attached to the district south of Red river; and the register and receiver of the land office, in said district, are required to receive and record all written evidences of claim to land in said tract of country, derived from, and issued by, the Spanish government of Texas, prior to the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, according to the regulations, as to the granting of lands, the laws and ordinances of said government, and to receive and record all evidences of claim, founded on occupation, habitation and cultivation, designating particularly the time and manner in which each tract was occupied, inhabited, or cultivated, prior to, and on, the twenty-second February, eighteen hundred and nineteen, and the continuance thereof subsequent to that time, with the extent of the improvement on each tract, and to receive and record such evidence as may be produced, touching the performance of the conditions required to be performed by any holder of any grant, concession, warrant, or order of survey, or other written evidence of claim, and on which the validity of such claim may have depended under the government from which it emanated, and to receive and record all evidence of fraud in obtaining or issuing the written evidence of such claims, and of their abandonment or forfeiture.

tached to the district south of Red river.

Register and receiver to receive and record evidences of claims.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the register and receiver, as aforesaid, shall transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury, a complete record of all the claims presented to them under this act, and the evidence appertaining to each claim, and shall also make out and transmit, to the Secretary of the Treasury, an abstract containing the whole number of claims, in four distinct classes, the first of which shall contain a specification of the nature and extent of complete titles, the time when, and by whom, issued, and to whom, with the date of any transfer, the name of the person transferring, and to whom transferred, and where the conditions of such grant or patent have been complied with; the second shall contain all claims founded on written evidence and not embraced in the first class, and where the conditions on which the perfection thereof into complete titles may have depended, according to the laws and ordinances of the Spanish government, are shown to have been complied with: the third class shall consist of claims founded on habitation, occupation, or cultivation, previously to twenty-second of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, and in the manner which would have entitled the claimants to a title under the government exercising the sovereign power over that tract of country, and which, in their opinion, ought to be confirmed; the fourth class shall consist of those claims, which, in the opinion of the register and receiver, ought not to be confirmed: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act shall be considered as a pledge on the part of Congress to confirm any claim thus reported.

Register and receiver to transmit to the Secretary of the Treasury a record of all claims, and the evidence.

Classes of claims.

Proviso.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the register and receiver aforesaid, after suitable notice to claimants, of the time and place of their meeting, and the object thereof, be given by them, to hold their session at Natchitoches, so long as may be necessary for the performance of the duties herein prescribed, and shall be allowed the sum of five hundred dollars each, as a full compensation for the services required to be performed by this act.

Approved, March 3, 1823.

Register and receiver to hold their session at Natchitoches.

Statute II.

March 3, 1823.

[Obsolete.]

Chap. XXXI.—*An Act making appropriations for the support of government for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.*

Sums appropriated for the year 1823.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, respectively, appropriated for the service of the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three; that is to say:

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Officers and attendants of Congress.
For compensation to the officers, and attendants, of the Senate and House of Representatives, twenty-nine thousand two hundred dollars.

Contingent expenses of Congress.
For the expenses of fuel, stationery, printing, and all other contingent expenses of the two Houses of Congress, forty thousand dollars.

Library, and librarian of Congress.
For the expenses of the library of Congress, including the salary of the librarian, one thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.

For the gradual increase of the library, two thousand dollars.

President.
For compensation to the President of the United States, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Vice President.
For compensation to the Vice President of the United States, five thousand dollars.

Secretary of State.
For compensation to the Secretary of State, six thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.
For compensation to the clerks in the Department of State, per act of the twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, fifteen thousand nine hundred dollars.

Messengers.
For compensation to the messengers in said department, including the messenger in the patent office, one thousand four hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

Contingent expenses.
For the incidental and contingent expenses of the Department of State, including the expenses of printing the laws, and for extra copying of papers, eighteen thousand eight hundred dollars.

Additional commercial digest. Jan. 21, 1823.
For preparing and reporting an additional commercial digest, pursuant to a resolution of the House of Representaves, [Representatives,] of the twenty-first January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, one thousand dollars.

Secretary of the Treasury.
For compensation to the Secretary of the Treasury, six thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.
For compensation to the clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Treasury, per act of the twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, ten thousand four hundred dollars.

Additional clerk
For an additional clerk in said office, from first of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, to thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, one thousand seven hundred and twenty-five dollars.

Messengers.
For compensation to the messengers in said office, one thousand and fifty dollars, in full of all allowances.

First comptroller.
For compensation to the first comptroller of the treasury, three thousand five hundred dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.
For compensation to the clerks in the office of the first comptroller, per act of twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, seventeen thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

Messengers.
For compensation to the messengers in said office, one thousand and fifty dollars, in full of all allowances.

