

Certain proviso in part repealed.

thousand eight hundred and thirty-two; and no patent shall issue in consequence of any warrant obtained after that time. And that the second proviso, inserted in the first section of the above recited act, except only that part thereof which requires "a certificate of the register of the land office of Virginia, that no warrant has issued from the said land office for the same services," be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, April 23, 1830.

STATUTE I.

April 23, 1830.

CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act to regulate and fix the compensation of the clerks in the Department of State.*

Secretary of State authorized to employ certain clerks, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ one chief clerk, whose compensation shall not exceed two thousand dollars per annum; one clerk, whose compensation shall not exceed one thousand six hundred dollars per annum; one clerk, whose compensation shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars per annum; six clerks, whose compensation shall not exceed one thousand four hundred dollars, each, per annum; one clerk, whose salary shall not exceed one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars per annum; one clerk, whose salary shall not exceed one thousand dollars, to be charged with the duty of translating foreign languages, in addition to other duties; one clerk, whose salary shall not exceed one thousand dollars per annum, one clerk, whose salary shall not exceed nine hundred dollars per annum; one clerk whose compensation shall not exceed eight hundred dollars per annum; one superintendent in the patent office, whose salary shall not exceed one thousand five hundred dollars per annum; two clerks in the patent office, whose compensation shall not exceed one thousand dollars, each, per annum; one clerk, whose compensation shall not exceed eight hundred dollars per annum.

All former acts, inconsistent, &c. repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, April 23, 1830.

STATUTE I.

April 24, 1830.

CHAP. LXXVIII.—*An Act to authorize the commissioners of the sinking fund to redeem the public debt of the United States, (a)*

Secretary of Treasury authorized, under certain circumstances, to appropriate more than \$10,000,000, annually, to the sinking fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That whenever in the opinion of the Secretary of the Treasury, the state of the treasury will admit of the application of a greater sum than ten millions of dollars in any one year, to the payment of interest and charges, and to the reimbursement or purchase of the principal of the public debt, it shall be lawful for him, with the approbation of the President of the United States, to cause such surplus to be placed at the disposal of the commissioners of the sinking fund, and the same shall be applied by them to the reimbursement or purchase of the principal of the public debt, at such times as the state of the treasury will best admit.

Commrs sinking fund authorized to apply any surplus of that fund to the extinguishment of the public debt.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, whenever, in any year, there shall be a surplus in the sinking fund beyond the amount of interest and principal of the debt which may be actually due and payable by the United States in such year, in conformity with their engagements, it shall be lawful for the commissioners of the sinking fund to apply such surplus to the purchase of any portion of the public debt, at such rates as, in

(a) See notes of acts relating to the redemption of the public debt, vol. ii. p. 415.