navy of Virginia during the war of the revolution, the amount of the judgments which they have obtained, and which are now unsatisfied.

Secretary of the Treasury to settle claims for half-pay to revolutionary officers.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby directed and required, to adjust and settle those claims for half pay of the officers of the aforesaid regiments and corps, which have not been paid or prosecuted to judgments against the state of Virginia, and for which said state would be bound on the principles of the half-pay cases already decided in the supreme court of appeals of said state; which several sums of money herein directed to be settled or paid shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated by law.

Approved, July 5, 1832.

Statute I.

July 9, 1832.

Chap. CLXXIV.—*An Act to provide for the appointment of a commissioner of Indian Affairs, and for other purposes.* (*a*)

Commissioner of Indian affairs to be appointed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a commissioner of Indian affairs, who shall, under the direction of the Secretary of War, and agreeably to such regulations as the President may, from time to time, prescribe, have the direction and management of all Indian affairs, and of all matters arising out of Indian relations, and shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars per annum.

Salary.

Clerks.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War shall arrange or appoint to the said office the number of clerks necessary therefor, so as not to increase the number now employed; and such sum as is necessary to pay the salary of said commissioner for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, shall be, and the same hereby is, appropriated out of any money in the treasury.

Pay of commissioner for the year 1832.

Accounts, &c., to be transmitted to commissioner, &c.

Communications to be free of postage.

March 3, 1845, ch. 43, sec. 1.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all accounts and vouchers for claims and disbursements connected with Indian affairs, shall be transmitted to the said commissioner for administrative examination, and by him passed to the proper accounting officer of the Treasury Department for settlement; and all letters and packages to and from the said commissioner, touching the business of his office, shall be free of postage.

Ardent spirits prohibited.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That no ardent spirits shall be hereafter introduced, under any pretence, into the Indian country.

Unnecessary agencies, &c., to be discontinued.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War shall, under the direction of the President, cause to be discontinued the services of such agents, sub-agents, interpreters, and mechanics, as may, from time to time, become unnecessary, in consequence of the emigration of the Indians, or other causes.

Approved, July 9, 1832.

Statute I.

July 9, 1832.

Chap. CLXXV.—*An Act to enable the President to extinguish Indian title within the state of Indiana, Illinois, and territory of Michigan.*

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of holding Indian treaties, and of finally extinguishing Indian title, within the state of Indiana, and so much of the lands of the Pattawatamies as lies in the state of Illinois and territory of Michigan.

Approved, July 9, 1832.

(*a*) Notes of the acts for the preservation of peace with the Indian tribes, vol. ii. p. 6.
Notes of regulations of intercourse and trade with the Indian tribes, vol. ii. p. 139.
Notes of the decisions of the Supreme Court on the laws and treaties with the Indians, vol. ii. p. 141.
Notes of obsolete acts relating to trading houses with the Indians, vol. ii. p. 652.

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