

be done under the supervision and direction of the Secretary of War, and through the aid of some practical agent acquainted with the situation of the river, its respective bars, islands, and danderous [dangerous] places and parts; and he shall likewise cause the channel of said river, at a part usually called the Grand Chain, near its mouth, so to be deepened by a proper channel formed, that at the usual state of the water, steamboats may be enabled safely to pass and re-pass the same.

30,000 dollars
appropriated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, for carrying this act into effect, the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1827.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1827.

Land granted.

CHAP. XCIII.—*An Act to grant a certain quantity of land to the state of Ohio, for the purpose of making a road from Columbus to Sandusky.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there be, and are hereby, appropriated, to the state of Ohio, for the purpose of aiding the Columbus and Sandusky turnpike company in making a road from Columbus to Sandusky city, the one half of a quantity of land equal to two sections, on the western side of said road, and most contiguous thereto, to be bounded by sectional lines, from one end of said road to the other, wheresoever the same may remain unsold, reserving to the United States each alternate section the whole length of said road through the lands of the United States, to be selected by the commissioner of the general land office, under the direction of the President: *Provided*, That no toll shall at any time be collected of any mail stage, nor of any troops, or property of the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1827.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1827.

Act of March
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Act of May
31, 1838, ch. 92,
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CHAP. XCIV.—*An Act for the gradual improvement of the navy of the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, for the gradual improvement of the navy of the United States, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars per annum, for six years, is hereby appropriated, to be applied as in this act prescribed, and as may, hereafter, be directed by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be procured, ship timber suitable for the construction of vessels of the various classes now recognised in the navy of the United States; and also the timber proper for the construction of steam batteries; and to take the proper measures for having the said timber duly seasoned and preserved, so as to be fit for immediate use.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to take the proper measures to preserve the live oak timber growing on the lands of the United States, and he is also authorized to reserve from sale such lands, belonging to the United States, as may be found to contain live oak, or other timber in sufficient quantity to render the same valuable for naval purposes. (a)

(a) Acts providing for the preservation of timber for the navy of the United States are:—
An act making reservation of certain public land, to supply timber for naval purposes, March 1, 1817, ch. 22.