ville, and Prairie du Chien, to Fort Snelling. From Bellevue to Galena, Illinois. From Mineral point, by way of T. J. Parish's, to the English prairie. From Galena, Illinois, by way of White Oak springs, Gratiot's Grove, and Wioata, McNutt's Diggings and Wisconsin city, to intersect the Root river and Cassville route. From Coldwater, in Branch county, to Michigan city, in the State of Indiana, via Centreville, Constantine, Mottville, Bristol, Elkhart, Mishawaulkie, South Bend, and Laporte. From Jacksonburg to White Pigeon, via Spring Arbor, Concord, Homer, Tekonsha, Goodwinville, Durham, Nottawa and Centreville. From Warsaw, Illinois, by Keokuck, Fort Desmoines, Fort Madison, Gibson's ferry, Burlington, Iowa, Clark's ferry, Davenport, Parkhurst, Bellevue, Du Buque, Peru, Durango, Weyman's, Cassville, and Prairie du Chien, to Fort Snelling. From Du Buque, by Sinsinawa, and Blast Furnace, to Elkgrove. From Mineral point, by Dodgville and Helena, to Arena. From Galena, by Vinegarhill, Elkgrove, and Bellemont, to Mineral point. From Fort Winnebago, by Fond du Lac, Calumet village, to Grand Kalkalin. From Chicago, by Pike river, Racine, Milwaukie, Chebawgan, Pigeon, Manlitowack, to Green bay. From Wisconsin to the city of the Four Lakes. From the city of the Four Lakes, by Fond du Lac, and the city of Winnebago, at the northeast end of Lake Winnebago, to a point of intersection with the route from Prairie du Chien, to Green bay. From Fond du Lac, at the south end of Lake Winnebago, to Milwaukie. From Milwaukie, by the city of the Four Lakes, to the Blue mound, there to intersect the route from Green bay to Prairie du Chien.

Post routes discontinued.

In Maine.—From Camden to Vinal Haven. Maine.

In Ohio.—From Waupakonetta to Sugar Grove. From Piqua to Waupakonetta. Ohio.

In South Carolina.—From Mount Hill to Varennes. From Stauntonville, by Golden Grove, to Greenville court-house. South Carolina.

Approved, July 2, 1836.

Statute I. July 2, 1836.

Chap. CCXC.—*An Act to extend the privilege of franking letters and packages to Dolly P. Madison.*

Act of March 3, 1845, ch. 43.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all letters and packages to and from Dolly P. Madison, relict of the late James Madison, shall be received and conveyed by post, free of postage, for and during her life.

Approved, July 2, 1836.

Statute I. July 4, 1836.

Chap. CCCLII.—*An Act to reorganize the General Land Office.*(a)

Duties relating to public lands under supervision of the commissioner.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, the executive duties now prescribed, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law, appertaining to the surveying and sale

(a) Decisions of the courts of the United States upon land titles from the United States, and titles to the public lands:

Under the act of Congress of March 3, 1803, entitled "An act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the sale of the lands of the United States, south of the State of Tennessee," such lands only were authorized to be sold as had not been appropriated by the previous sections of the law, and certificates granted by the commissioners in pursuance thereof. A right, therefore, to a particular tract of land, derived from a donation certificate given under that law, is superior to the title of any one who purchased the same land at the public sales, unless there is some fatal infirmity in the certificate, which renders it void. Ross *v.* Barland et al. 1 Peters, 666.

An act of Congress requires no precise form for the donation certificate. It is sufficient if the proofs be exhibited to the court of commissioners, to satisfy them of the facts entitling the party to the certificate. It is sufficient if the consideration, to wit, the occupancy, and the quantity granted, appears. Nothing more is necessary to certify to the government the party's right, or to enable him, after it is surveyed by the proper officer, to obtain a patent. *Ibid.*

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