The Secretary of the Treasury to provide by contract, &c., for building a sea wall, &c., at the Isles of Shoals, &c. 1821, ch. 52.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized to provide, by contract, to be approved by the President of the United States, for building a sea wall or pier at the Isles of Shoals, between Cedar Island and Smutty-Nose Island, on the coast of New Hampshire and Maine, conformably to the report of the commissioners appointed under the fourth section of the act passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, entitled "An act to authorize the building of lighthouses therein mentioned, and for other purposes," and that a sum, not exceeding eleven thousand five hundred dollars, is hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Two piers to be erected by contract, at a place called the Shears, near Cape Henlopen, &c., if, &c.

The jurisdiction of the state to be first ceded.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and required to cause to be erected in the Bay of Delaware, at or near a place called the Shears, near Cape Henlopen, by contract or contracts, to be approved by the President of the United States, two piers of sufficient dimensions to be a harbour or shelter for vessels from the ice, if, after a survey made under his direction, the measure shall be deemed expedient; and provided that the jurisdiction of the site where such piers may be erected, shall be first ceded to the United States, according to the conditions in such case by law provided; and that, for the purpose of carrying the same into effect, there be appropriated the sum of twenty-two thousand seven hundred dollars, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The light on Cross Island to be built on the south point of Libby Island. Appropriation.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the light authorized to be built on Cross Island, in the state of Maine be, and the same is hereby, directed to be built on the South point of Libby Island, and for building and completing the same, the sum of five hundred dollars, in addition to the former appropriation, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriations for purchasing and placing the patent lamp of D. Melville and others.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the following purposes to wit: Four thousand dollars to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to purchase the patent right of David Melville and others, to a newly invented lamp for lighting lighthouses; and a sum not exceeding four thousand two hundred and forty dollars, for placing the same in lighthouses.

Appropriation for completing the survey of the coast of Florida.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That for making and completing a survey of the coast of Florida, under the direction of the President of the United States, a sum of money, not exceeding six thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for carrying the same into effect.

Approved, May 7, 1822.

Statute I.

May 8, 1822.

Chap. CXXII.—*An Act confirming claims to lots in the town of Mobile, and to land in the former province of West Florida, which claims have been reported favourably on by the commissioners appointed by the United States.*

Claims to lots in Mobile, founded on complete grants from the French, British, or Spanish authorities, reported, &c. recognised as valid. Act of April 25, 1812, ch. 67.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all the claims to lots in the town of Mobile, founded on complete grants derived from either the French, British, or Spanish, authorities, reported to the Secretary of the Treasury by the commissioner for the district east of Pearl river, appointed under the authority of "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to land in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the island of New Orleans," or which were so reported by the register and receiver, acting as commissioners, under the act of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled "An act for adjusting claims to land, and

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Act of March 3, 1819, ch. 100.

establishing land offices, in the districts east of the island of New Orleans," which are contained in the reports of the commissioner, or of the register and receiver acting as commissioners, and which are, in their opinion, valid, agreeably to the laws, usages, and customs, of the said governments, be, and the same are hereby, recognised as valid.

Certain claims to lots in Mobile confirmed.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all the claims to lots in the town aforesaid, reported as aforesaid, and contained in the reports of the commissioner, or of the register and receiver acting as commissioners, founded on orders of survey, requettes, permissions to settle, or other written evidences of claims, derived from either the French, British, or Spanish authorities, and bearing date prior to the twentieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, and which ought, in the opinion of the commissioner, to be confirmed, shall be confirmed in the same manner as if the title had been completed.

All claims to lots in Mobile, reported by the commissioner, &c. founded on private conveyances, &c. confirmed, &c.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all the claims to lots in the town aforesaid, reported as aforesaid, and contained in the reports of the commissioner, or of the register and receiver acting as commissioners, founded on private conveyances which have passed through the office of the commandant, or other evidence, but founded, as the claimants allege, on grants lost by time and accident, and which ought, in the opinion of the commissioner, to be confirmed, shall be confirmed in the same manner as if the titles were in existence: *Provided*, That, in all such claims where the quantity claimed is not ascertained, no one claim shall be confirmed for a quantity exceeding seven thousand two hundred square feet.

Proviso.

For all other claims to lots in Mobile, contained in the report of the register and receiver, built upon, &c. on or before April 15, 1813, grants to issue as donations.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That for all the other claims to lots in the town aforesaid, reported as aforesaid, which are contained in the report of the register and receiver, and which, by the said report, appear to have been built upon or improved and occupied, on or before the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, the claimants shall be entitled to grants therefor as donations: *Provided*, That in all such claims, where the quantity claimed is not ascertained, no one claim shall be confirmed for a quantity exceeding seven thousand two hundred square feet; *And provided also*, That all the confirmations and grants provided to be made by this act, shall amount only to a relinquishment for ever, on the part of the United States, of all right and title whatever to the lots of land so confirmed or granted.

Proviso.

Registers and receivers of the land offices at St. Helena and Jackson Courthouses, to have the same powers, &c. as are given by the act supplementary, &c. Act of May 8, 1822, ch. 126.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the registers and receivers of the land offices at St. Helena Courthouse and at Jackson Courthouse, respectively, shall have the same powers to direct the manner in which all lands confirmed by this act shall be located and surveyed, and also to decide between the parties in all conflicting and interfering claims, as are given by the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices, in the districts east of the island of New Orleans."

Approved, May 8, 1822.

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May 8, 1822.

Chap. CXXIV.—*An Act to establish an additional land office in the state of Illinois.*

So much of the public lands within the bounds described, in Illinois, to form a land district, &c.

A land office as the President may designate.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That so much of the public lands of the United States as lies east of the Mississippi river, north of the line separating the thirteenth and fourteenth tiers of townships north of the base line, and west of the third principal meridian, in the state of Illinois, shall form a land district, for the disposal of the said lands, and for which purpose a land office shall be established at such place therein as the President of the United States shall designate, until the same shall be permanently fixed by law.