

tions, and in the same manner, and patents shall issue for the lands so sold, agreeably to the provisions of the laws for the disposal of the public lands of the United States in the state of Mississippi, with the exception of the section numbered sixteen, in each township, which shall be reserved for the use of schools within the same, and of such other reservations as now are made, or hereafter may be made, by law. And it shall be the duty of the register of the district of Madison county, under the direction of the commissioner of the general land office, to transfer such books, maps, and records, or transcripts thereof, to the register appointed for the district established by the first section of this act, as may be necessary to carry into complete effect the provisions of this section of this act.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, from and after the thirtieth day of October next, such part of the district east of Pearl river, as lies within the state of Mississippi, be attached to, and constituted a part of, the district of Jackson county; and the President of the United States shall cause the land office to be removed to such place, within the district of Jackson county, as established by this act, as he may deem convenient; and that part of the district of Jackson county which lies within the state of Alabama shall be attached to, and constitute a part of, the district east of Pearl river, in Alabama; and it shall be the duty of the register of the district east of Pearl river, and of the register of the district of Jackson county, each, to transfer to the other, such books, records, surveys, or the transcripts thereof, as shall be necessary to carry into complete effect the provisions of this section of this act.

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attached after October 30, 1822, to the district established by this act, and to be sold, except section No. 16, &c.

The register of the district of Madison county to transfer books, &c.

Part of the district east of Pearl river, attached to the district of Jackson county.

The President to cause the land office to be removed, &c.

Part of the district of Jackson county attached to the district east of Pearl river.

STATUTE I.

May 6, 1822.

CHAP. LVI.—*An Act in addition to the act concerning navigation, and also to authorize the appointment of deputy collectors.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, on satisfactory evidence being given to the President of the United States that the ports in the islands or colonies in the West Indies, under the dominion of Great Britain, have been opened to the vessels of the United States, the President shall be, and hereby is, authorized to issue his proclamation, declaring that the ports of the United States shall thereafter be open to the vessels of Great Britain employed in the trade and intercourse between the United States and such islands or colonies, subject to such reciprocal rules and restrictions as the President of the United States may, by such proclamation, make and publish, any thing in the laws, entitled "An act concerning navigation," or an act, entitled "An act supplementary to an act concerning navigation," to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, in the event of the signature of any treaty or convention concerning the navigation or commerce between the United States and France, the President of the United States be, and is hereby, authorized, should he deem the same expedient, by proclamation, to suspend, until the end of the next session of Congress, the operation of the act, entitled "An act to impose a new tonnage duty on French ships and vessels," and for other purposes; and also to suspend, as aforesaid, all other duties on French vessels, or the goods imported in the same, which may exceed the duties on American vessels, and on similar goods imported in the same.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid first and second sections of this act shall continue in force to the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the third, fourth, and seventh sections of the act passed the third day of March, one thousand eight

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The President being satisfied that the ports of the British West India Islands or colonies have been opened, &c., he may declare the ports of the United States open, &c.

Act of April 18, 1818, ch. 70.

Act of May 15, 1820, ch. 122.

In the event of a signature of a treaty, &c., concerning the navigation or commerce between the United States and France, the President may, &c.

Act of May 15, 1820, ch. 126.

1st and 2d sections of this act in force, until, &c.

The 3d, 4th,

and 7th sections of the act of March 3, 1817, ch. 109, continuing in force an act, &c. revived and made perpetual.

hundred and seventeen, entitled "An act to continue in force an act further to provide for the collection of duties on imports and tonnage, passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby, revived and made perpetual.

APPROVED, May 6, 1822.

STATUTE I.

May 6, 1822.

Act of March 3, 1803, ch. 31.

The provisions in the act for the relief of insolvent debtors within the District of Columbia, which requires a year's residence, repealed.

Proviso.

This act in force from its passing.

CHAP. LVII.—*An Act for the relief of certain insolvent debtors.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That so much of the seventeenth section of the act, entitled "An act for the relief of insolvent debtors within the District of Columbia," approved on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and three, as declares that the provisions of the said act shall not be construed to extend to any debtor who has not resided in the District of Columbia one year next preceding his application for relief under the said act, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed: *Provided,* That no discharge under this act, or the act to which it is amendatory, shall operate against any creditor residing without the limits of the District of Columbia, except the creditor at whose instance the debtor may be confined. This act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof.

APPROVED, May 6, 1822.

STATUTE I.

May 6, 1822.

The seventh section of the act of March 30, 1802, ch. 13, repealed.

Superintendents and agents may grant licenses.

Licenses to be granted only to citizens who are to give bond with securities, &c.

Licenses for 7 years for trade with remote tribes, and 2 years with others.

Superintendents and agents to return abstract of licenses to be laid before Congress.

The President may direct Indian agents, &c. to cause the stores and packages of goods of traders to be searched for ardent spirits, &c.

CHAP. LVIII.—*An Act to amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved thirtieth March, one thousand eight hundred and two.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the seventh section of the act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes and to preserve peace on the frontiers," shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and from and after the passing of this act, it shall be lawful for the superintendents of Indian affairs in the territories and Indian agents, under the direction of the President of the United States, to grant licenses to trade with Indian tribes; which licenses shall be granted to citizens of the United States, and to none others, taking from them bonds with securities in the penal sum not exceeding five thousand dollars, proportioned to the capital employed, and conditioned for the due observance of the laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes; and said licenses may be granted for a term not exceeding seven years for the trade with the remote tribes of Indians beyond the Mississippi, and two years for the trade with all the other tribes. And the superintendents and agents shall return to the Secretary of War, within each year, an abstract of all licenses granted, showing by and to whom, when, and where, granted, with the amount of the bonds and capital employed, to be laid before Congress, at the next session thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United States, in execution of the power vested in him by the twenty-first section of the act of the thirtieth of March, one thousand eight hundred and two, aforesaid, to which this is an amendment, to direct Indian agents, governors of territories acting as superintendents of Indian affairs, and military officers, to cause the stores and packages of goods of all traders to be searched, upon suspicion or information that ardent spirits are carried into the Indian countries by said traders in violation of the said twenty-first section of the act to which