2d comptroller.
For compensation to the second comptroller of the treasury, three thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.
For compensation to the clerks in the office of the second comptroller, per act of the twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, nine thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars.

Messenger.
For compensation to the messenger in said office, seven hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

1st auditor.
For compensation to the first auditor of the treasury, three thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.
For compensation to the clerks in the office of the first auditor of the treasury, per act of the twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, fifteen thousand two hundred dollars.

Messenger.
For compensation to the messenger in said office, seven hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

2d auditor.
For compensation to the second auditor of the treasury, three thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the second auditor, sixteen thousand two hundred dollars.

Messenger.

For compensation to the messenger in said office, seven hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

3d auditor.

For compensation to the third auditor of the treasury, three thousand dollars.

Clerks.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the third auditor, twenty-three thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

Messengers.

For compensation to the messenger and assistant in said office, one thousand and fifty dollars, in full of all allowances.

4th auditor.

For compensation to the fourth auditor of the treasury, three thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the fourth auditor, per act of the twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, fifteen thousand and fifty dollars.

Messenger.

For compensation to the messenger in said office, seven hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

5th auditor.

For compensation to the fifth auditor of the treasury, three thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the fifth auditor, per act of the twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, ten thousand five hundred dollars.

Clerks to commissioner of revenue.

For two clerks to complete the duties of the commissioner of the revenue, transferred to the office of the fifth auditor, two thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

Clerk on business of agent of the treasury.

For one clerk on the business of the agent of the treasury, transferred to the office of the fifth auditor, one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

Messenger.

For compensation to the messenger in said office, seven hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

Treasurer.

For compensation to the treasurer of the United States, three thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the treasurer, per act of twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, five thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

Additional clerk. 1820, ch. 38.

For compensation to an additional clerk, and also for an assistant to the chief clerk, as allowed since the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, twelve hundred dollars.

Messenger.

For compensation to the messenger in said office, seven hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

Commissioner of general land office.

For compensation to the commissioner of the general land office, three thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of said commissioner, per act of twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, twenty-two thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

Messenger.

For compensation to the messenger in said office, and pay of a labourer, nine hundred and forty dollars, in full of all allowances.

Register of treasury.

For compensation to the register of the treasury, three thousand dollars.

Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the register, per act of twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, twenty-two thousand three hundred and fifty dollars.

Messenger, &c.

For compensation to the messenger, including the allowance for stamping ships' registers, eight hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

Assistant messenger.

For an assistant messenger in said office, three hundred and fifty dollars, in full of all allowances.

Secretary to sinking fund.

For compensation to the secretary of the commissioners of the sinking fund, two hundred and fifty dollars.

Translator and contingent expenses.

For allowance to the person employed in transmitting passports and sea-letters, for expense of translating foreign languages in the office of

the Secretary of the Treasury; for stationery, fuel, printing, and all other incidental and contingent expenses, in the Treasury Department, and the several offices therein, including the expenses of stating and printing the public accounts for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, thirty thousand three hundred dollars.

Superintendent and watchmen.

For allowance to the superintendent and four watchmen, employed for the security of the state and treasury buildings, for the repairs of engines, hose and buckets, one thousand nine hundred dollars.

Secretary of War.

For compensation to the Secretary of War, six thousand dollars.

Clerks.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the Secretary of War, twenty-two thousand six hundred dollars.

Messengers.

For compensation to the messengers in said office, one thousand and fifty dollars, in full of all allowances.

Paymaster general.

For compensation to the paymaster general, two thousand five hundred dollars.

Clerks.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the paymaster general, three thousand one hundred dollars.

Messenger.

For compensation to the messenger in said office, seven hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

Commissary general.

For compensation to the commissary general of purchases, three thousand dollars.

Clerks.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the commissary general of purchases, two thousand eight hundred dollars.

Messenger.

For compensation to the messenger in said office, seven hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

Adjutant general's clerks.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the adjutant general, two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

Clerks of the Ordnance.

For compensation to the clerks in the ordnance office, two thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.

Clerks of commissary general of subsistence.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the commissary general of subsistence, two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

Clerks of chief engineer.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the chief engineer, two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

Surgeon general's clerk.

For compensation to the clerk in the surgeon general's office, one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

Contingent expenses of War Department.

For the contingent expenses of the War Department, including fuel, stationery, &c., six thousand dollars.

Secretary of the Navy.

For compensation to the Secretary of the Navy, six thousand dollars.

Clerks.
1818, ch. 87.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Navy, per act of the twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, eight thousand two hundred dollars.

Messengers.

For compensation to the messengers in said office, one thousand and fifty dollars in full of all allowances.

Contingent expenses.

For the contingent expenses of said office, two thousand dollars.

Commissioners of navy board.

