STATUTE II.

March 3, 1825.

CHAP. CIII.—*An Act to authorize the laying out and opening of a public road from St. Mary's river, to the bay of Tampa, in the territory of Florida.*

A road to be opened in the territory of Florida, commencing at the bay of Tampa, to Wantons, in said territory.

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 to cause to be opened, in the territory of Florida, a public road, commencing at the bay of Tampa, and, pursuing the most direct practicable route to Wantons, in said territory, and thence, pursuing the most direct and practicable route to Colerain, on the St. Mary's river.

The troops of the United States to be employed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ the troops of the United States, stationed in Florida, in such manner as he may thing [think] proper, in the completion, or assisting in the completion of said road.

12,000 dollars appropriated.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, for defraying the expenses of opening said road, the sum of twelve thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1825.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1825.

CHAP. CVI.—*An Act authorizing the payment of interest due to the state of Virginia.*

The Treasury Department to liquidate the claim of the state of Virginia against the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to liquidate and settle the claim of the state of Virginia against the United States, for interest upon loans or moneys borrowed and actually expended by her, for the use and benefit of the United States, during the late war with Great Britain.

Rules applicable when the amount of interest on said claim is ascertained.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, in ascertaining the amount of interest, as aforesaid, due to the state of Virginia, the following rules shall be understood as applicable to and governing the case, to wit: First, That interest shall not be computed on any sum which Virginia has not expended for the use and benefit of the United States, as evidenced by the amount refunded or repaid to Virginia by the United States; Second, that no interest shall be paid on any sum on which she has not paid interest; Third, That, when the principal, or any part of it, has been paid or refunded by the United States, or money placed in the hands of Virginia for that purpose, the interest on the sum or sums so paid or refunded, shall cease, and not be considered as chargeable to the United States, any longer than up to the time of the repayment as aforesaid.

Amount of interest to be paid from the treasury.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the amount of the interest, when ascertained as aforesaid, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1825.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1825.

CHAP. CVII.—*An Act concerning wrecks on the coast of Florida.*

Any ship or vessel, after the passing of this act, to be forfeited, if engaged in carrying any property, whatever,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, if any ship or vessel shall, after the passing of this act, be engaged or employed in carrying or transporting any property whatsoever, taken from any wreck, from the sea, or from any of the keys or shoals within the jurisdiction of the United States, on the coast of Florida, to any foreign port or place, every such ship or vessel, so engaged and employed, together with her tackle,

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