

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

CHAP. LXII.—*An Act to authorize the appointment of a surveyor for the lands in the northern part of the Mississippi territory, and the sale of certain lands therein described.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a surveyor of the lands of the United States in the Mississippi territory, lying north of an east and west line, to be drawn from the river Mississippi, through fort Williams, to the western boundary line of the state of Georgia, shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to engage a sufficient number of skilful surveyors as his deputies, and to cause the lands above mentioned, which have not already been surveyed, and to which the Indian title has been extinguished, to be surveyed and divided in the manner provided by law for the surveying of the other public lands of the United States in the Mississippi territory, to do and perform all such acts in relation to the said lands, to transmit plats of survey in the manner, and to fix the compensation of the deputy surveyor, chain-carriers, and axe-men, under the same restrictions and limitations of expense in surveying, as is by law directed and provided for the regulation of the powers and duties of the surveyor of the lands south of the state of Tennessee, in relation to the other public lands in the Mississippi territory. And the said surveyor, appointed in pursuance of this act, shall be entitled to receive, for his services, one thousand five hundred dollars, as an annual compensation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all the lands of the United States in the Mississippi territory, to which the Indian title has been extinguished, lying north of the aforesaid east and west line, and which has not heretofore been offered for sale, shall be attached to, and made a part of, the land district of Madison, in the said territory.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all the lands, by this act attached to the district of Madison, after having been surveyed according to law, shall, with the exception of the section No. 16, in each township, which shall be reserved for the support of schools therein, and with the further exception of such sections, not exceeding ten in number, as the President shall designate, for the purpose of laying out and establishing towns thereon, be offered for sale to the highest bidder, under the direction of the register of the land office, and the receiver of public moneys, at the place where the land office is kept, and on such day, or days, as shall, by proclamation of the President of the United States, be designated for that purpose; the sales shall remain open two weeks, and no longer. The lands shall not be sold for less than two dollars an acre, and shall in every other respect be sold in tracts of the same size, and on the same terms, and conditions, as have been, or may be, provided for lands sold in the same district. All the lands offered for sale, and remaining unsold at the close of the said public sales, may be disposed of at private sale by the register of the land office, in the same manner, for the same price, and on the same terms and conditions, as are, [or] may be, provided for the sale of other lands in the same district, and patents shall be granted in the same manner, and on the same terms, as for other lands in the said district.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the register and receiver of public moneys shall each receive five dollars, for each day's attendance in directing the public sales, directed by this act.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized to cause the sections, reserved as aforesaid, for establishing towns thereon, to be laid off into lots, under the direction of the surveyor appointed as aforesaid; and when the survey of the lots shall be completed, plats thereof shall be transmitted to the commissioner of the general land office, and the register of the land

A surveyor of the lands of the United States to be appointed for that part of the Mississippi territory described; his duties, compensation, &c.

Lands to be attached to Madison district.

Lands attached to Madison district, with the exception of section No. 16, to be offered for sale, &c.

Lands not to be sold for less than two dollars per acre.

Lands remaining unsold may be disposed of at private sale, &c.

Five dollars per day to the register and receiver.

The sections reserved to be laid off into lots, &c.

Plats, &c.

To be sold on the same terms as other lands, except, &c.

Proviso; as to the price of each lot, &c.

office, and the lots shall be offered, to the highest bidder, at public sale, on such day or days as the President shall, by his proclamation, designate for that purpose, and shall be sold on the same terms and conditions, in every respect (except as to the quantity of land) as have or may be provided for the sale of the other public lands in the said district; *Provided*, That no lot shall be sold for a less price than at the rate of six dollars per acre; nor shall there be reserved for the purpose aforesaid, more than one section in any one township.

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CHAP. LXIII.—*An Act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court. (a)*

Reporter to receive 1,000 dolls. per annum.

Proviso; decisions to be printed and published within six months, &c.

Eighty copies to be delivered to the Secretary of State.

Distribution of the eighty copies, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the reporter who shall, from time to time, be appointed by the Supreme Court of the United States, to report its decisions, shall be entitled to receive, from the treasury of the United States, as an annual compensation for his services, the sum of one thousand dollars: *Provided, nevertheless*, The said compensation shall not be paid unless the said reporter shall print and publish, or cause to be printed and published, the decisions of said court, made during the time he shall act as such reporter, within six months after such decisions shall be made, and shall deliver eighty copies of the decisions, so printed and published, to the Secretary of State, without any expense to the United States, and which copies shall be distributed as follows, to wit: to the President of the United States, the judges of the Supreme Court, and the judges of the district courts, the attorney general of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the comptroller of the treasury, the Postmaster General, the commissioner of the revenue, the commissioner of the general land office, the judges of the several territories of the United States, the secretary of the Senate, the clerk of the House of Representatives, the auditor of the treasury, the register of the treasury, the treasurer of the United States, the paymaster general, the accountants of the War and Navy Departments, and to the commissioners of the navy, one copy each: and the residue of said copies shall be deposited in, and become part of, the library of Congress.

Copies distributed to be delivered up to successors, &c.

This act in force for three years.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, in case of the death, resignation, or dismission from office, of either of the officers before mentioned, the said copies of the decisions, delivered to them as aforesaid, shall belong to, and be delivered up to, their respective successors, in the said offices.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be, and continue in force for three years, and no longer.

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[Obsolete.] Number of officers and men.

CHAP. LXV.—*An Act to fix the peace establishment of the marine corps.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the peace establishment of the marine corps shall consist of the following officers, non-commis-

(a) The acts in relation to the reporter, and reports of decisions of the Supreme Court, have been—
An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court, expired, March 3, 1817, ch. 63.
An act to continue in force "An act to provide for reports of decisions of the Supreme Court," May 15, 1820, expired, ch. 131.

An act to continue in force the act entitled "An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court," passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, March 3, 1823, expired, ch. 34.

An act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court, expired, Feb. 22, 1827, ch. 18.

An act to provide for the reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, Aug. 29, 1842, ch. 264.