all the offices and accommodations necessary for the court, clerk, marshal, and jurors of the county of Alexandria, and for the accommodation of the orphans' court for the said county of Alexandria; the plan of which building shall be submitted to and approved by the President of the United States before the commencement and operation thereon; or, if the President of the United States deems it more conducive to the public interest, he is hereby authorized to purchase the building owned by the late Bank of Alexandria, and convert it into a court-house and offices for the county of Alexandria. And there is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of erecting said court-house, the sum of not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars; to be paid out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That no greater sum than is appropriated by this act shall be expended in the erection of said court-house or the purchase of the building aforesaid.

Appropriation.

Proviso.

Approved, July 7, 1838.

Statute II.
July 7, 1838.

Chap. CLXVIII.—*An Act to reorganize the Legislative Council of Florida and for other purposes.* (*a*)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legislative power of the Territory of Florida shall be vested in the Governor and the Legislative Council. The Legislative Council shall consist of two houses, to be called the Senate and House of Representatives. The House of Representatives shall be organized and the members thereof shall be chosen as is now prescribed by law for the present Legislative Council; and in addition to the present number, there shall be one member chosen for the county of Calhoun, one for the county of Dade, and an additional member for the county of Duval. The Senate shall consist of eleven members, to be chosen as follows: three shall be chosen from the western judicial district, including the county of Franklin, by general ticket of the qualified voters of the counties of said district, including the said county of Franklin; four from the middle judicial district, east of the Appalachicola river, to be chosen also by general ticket of the qualified voters of the counties of said district, so limited as aforesaid; three from the eastern judicial district, to be chosen also by general ticket of the qualified voters of the counties of said district; and one from the southern judicial district, to be chosen also by general ticket of the qualified voters of the counties for said district. Said Senators shall be elected for the term of two years.

Legislative power of Florida, how vested.

Legislative Council.

Senate—how chosen, &c.

Term of election.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the members of said Legislative Council shall receive each four dollars per diem during the session thereof, and four dollars for every twenty miles' travel to and from the seat of Government; the distance to be computed by the most direct route from the member's place of residence to the place where the session [is held.]

Pay and mileage of Legislative Council.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Senators shall be elected in October next, at the same time, in the same manner, and by the same qualified voters as is now prescribed by law for the election of members of the present Legislative Council, and biennially thereafter, in the manner that may be prescribed by the said Legislative Council; and the returns of the election of said Senators shall be made by the marshals of each of said districts to the Governor, in such manner as shall be prescribed by the Governor.

Senators, when to be elected, &c.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Legislative Council, by and with the consent of the Governor, are hereby vested with full power, at their first session or at any time thereafter, to apportion the representatives of either House of said Legislative Council as to them may

Legislative Council vested with power to apportion the

(*a*) For the acts relating to the territory of Florida, see vol. 3, 523, 654.

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representation of either House.

Senate limited to 15 members.

Sessions limited to 75 days.

seem best and proper, according to the population of the Territory; and may, for the purpose of more effectually equalizing said representation, increase the Senate to any number not exceeding fifteen in the whole.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That no session of the Legislative Council in any year shall exceed the term of seventy-five days.

All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act, repealed.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts heretofore passed in relation to the Legislative Council of Florida which are inconsistent with or repugnant to the provisions of this act shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, July 7, 1838.

Statute II.

July 7, 1838.

Chap. CLXIX.—*An Act to provide for the support of the Military Academy of the United States for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and for other purposes.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, viz:

Pay of officers, &c.

For the pay of officers, cadets, and musicians, fifty-six thousand and twelve dollars;

Subsistence of officers, &c.

For subsistence of officers and cadets, thirty-nine thousand five hundred and sixty-six dollars;

Forage.

For forage of officers' horses, one thousand one hundred and fifty-two dollars;

Clothing of officers' servants.

For clothing of officers' servants, three hundred and thirty dollars;

Expenses of board of visiters.

For defraying the expenses of the board of visiters at West Point, one thousand nine hundred and ninety-eight dollars and eighty-four cents;

Fuel, forage, &c.

For fuel, forage, stationery, printing, transportation and postage, fifteen thousand two hundred and ninety-five dollars;

Repairs, &c.

For repairs, improvements, and expenses of buildings, grounds, roads, wharves, boats and fences, seven thousand two hundred and fifty-seven dollars and fifty cents;

Pay of adjutant's and Qr. Mr.'s clerks.

For pay of adjutant's and quartermaster's clerks, nine hundred and fifty dollars;

Library.

For increase and expenses of the library, eight hundred dollars;

Miscellaneous items, &c.

For miscellaneous items and incidental expenses, one thousand five hundred and seventy-seven dollars and fifty cents;

Building for recitation, &c.

For the erection, as per plan, of a building for recitation and military exercises, in addition to amount heretofore appropriated, eighteen thousand two hundred and fifty-four dollars and sixty cents;

A barn and stables.

For the erection of a barn and public stables, one thousand dollars;

Compensation to professor of chemistry, &c.

For compensation to the acting professor of chemistry, mineralogy, and geology, at the Military Academy, three hundred dollars;

Printing, &c. the regulations.

For printing and binding the regulations of the Military Academy, three hundred and sixty dollars;

Reconstruction of buildings for library, &c.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of twenty-six thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the reconstruction of the buildings for the library, engineer, chemical and philosophical departments at the Military Academy at West Point, destroyed by fire in February last.

Compensation of custom-house officers for 1838.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to the collectors, deputy collectors, naval officers, surveyors, and their respective clerks, together with the weighers, gaugers, measurers, and markers, of the several ports of the United States, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as will give to the said officers, respectively, the same compensation in the year one thousand eight hundred