidence or other testimony in support of his or their claim, the notice of which had been filed as aforesaid, to the register of the land-office at New Orleans, for lands lying in the eastern district, and the register of the land-office at Opelousas, for lands lying in the western district; and every written evidence of claim, the notice whereof had been filed as aforesaid, for lands lying in the said districts, delivered, within the time limited by this section, to the said registers, shall by them respectively be recorded in the same manner as was directed, and on receiving the same fees allowed by former acts for recording evidence of claim to lands in the same districts; and the right of any such persons neglecting to deliver the evidence of their claims as above mentioned, shall become barred and void in so far as the same is derived from the United States, and the evidence thereof be incapable of being admitted in any court whatsoever against any grant derived from the United States.

Claims forfeited that are not thus entered.

Claims barred, if not entered.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the register and receiver of public monies of the said respective land-offices at New Orleans and Opelousas, shall have the same powers and perform the same duties in every respect in relation to the claims that may be filed according to the first section of this act, and the claims, notice of which had been given under former acts, and the evidence in support thereof shall have been delivered, according to the second section of this act, as the board of commissioners, for ascertaining and adjusting claims to lands in the same districts, would have had or should have performed, if such notice

Same powers given to the register and receiver of public monies at the land-offices of New Orleans and Opelousas as if the claims had been filed before first July, one thousand

(a) See notes to act of March 2, 1805, chap. 26, page 324.

eight hundred and eight.

Register, &c. &c. to report to the commissioner of the general land office, &c. &c.

Register and receiver may appoint a clerk.

Compensation.

had been filed, and such evidence delivered before the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and eight, except, that their decisions shall be subject to the revision of Congress.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the register and receiver of each of the said land-offices respectively, to make to the commissioner of the general land-office, a report of all the claims filed with the register as aforesaid, with the substance of the evidence in support thereof, and of the claims formally filed, in support of which evidence shall have been received, with the substance of such evidence, and also their opinion and such remarks respecting the claims as they may think proper to make; which report, together with a list of the claims, which in the opinion of the register and receiver ought to be confirmed, shall be laid by the commissioner of the general land-office before Congress, at their next session, for their determination thereon.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the register and receiver for each of the aforesaid land-offices shall have power to appoint a clerk, whose duties shall be the same, in relation to the aforesaid claims, as were required of the clerk to the board of commissioners for the same districts; and the said registers, receivers, and clerks, shall each be allowed fifty cents for each claim on which a decision shall be made, in their respective districts, whether such decision be in favour or against the claims; which allowance of fifty cents shall be in full compensation for their services under this act. And a further sum of fifty cents shall be allowed on each claim decided as aforesaid, to defray the expense of making translations from the French and Spanish languages.

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STATUTE II.

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Law of the state of Maryland declared to be in force.

Turnpike road in what route to be made.

Turnpike gate where to be erected in District of Columbia.

CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act to authorize and empower the president and managers of the Washington Turnpike Company of the State of Maryland, when organized, to extend and make their turnpike road to or from Georgetown in the District of Columbia, through the said district to the line thereof.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the law of the state of Maryland, entitled "An act to incorporate a company to make a turnpike road from the line of the district of Columbia where it crosses the post road leading from Georgetown to Fredericktown, through Montgomery and Frederick counties to Fredericktown," passed in the year one thousand eight hundred and five, and the supplement thereto, be, and they are hereby declared to be in full force, within the district of Columbia.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and managers of said company when organized according to law, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to make said turnpike road from Georgetown in the district of Columbia, through Tennallytown to the line of said district, in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions, as by law they are authorized to make the said turnpike, within the limits of the state of Maryland.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That when and so soon as the said turnpike road shall be completed from Georgetown in the district of Columbia to Montgomery Courthouse, in the state of Maryland, it shall and may be lawful for the said president and managers of said company, to erect a toll gate on this side of, and near to Tennallytown, and there to demand and receive such tolls, and on such terms and conditions as by the law of the state of Maryland they are authorized to demand and receive, at any toll gate erected on said road within the limits of the state of Maryland.

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