examine the route of said canal.

and Ohio canal, and report to the President of the United States the facts and reasons on which they may ground their judgment thereupon; which report shall be submitted to the Congress of the United States, at their session next ensuing the date thereof for their decision thereon; and if Congress shall be of opinion that the said canal may be cut in the manner proposed, as aforesaid, without impeding or injuring the navigation of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, the same shall be conclusive thereon.

Approved, March 3, 1825.

Statute II.

March 3, 1825.

Chap. LVII.—*An Act making appropriation to satisfy certain balances due to the commissioners and secretaries of land claims in Florida.*

3386 dollars five cents appropriated to satisfy certain balances due to the commissioners of land claims in Florida and their secretaries, prior to Dec. 31, 1824.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there be and hereby is, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand three hundred and eighty-six dollars and five cents, to satisfy certain balances due to the commissioners of land claims in Florida and their several secretaries, prior to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

Approved, March 3, 1825.

Statute II.

March 3, 1825.

Chap. LXIV.—*An Act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post-office Department.* (*a*)

Act of March 2, 1827, ch. 61.
Act of July 2, 1836, ch. 270, ch. 352. sec. 12.
Resolution of March 2, 1837.
Act of Jan. 25, 1839, ch. 4.
Act of March 3, 1845, ch. 43.
A general post-office to be established at the seat of government, under the direction of a Postmaster General, who shall appoint two assistants and such clerks as he may deem necessary to complete the business of the office, &c. &c.
Duties of the postmaster.
Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there be established, at the seat of the government of the United States, a general post-office, under the direction of a Postmaster General. The Postmaster General shall appoint two assistants, and such clerks as may be necessary for the performance of the business of his office, and as are authorized by law; and shall procure, and cause to be kept, a seal for the said office, which shall be affixed to commissions of postmasters, and used to authenticate all transcripts and copies which may be required from the department. He shall establish post-offices, and appoint postmasters, at all such places, as shall appear to him expedient, on the post-roads that are, or may be, established by law. He shall give his assistants, the postmasters, and all other persons whom he shall employ, or who may be employed, in any of the departments of the general post-office, instructions relative to their duty. He shall provide for the carriage of the mail on all post-roads that are, or may be, established by law, and as often as he, having regard to the productiveness thereof, and other circumstances, shall think proper. He may direct the route or road, where there are more than one, between places designated by law for a post-road, which route shall be considered the post-road. He shall obtain from the postmasters, their accounts and vouchers for their receipts and expenditures, once in three months, or oftener, with the balances thereon arising, in favour of the general post-office. He shall pay all expenses which may arise in conducting the post-office, and in the conveyance of the mail, and all other necessary expenses arising on the collection of the revenue, and management of the general post-office. He shall prosecute offences against the post-office establishment. He shall, once in three months, render to the Secretary of the Treasury, a quarterly account of all the receipts and

(*a*) See vol. i. 363, for notes of the decisions of the courts of the United States, on the duties and obligations of the Postmaster General, Postmasters, and the Post-office Department, vol. ii. 592.
Notes of the acts relative to the Post-office Department, vol. ii. 592.
Notes of the acts of Congress relative to the franking privilege, vol. ii. 599.

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