payment for property lost, captured or destroyed by the enemy while in the military service of the United States, and for other purposes," passed the ninth of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to audit and settle the claim of the county of Hamilton, in the state of Ohio, for the destruction by fire of the county courthouse while occupied by the troops of the United States, by ascertaining, or causing to be ascertained the value thereof, in the manner and form prescribed by the aforesaid act.

Payments to be made for the destruction of the courthouse.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the amount thereof, when so ascertained, shall be paid to the proper authority out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 26, 1816.

STATUTE 1.

April 27, 1816.

CHAP. CI.—*An Act making further provision for settling claims to land in the territory of Illinois.*

Further time allowed to certain settlers on the public lands of the United States for making good their pre-emption right.

Act of April 16, 1814, ch. 61.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every person, and the legal representatives of every person, who, before the fifth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, settled on and improved any tract of land reserved for the use of schools or seminaries of learning, and who, had not the same been reserved, would have had the right of pre-emption within the tract of country set apart by the third section of the act of the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act confirming certain claims to land in the Illinois territory, and providing for their location," to satisfy the unlocated claims to land in the said territory, shall be, and they hereby are authorized and allowed, until the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, to enter the same, for purchase, with the register and receiver of public moneys of the land office at Kaskaskia; and it shall be the duty of the register and receiver to enter the same for purchase, according to the provisions of this and the said recited act: *Provided*, That such person or persons shall not have entered, in right of pre-emption, other lands in lieu thereof, in virtue of the third section of an act to amend the aforesaid act, passed the twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Act of Feb. 27, 1815, ch. 63.

Register and receiver of public lands authorized to select other lands than those settled upon and reserved for the use of schools, &c., for satisfying the pre-emption.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the register and receiver of public money shall have power, and they are hereby authorized to select any other vacant and unappropriated lands within the tract set apart to satisfy confirmed claims as aforesaid, in lieu of such of the lands formerly reserved for a seminary of learning, and for the support of schools, as have been appropriated in satisfaction of ancient grants or confirmed improvement claims, or as shall be entered in right of pre-emption, according to the provisions of the preceding section of this act: *Provided*, That the lands thus to be selected shall be taken as near adjacent to those in lieu of which they are selected as an equal quantity of land of like quality can be obtained, and shall be reserved and appropriated for the same purpose.

Provisions of second section of act of 1815, ch. 63, to extend to settlers on a fractional section within the Kaskaskia district.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of the second section of an act passed the twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, respecting the settlers on the fractional sections and quarter sections within the aforesaid reserved tract, shall extend to all other settlers on the fractional section or quarter sections within the Kaskaskia district.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all the claims filed in the name of the original claimants, or their heirs, not exceeding four hundred acres, contained in a list transmitted to the commissioner of the

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Claims reported by Michael Jones, register, and S. Bond, receiver, confirmed.
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General Land-office, by Michael Jones, register, and S. Bond, receiver of public moneys of the land office of the district of Kaskaskia, bearing date the twenty-ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, be, and they hereby are confirmed to the original claimants or their heirs: *Provided*, That the said claims, hereby confirmed, be, and they hereby are deemed and taken to be unlocated claims, and they shall not in any wise defeat or interfere with locations made in virtue of other authorized claims on lands improved by the said claimants or others.

Further time allowed to claimants to register their claims.
1814, ch. 61.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the claimants whose claims are confirmed by virtue of the fourth section of this act, and all others lawfully holding confirmed unlocated claims for lands within the tract reserved by the before-recited act of the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be allowed until the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, to register the same: and the said claims shall be receivable in payment for public lands, within the said reserved tract, conformably with the provisions of the last above-mentioned act, and of the present act, any time prior to the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Further time allowed for making entries with the register of land office.
1814, ch. 61.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all persons, or their legal representatives, entitled to the right of pre-emption of lands within the boundary specified in the before-recited act of the sixteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, which lands have not been surveyed under the authority of the United States, shall be, and they hereby are allowed, a further time for making their entries with the register of the land office, until the lands upon which they have respectively settled and improved shall be surveyed by the United States, and until the expiration of six months next thereafter.

Persons whose claims are perfected to receive certificates to that effect.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That every person and the legal representative of every person, whose claim to a tract of land within the Illinois territory is confirmed by this or any former act, and who has not previously obtained a patent for the same from the governor either of the territory north-west of the Ohio, or of the Indiana territory, shall, whenever his claim shall have been located and surveyed, be entitled to receive from the register of the land office at Kaskaskia a certificate stating that the claimant is entitled to receive a patent for such tract of land by virtue of this act, for which certificate the register shall receive one dollar; and which certificate shall entitle the party to a patent for the said tract, which shall issue in like manner as is provided by law, for lands purchased of the United States.

Fee of office to the register.

Approved, April 26, 1816.

Statute I.

April 27, 1816.

Chap. CII.—*An Act providing for the sale of the tract of land at the lower rapids of Sandusky river.*

Part of a tract to be laid off into town and out-lots.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That so much of the tract of land of two miles square, at the lower rapids of Sandusky river, ceded by the Wyandots, Delawares, Shawanoes, Ottawas, Chippewas, Patawatimies, Miamis, Eel river, Weeas, Kickapoos, Piankashaws, and Kaskaskias tribes of Indians to the United States, by the treaty of Greenville, of the third of August, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, shall, under the direction of the surveyor general, be laid off into town lots, streets and avenues, and into out-lots, in such manner and of such dimensions as he may judge proper: *Provided*, the tract so to be laid off shall not exceed the quantity of land contained in one entire section, nor the town lots one quarter of an acre each. When the survey of the lots shall be completed, a plat thereof shall be returned to the surveyor general, on which the town lots and out-lots shall respectively be designated by progressive

Proviso.