

meter for ascertaining the proof of liquors.

President of the United States, to adopt and substitute such hydrometer as he may deem best calculated to promote the public interest, in lieu of that now prescribed by law, for the purpose of ascertaining the proof of liquors; and that, after such adoption and substitution, the duties imposed by law upon distilled spirits shall be levied, collected, and paid, according to the proof ascertained by any hydrometer so substituted and adopted.

APPROVED, January 12, 1825.

STATUTE II.

Jan. 12, 1825.

CHAP. V.—*An Act authorizing repayment for land erroneously sold by the United States.*

Act of Feb. 25, 1825, ch. 13, sec. 3.

Purchasers of public lands, where the purchase has been found void, to receive such sum as they may have paid therefor.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That every person, or the legal representative of every person, who is, or may be, a purchaser of a tract of land from the United States, the purchase whereof is, or may be void, by reason of a prior sale thereof by the United States, or by the confirmation, or other legal establishment of a prior British, French, or Spanish grant thereof, or for want of title thereto in the United States, from any other cause whatsoever, shall be entitled to repayment of any sum or sums of money, paid for, or on account of, such tract of land, on making proof, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury, that the same was erroneously sold, in manner aforesaid, by the United States, who is hereby authorized and required to repay such sum or sums of money, paid as aforesaid.

APPROVED, January 12, 1825.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 5, 1825.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act to amend the ordinance and acts of Congress for the government of the territory of Michigan," and for other purposes. (a)*

Act of March 3, 1823, ch. 36.

The governor, &c. of the Michigan territory, authorized to divide it into townships, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the governor and legislative council of the territory of Michigan be, and they are hereby, authorized to divide the said territory into townships, and incorporate the same, or any part thereof; to grant, define, and regulate the privileges thereof, and to provide by law for the election of all such township and corporation officers, as may be designated within the same.

Election of county officers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all county officers within said territory shall be hereafter elected by the qualified electors residing in each county, at such time and place, and in such manner, as the said governor and legislative council may from time to time direct: *Provided,* That nothing in this section contained shall authorize the electors aforesaid to elect any judge of any court of record, or clerk thereof, or any sheriff, or judge of probate, or justice of the peace. And that so much of the ordinance of Congress, passed July the thirteenth, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and of the laws of the United States, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this section, and as regard the Michigan territory, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

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The civil officers of said territory to be appointed by the governor, by and with the advice and consent of the legislative council.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the governor of the said territory shall nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the said legislative council, shall appoint, all other civil officers in said territory, except such as are appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the same. And the governor of the said territory shall have power to fill all vacancies in the offices required to be nominated by him, which may happen during

(a) See notes to the act of February 16, 1819, ch. 22, for the acts relating to the territory of Michigan.