tain warrants and complete their locations, and a further term of five years, from and after the passage of this act as aforesaid, to return their surveys and warrants, or certified copies of warrants, to the general land office, any thing in any former act to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided*, that no locations, as aforesaid within the above-mentioned tract, shall, after the passing of this act, be made on tracts of land for which patents had previously been issued, or which had been previously surveyed; and any patent which may, nevertheless, be obtained for land located contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be considered as null and void.

Proviso.

Approved, November 3, 1814.

Statute III.

Nov. 15, 1814.

Chap. III.—*An Act authorizing the President of the United States to cause to be built or purchased the vessels therein described.* (a)

Vessels to be built.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That in addition to the present naval establishment, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be built or purchased, manned, equipped and officered, any number of vessels, not exceeding twenty, which, in his opinion, the public service may require, to carry not less than eight, nor more than sixteen guns, each.

Appropriation.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the building, or purchase, and equipping of these vessels, the sum of six hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, November 15, 1814.

Statute III.

Nov. 15, 1814.

Chap. IV.—*An Act to authorize a loan for a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars.*

Act of Dec. 15, 1814, ch. 12.
A loan of three millions authorized.

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 borrow, on the credit of the United States, a sum not exceeding three millions of dollars, to be applied, in addition to the moneys now in the treasury, or which may be received from other sources, to defray any expenses which have been, or during the present year may be, authorized by law, and for which appropriations have been, or during the present year, may be made by law;

How the proceeds to be applied.

Proviso.

Provided, That no engagement or contract shall be entered into, which shall preclude the United States from reimbursing any sum or sums thus borrowed, at any time after the expiration of twelve years from the last day of December next.

Secretary of the Treasury to cause certificates of stock to be sold for the sum to be borrowed.

An account to be laid before Congress of the rate, &c.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury, with the approbation of the President of the United States, be, and he is hereby authorized, to cause to be constituted certificates of stock, signed by the register of the treasury, or by a commissioner of loans, for the sum to be borrowed by this act, or for any part thereof, and the same to be sold. And the Secretary of the Treasury shall lay before Congress an account of all the moneys obtained by the sale of the certificates of stock in manner aforesaid, together with the statement of the rate at which the same may have been sold.

To appoint an agent or agents for obtaining

Sec. 3. *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 employ an agent or agents, for the purpose of

(a) Repealed by act of Feb. 27, 1815, ch. 62.

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