Statute II.

March 2, 1833.

CHAP. LXXVII.—*An Act to create sundry new land offices, and to alter the boundaries of other land offices of the United States.*

Choctaw lands to form north-western land district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That so much of the lands ceded to the United States by the treaties made and concluded with the Choctaw tribe of Indians, near Doak's Stand, on the eighteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and at Dancing Rabbit creek, on the twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, as is situated north of the line dividing townships nineteen and twenty, and west of the line dividing ranges seven and eight, east, be, and the same is hereby, established into a land district, to be designated as the north-western district.

Bounds.

Choctaw district, by act of May 7, 1822, ch. 93, extended.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, To so much of the land ceded by the Choctaw tribe of Indians to the United States, by said treaty of the twenty-seventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, as is situated west of the basis meridian, and south of the dividing line between townships nineteen and twenty, north, be, and the same is attached to the Choctaw district, established by an act of the seventh of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-two.

North-eastern district.

Bounds.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the lands ceded to the United States, by said treaty of the twenty-seventh of September, eighteen hundred and thirty, as is situated north of the dividing line between townships seven and eight, east of the basis meridian, and south of the north-western district, and the southern boundary of the lands of the Chickasaw tribe of Indians, shall constitute a land district to be designated as the north-eastern district; and the lands of the United States in the counties of Monroe and Lowndes, now subject to sale in the Choctaw district, shall, from and after the first day of May next, be subject to sale at the land office in the said north-eastern district; and it shall be the duty of the register at Mount Salus, under instructions from the commissioner of the general land office, to transfer all such books, maps, records, field notes, and plats, or transcripts thereof relating to the surveys of the public lands in Monroe and Lowndes counties, to the register of the north-eastern district, as may be necessary to enable him to comply with the provisions of this act.

Lands in Monroe, &c. to be subject to sale.

Transfer of books, &c.

Augusta district: addition thereto.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the land ceded to the United States by the said treaty of the twenty-seventh of September, eighteen hundred and thirty, as is situated south of the dividing line between townships seven and eight, be attached to, and constitute a part of, the Augusta land district.

Land offices of north-eastern and north-western district.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the disposal of the public lands in the north-eastern and north-western districts, a land office shall be established in each, at such convenient place as the President of the United States may designate; and, for each of said offices, a register and receiver shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall severally give bond and security, according to law, before entering on the duties of their respective offices. They shall receive the same compensation, fees, and emoluments, and shall perform similar duties, and possess the same powers, with all other registers and receivers of public moneys of the United States, and shall, in all respects, be governed by the laws of the United States providing for the sale of public lands.

Quincy district: part of Edwardsville district attached thereto.

Vandalia district: addition thereto.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the Edwardsville land district as lies north and north-west of the Illinois river, between said river and the Mississippi, be, and the same is hereby, attached to the Quincy land district, in the state of Illinois; and that ranges one and two west of the third principal meridian, embracing all townships from the base line to the southern boundary of the Sangamon land district, be,

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and the same is hereby, attached to the Vandalia land district in said state. The said transfer to be effected under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Demopolis district.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That all the lands situated south of the district line, and south of the dividing line between townships twenty and twenty-one, and north of the line dividing townships eleven and twelve, and west of the line dividing ranges nine and ten west, to the west boundary line of the state of Alabama, shall constitute a land district, to be known and called the Demopolis district.

Lands in Green and Marengo counties to be subject to sale at Demopolis land office.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands in the United States in the counties of Green and Marengo, now subject to sale in the Tuscaloosa, Cahawba, and Saint Stephen's land districts, as comprehended in the above-described district: *Provided*, That the land district hereinafter created by the tenth section of this act, shall be bounded on the south by the line dividing townships twenty-six and twenty-seven, and on the east by the line dividing ranges six and seven, and the lands in said district now in market shall be subject to entry at the land offices at Crawfordsville and fort Wayne as heretofore, until the first day of July next, and no longer; shall, from and after the first day of June next, be subject to sale at the land office in the said Demopolis land district; and it shall be the duty of the registers at Tuscaloosa, Cahawba, and Saint Stephen's, under instructions from the commissioner of the general land office, to transfer all such books, maps, records, field notes, and plats, or transcripts thereof, relating to the surveys of the public lands hereby added to the said Demopolis land district, to the register of the Demopolis land district.

Register and receiver for Demopolis district.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be a register and receiver appointed for the said land district, with the same compensation, fees, and emoluments, and who shall perform all the duties usually performed by registers and receivers appointed to superintend the sale of the public lands of the United States.

New land district in Indiana.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That all that district of country, in the state of Indiana, lying west of the line dividing ranges seven and eight east of the second principal meridian, and north of the line dividing townships twenty-four and twenty-five, shall form a separate land district; and the land office for the sale and disposal of all the public lands in said district, shall be, and hereby is, established at Laporte; and for said land office, a register and receiver shall be appointed in like manner, and be subject to like rules and regulations, and receive the same salary, fees, and compensation for their services, as is designated and provided for in other cases by the fifth section of this act; and it shall be [the] duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, as soon as it can be done, to cause the necessary tract books, plats, maps, and surveys of the public lands in said district, to be filed in said office: *Provided*, That the President may, whenever, in his judgment, the public interest and the convenience of the people require it, remove said office to a more central and suitable place in said district.

Office at Laporte.

President may remove office.

Approved, March 2, 1833.

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March 2, 1833.

Chap. LXXVIII.—*An Act making provision for the publication of the Documentary History of the American Revolution.*

Secretary of State authorized to contract.

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 hereby is authorized to contract with Matthew St. Clair Clarke and Peter Force, for the publication of a work entitled "The Documentary History of the American Revolution," to be printed in octavo or folio, as may be agreed upon: *Provided*, That the rate of expense shall

Limitation of expense.