For compensation to the commissioners of the navy board, ten thousand five hundred dollars.

Secretary of commissioners.

For compensation to the secretary of the commissioners of the navy board, two thousand dollars.

Clerks.
1818, ch. 87.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the commissioners of the navy board, per act of twentieth April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, three thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

Other clerks, &c.

For compensation of three clerks, and a draftsman, as allowed by the acts of appropriation since the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, four thousand dollars.

Messenger.

For compensation to the messenger, in said office, seven hundred dollars, in full of all allowances.

Contingent expenses.

For contingent expenses of said office, seventeen hundred dollars.

For allowance to the superintendent, and four watchmen, employed for

the security of the war and navy buildings, and for the incidental and contingent expenses, including oil, fuel, and candles, two thousand and sixty-eight dollars. Security of war and navy buildings.

For compensation to the Postmaster General, four thousand dollars. Postmaster general.

For compensation to two assistant postmasters general, five thousand dollars. Assistant P. M. general.

For compensation to the clerks in the general post-office, per act of twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, twenty-two thousand seven hundred dollars. Clerks. 1818, ch. 87.

For additional clerk hire, and other expenses in the general post-office, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, three thousand four hundred and eighty-one dollars and ninety-eight cents.

For the salaries of two additional clerks in the general post-office, one thousand six hundred dollars.

For compensation to the messengers in said office, one thousand and fifty dollars, in full of all allowances. Messengers.

For contingent expenses of said office, four thousand dollars. Contingent expenses.

For compensation to the surveyor general, two thousand dollars. Surveyor general.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the surveyor general, two thousand one hundred dollars. Clerks.

For compensation to the surveyor south of Tennessee, two thousand dollars. Surveyor south of Tennessee.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of said surveyor, one thousand seven hundred dollars. Clerks.

For compensation to the surveyor in Illinois, Missouri, and Arkansas, two thousand dollars. Surveyor in Illinois and Missouri, &c.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the said surveyor, two thousand dollars. Clerks.

For compensation to the surveyor in Alabama, two thousand dollars. Surveyor in Alabama.

For compensation to the clerks in the office of the said surveyor, one thousand five hundred dollars. Clerks.

For compensation to the commissioner of the public buildings, at Washington city, one thousand five hundred dollars. Commissioner of public buildings.

For compensation to the late commissioner of loans in Georgia, from the second of September, one thousand eight hundred and eight, to the thirteenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and ten; and for printing and stationery, as settled at the treasury, one thousand three hundred and sixty-five dollars seventy-two cents. Late commissioner of loans in Georgia, &c.

For compensation to the officers and clerk of the mint, nine thousand six hundred dollars. Officers and clerk of the mint.

For persons employed in the different operations of the mint, ten thousand dollars. Persons employed in the mint.

For incidental and contingent expenses, and repairs, cost of machinery, and for allowance of wastage in the gold and silver coinage, of the mint, ten thousand one hundred and fifty dollars. Contingent expenses, &c.

For compensation to the governor, judges, and secretary, of the Arkansas territory, six thousand six hundred dollars. Governor, &c. of Arkansas.

For the contingent expenses of the Arkansas territory, three hundred and fifty dollars. Contingent expenses.

For compensation to the governor, judges, and secretary, of the Michigan territory, six thousand six hundred dollars. Governor, &c. of Michigan.

For the contingent expenses of the Michigan territory, three hundred and fifty dollars. Contingent expenses.

For compensation to the governor, judges, and secretary, of the Florida territory, including arrearges [arrearages] for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, eleven thousand six hundred and forty-nine dollars and seventy cents. Governor, judges, &c. of Florida.

For compensation and travelling expenses of the members of the legislative council; and for the contingent expenses of the territory; Legislative council.

including arrearges [arrearages] for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, thirteen thousand three hundred and eighty-six dollars and fifty-four cents.

Commissioners of land claims in Florida, &c.

For compensation to three commissioners to settle land claims in said territory, including arrearges [arrearages] for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, nine thousand eight hundred and ninety dollars and eleven cents.

Chief justice, &c. of the United States.

For compensation to the chief justice, the associate judges, and district judges, of the United States, including the chief justice and associate judges of the District of Columbia, seventy-eight thousand four hundred dollars.

Attorney general.

For compensation to the attorney general of the United States, three thousand five hundred dollars.

Clerk.

For compensation to the clerk in the office of the attorney general, eight hundred dollars.

Reporter of Supreme Court.

For compensation to the reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court, one thousand dollars.

District attorneys and marshals.

For compensation to sundry district attorneys and marshalls [marshals,] as granted by law, including those in the several territories, nine thousand nine hundred seventy-three dollars and sixty-three cents.

Courts, jurors, and witnesses.

