Statute II.

March 3, 1819.

Chap. XCV.—*An Act granting a donation of land to the state of Illinois, for the seat of government of said state.*

Act of March 2, 1821, ch. 17.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there shall be granted to the state of Illinois four sections of land, or contiguous quarter sections and fractions, not exceeding the quantity contained in four entire sections, for the purpose of fixing thereon the seat of government for the said state; which lands shall be selected in the manner provided by the thirtieth section of the schedule to the constitution of the said state: *Provided*, That such selection shall be made before the public sale of the adjoining public lands shall have taken place.

Four sections granted to Illinois for a seat of government.

To be selected as provided, &c.

Proviso.

Approved, March 3, 1819.

Statute II.

March 3, 1819.

Chap. XCVI.—*An Act authorizing the purchase of fire engines and for building houses for the safe keeping of the same.*

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 and requested to cause to be purchased two fire engines, of the first class, with proper copper suction pipes, and six hundred feet of rivet leathern hose, for the purpose of protecting the public and other buildings in the city of Washington from fire.

The President to cause two fire engines to be purchased, with suction pipes and hose, &c., for protecting buildings in Washington.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States cause to be built two good and sufficient houses, for the safe keeping of the said engines; one to be located on the Capitol hill near the Capitol, and one near the President's house and public offices.

Engine houses to be built, &c.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for defraying the expenses of the same, the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury.

4500 dollars appropriated.

Approved, March 3, 1819.

Statute II.

March 3, 1819.

Chap. XCVII.—*An Act to continue in force an act regulating the currency, within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the crowns of France, and five franc pieces.*

Act of March 3, 1821, ch. 53.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the gold coins of Great Britain and Portugal, of their present standard, shall be a legal tender in the payment of all debts, at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-seven grains, or eighty-eight cents and eight-ninths per pennyweight. The gold coins of France, of their present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-seven and a half grains, or eighty-seven and a quarter cents per pennyweight: The gold coins of Spain at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-eight and a half grains, or eighty-four cents per pennyweight: until the first day of November next: And that, from and after that day, foreign gold coins shall cease to be a tender within the United States, for the payment of debts or demands.

Gold coins of Great Britain and Portugal.

Of France.

Of Spain.

Current until first Nov., 1819; then to cease.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act, entitled "An act regulating the currency, within the United States, of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain," passed on the twenty-ninth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixteen, as relates to foreign silver coins, shall be, and the same is hereby, continued in force two years from and after the twenty-ninth day of April next, and no longer.

So much of the act of 29th April, 1816, as relates to foreign silver coins, in force until 29th April, 1821.

Act of April 29, 1816, ch. 139.

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