Miami of Lake Erie may be connected.

of land, on each side of said canal, shall be reserved from sale on the part of the United States, and the use thereof, forever, be vested in the state aforesaid, for a canal, and for no other purpose whatever.

The reservation and grant to be void, if a canal be not completed in twelve years.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, if the said state shall not survey, and direct by law said canal to be opened, and furnish the commissioner of the general land office a map thereof, within three years from and after the date of this act; or, if the said canal be not completed, suitable for navigation, within twelve years thereafter; or, if said land, hereby granted, shall ever cease to be used and occupied for the purpose of constructing and keeping in repair a canal, suitable for navigation; the reservation and grant aforesaid shall be void, and of none effect:

Proviso.

Provided, That nothing in this act contained, or [that] shall be done in pursuance thereof, shall be deemed to imply any obligation on the part of the United States, to appropriate money to defray the expense of surveying or opening said canal:

Proviso.

And provided, likewise, That the said canal, when completed, shall be, and forever remain, a public highway, for the use of the government of the United States, free from any toll or charge whatever, for any property of the United States, or persons in their service, on public business, passing through the same.

Each section of land through which said canal may pass, to be reserved from future sale.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That every section of land through which said canal route may pass, shall be, and the same is hereby, reserved from future sale, under the direction of the commissioner of the general land office, until hereafter specially directed by law; and the said state is hereby authorized, without waste, to use any materials on the public lands adjacent to said canal, that may be necessary for its construction.

Approved, May 26, 1824.

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May 26, 1824.

[Obsolete.]

Chap. CLXVI.—*An Act authorizing an examination and survey of the harbour of Charleston, in South Carolina, of St. Mary's in Georgia, and of the coast of Florida, and for other purposes.*

The secretary of the navy authorized to have surveyed the harbours of Charleston, South Carolina, and St. Mary's in Georgia, for certain purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be made, an examination and survey of the harbours of Charleston, in South Carolina, and St. Mary's, in Georgia, in reference to the expediency of establishing a navy yard at either of those places, for the building and repairing sloops of war and other vessels of an inferior class; and, also, to cause to be made and perfected an examination and survey of the harbour of Pensacola, and the coast of Florida, in order to ascertain the expediency of establishing a naval depot at Pensacola, or at such place in the vicinity of it, as may be most advantageous to the United States; and that the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for the purposes aforesaid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 26, 1824.

Statute I.

May 26, 1824.

Chap. CLXVII.—*An Act to alter the judicial districts of Virginia, and for other purposes.* (*a*)

Counties to compose a part of the western, instead of the

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following counties in the state of Virginia shall cease to be a part of the eastern judicial dis-

(*a*) See notes to act of February 4, 1819, ch. 12.

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