For defraying the expenses of the Supreme, circuit, and district courts of the United States, including the District of Columbia, and of jurors and witnesses, in aid of the funds arising from fines, penalties, and forfeitures, and for defraying the expenses of prosecutions for offences against the United States, and for the safe keeping of prisoners, sixty-five thousand dollars.

Sundry pensions.

For the payment of sundry pensions, granted by the late and present governments, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars.

Lighthouses.

For the support and maintenance of lighthouses, beacons, buoys, and stakeages, including the purchase of oil, keepers' salaries, repairs, and improvements, and contingent expenses, one hundred and two thousand four hundred and forty-one dollars and sixty-five cents.

Buoys.

For procuring and placing three buoys on the bar near the port of Georgetown, South Carolina, in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated for that object, six hundred dollars.

Surveying.

For surveying the public lands of the United States, one hundred and ninety-seven thousand dollars.

Capitol.

For carrying on the centre building of the Capitol, one hundred thousand dollars.

John Trumbull for paintings.

For payment to John Trumbull, for paintings commemorative of the most important events of the revolution, six thousand dollars.

Stationery, &c. for commissioners of loans.

For stationery and books, for the offices of commissioners of loans, six thousand and thirty-five dollars and ninety-three cents.

Miscellaneous claims.

For the discharge of such miscellaneous claims against the United States, not otherwise provided for, as shall be admitted in due course of settlement at the treasury, six thousand dollars.

Ministers, &c. of the United States.

For the salaries of the ministers of the United State [States] to London, Paris, St. Petersburg, Lisbon and Madrid, with the salaries of their several secretaries of legation and the salaries of the charge d'affaires at the Hague and at Stockholm, sixty-four thousand dollars.

Contingent expenses.

For the contingent expenses of those missions, ten thousand dollars.

Agents of claims.

For the salaries of the agents of claims at London and Paris, eight thousand dollars.

Commissioners, &c. under 11th article of Spanish treaty.

For the salaries of the commissioners, secretary, clerk, and messenger, together with the contingent expenses of the commission under the eleventh article of the treaty with Spain, of the twenty-second of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, eighteen thousand dollars.

Treaty of Ghent.

For expenses of carrying into effect the fifth, sixth, and seventh, articles of the treaty of Ghent, concluded on the twenty-fourth of December, one

thousand eight hundred and fourteen, including the compensation of the commissioners, agents, and surveyors, and their contingent expenses, sixteen thousand dollars.

Corporation of the city of Washington.

For the corporation of the city of Washington, to re-imburse the said corporation a just portion of the expense of making streets, and other improvements, adjoining the public property, five thousand dollars.

Convention of St. Petersburg.

For carrying into execution the convention recently ratified, relating to the slaves carried away in contravention to the first article of the treaty of Ghent, twenty thousand dollars.

Boundary line of Missouri.

For surveying and marking the boundary line between the state of Missouri and territory of Arkansas, the sum of three thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several sums hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided, however*, That no money appropriated by this act, shall be paid to any person, for his compensation, who is in arrears to the United States, until such person shall have accounted for, and paid into the treasury, all sums for which he may be liable: *Provided further*, That nothing in this section contained shall extend to balances, arising solely from the depreciation of treasury notes, received by such person, to be expended in the public service, or to the appropriation for compensation to the Vice President of the United States; but in all cases where the pay or salary of any person is withheld in pursuance of this act, it shall be the duty of the accounting officer, if demanded by the party, his agent or attorney, to report, forthwith, to the agent of the Treasury Department, the balance due; and it shall be the duty of the said agent, within sixty days thereafter, to order suit to be commenced against such delinquent and his sureties.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Approved, March 3, 1823.

Statute II.

March 3, 1823.

Chap. XXXII.—*An Act making appropriations for the support of the navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.*

[Obsolete.] Special appropriations for the navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, for defraying the expenses of the navy for the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, the following sums be, and the same are hereby, respectively appropriated:

For the pay and subsistence of the officers, and pay of the seamen, nine hundred and twenty-nine thousand five hundred and three dollars and twelve cents, including the sum of twenty-six thousand eight hundred and eighty-six dollars for six months' pay for the petty officers, able seamen, ordinary seamen, and boys, required for a frigate of forty-four guns.

For provisions, two hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For medicines, hospital stores, and all expenses on account of the sick, twenty thousand dollars.

For the repairs of vessels, three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For the improvement of navy yards, docks and wharves, eighty-two thousand dollars.

For ordnance and ordnance stores, including small arms, manufacture of powder, &c. twenty thousand dollars.

For pay of superintendents, naval constructors, store-keepers, inspectors of timber, clerks of the yards, and artificers, forty-four thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, including the sum of four thousand one