

To sell half
the lots, &c.

For benefit of
schools.

Commission-
ers to give bond
and security.

Certain re-
served lands
granted to Flo-
rida.

Governor and
council to se-
lect two quarter
sections, &c.

Act of Feb. 8,
1827, ch. 9.

Residue to
be sold, &c.

Proceeds ap-
plied to public
buildings in Tal-
lahassee.

of the township and range aforesaid, reserved by law for the use of schools, and to make sale of one half the lots at public auction; and the money arising from said sales shall be paid into the territorial treasury, for the sole use and benefit of common schools in said township, which said sum shall be subject to such laws as may hereafter be passed, for forming a permanent fund from the said reserved lands, for the support of common schools; and the said commissioners shall give bond and security, to the satisfaction of the county court, for the performance of the duties under this act, and the payment of the money arising from the sales of the lots as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the following quarter sections of land which have been heretofore reserved from sale, to wit: the north-east and north-west quarters of section thirty-six, in township one, of range one, north and west; the north-east, south-west, and south-east quarters of section one, in township one, of range one, south and west; and the south-west quarter of section six, in township one, of range one, south and east, shall be granted to the territory of Florida.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the governor and legislative council of Florida, or a majority of them, be, and hereby are, authorized to select any two of the aforesaid quarter sections of land, to be reserved for, and vested in, the state, should the territory of Florida ever be erected into one, in conformity to the provisions of the fourteenth section of the act passed on the eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven; and the residue of the above described quarter sections of land, or any part thereof, including so much of the north-east quarter of section one, in township one, of range one, south and west, contiguous to the creek and water-fall, as shall not be reserved, agreeably to the provisions of the act above mentioned, for the town of Tallahassee, shall be sold in such manner, and at such time, as the governor and legislative council of Florida may deem proper, and the proceeds applied to the erection of public buildings in Tallahassee; any act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, March 2, 1829.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1829.

CHAP. XL.—*An Act confirming the reports of the register and receiver of the land office for the district of St. Stephens, in the state of Alabama, and for other purposes.*

Certain land
claims in Ala-
bama confirm-
ed.

Act of March
3, 1827, ch. 78.

Others con-
firmed.

* Certain claims
to be filed with
register and re-
ceiver at St.
Stephens.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all the claims to lands and town lots contained in the abstracts denominated A, number one, D, number one, E, number one, F, number one, reported to the Treasury Department by the register and receiver of the land office for the district of Saint Stephens, in the state of Alabama, under the provisions of the act of Congress of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed to the extent therein recommended for confirmation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all the claims contained in special reports, numbered one to four, inclusive, and in a supplementary report of the said register and receiver, made as aforesaid, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That every person or persons, or the legal representatives of such person or persons, who, on the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, had, for ten consecutive years prior to that day, been in possession of a tract of land, not claimed by any other person, and not exceeding the quantity contained in one league square; and who were, on that day, resident in that part of Louisiana situated east of Pearl river, and west of the Perdido, and

below the thirty-first degree of north latitude, and had still possession of such tract of land, shall be authorized to file their claim in the manner required in other cases, before the said register and receiver, at Saint Stephens, for their decision thereon. And it shall be the duty of the said register and receiver to hear and record the evidence offered to support such claim; and if the same shall be established by sufficient proof, agreeably to the provisions of this section, the said officers shall, in their report, recommend the confirmation of the right to such claim, as in other cases: *Provided*, That no more land shall be reported for confirmation, by virtue of this section, than is actually claimed by the party, or than is contained within the acknowledged and ascertained boundaries of the tract claimed; nor shall the provision of this section authorize the confirmation of any land heretofore sold by the United States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the confirmation of all the claims provided for by this act shall amount only to a relinquishment for ever, on the part of the United States, of any claim whatever, to the tracts of land and town lots so confirmed, and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the claim or claims of any individual or body politic or corporate, if any such there be.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the register and receiver of the land office at Saint Stephens be, and they are hereby, invested with power to direct the manner in which all claims to lands and town lots, which have been confirmed by this and former acts of Congress, in their district, shall be located and surveyed, having regard to the laws, usages, and customs of the Spanish government on that subject, and also the mode adopted by the government of the United States, in surveying the claims confirmed by virtue of the second and third sections of an act of Congress, entitled "An act regulating the grants of lands, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee," approved the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and three; and that so much of the fourth section of the "Act supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims to land and establishing land offices in the district east of the island of New Orleans," approved the eighth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, as interferes with the power granted to the register and receiver of the land office at Saint Stephens, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That certificates of confirmation and patents shall be granted for all lands and town lots confirmed by virtue of the provisions of this act, in the same manner as patents are granted for lands and town lots confirmed under former acts of Congress.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to make such compensation, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, in addition to the sum already paid, to the present receiver of the land office at Saint Stephens, as to him may seem a just and proper equivalent for the services rendered by him in the discharge of the duties under the provisions of an act of Congress passed on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven.

APPROVED, March 2, 1829.

Register and receiver to record evidence in support of claims.

If sufficient evidence, claims to be recommended for confirmation.

Proviso.

Operation of confirmation.

Register and receiver to direct mode of locating and surveying confirmed claims.

Act of March 3, 1803, ch. 27.

Act of May 8, 1822, ch. 128.

Certificates and patents to be granted.

Compensation to receiver at St. Stephens, for certain services.

Act of March 3, 1827, ch. 78.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1829.

CHAP. XLII.—*An Act to provide for the apprehension and delivery of deserters from certain foreign vessels in the ports of the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That on application of a consul or vice-consul of any foreign government, having a treaty with the United States, stipulating for the restoration of seamen deserting, made

On application of consul or vice-consul of nation entitled to the privilege,