thousand dollars, to the said Samuel F. B. Morse, and the persons employed under him, such sums of money as he may deem to be a fair compensation for the services of the said Samuel F. B. Morse, and the persons employed under him, in constructing and in superintending the construction of the said line of telegraphs authorized by this act.

Approved, March 3, 1843.

Statute III.
March 3, 1843.

Chap. LXXXV.—*An Act for the protection of commerce on Lake Michigan.*

Appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the protection of commerce on Lake Michigan.

For the half calendar year from the first of January to thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-three; and for the fiscal year from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-three, to the thirtieth June eighteen hundred and forty-four, viz:

Milwaukie harbor.

For the construction of a harbor at the most suitable situation at or near Milwaukie in the Territory of Wisconsin, to be made under the survey of an officer to be appointed by the Secretary of War, for the said half calendar year, fifteen thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, fifteen thousand dollars.

Light-house at Southport.

It shall be the duty of the corps of topographical engineers to survey and select the most suitable site for a light-house at or near Southport on Lake Michigan, in said Territory.

Chicago harbor.

For continuing the public works at the harbor of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, for the said half calendar year, ten thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, fifteen thousand dollars.

St. Joseph harbor.

For continuing the public works at the harbor of St. Joseph in the State of Michigan; for the said half calendar year, ten thousand dollars; and for the said fiscal year, fifteen thousand dollars.

Location of Milwaukie harbor.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That before the money hereby appropriated for the construction of a harbor at or near said Milwaukie, shall be expended, the corps of topographical engineers shall select from actual examination and survey the point of location of said harbors.

Approved, March 3, 1843.

Statute III.
March 3, 1843.

Chap. LXXXVI.—*An Act to authorize the investigation of alleged frauds under the pre-emption laws, and for other purposes.* (a)

An agent to be appointed to investigate cases of alleged fraud in Columbus land district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he hereby is, authorized to appoint a competent agent, whose duty it shall be, under direction of said Commissioner, to investigate, upon oath, the cases of fraud under the pre-emption laws, alleged to exist in the Columbus land district, in the State of Mississippi, referred to in the late annual report of said Commissioner, communicated to Congress by letter of the Secretary of the Treasury, dated December the fifteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two; and that such agent shall examine all witnesses who may be brought before him by the individual or individuals alleging the fraud, as well as those witnesses who may be produced by the parties in interest, to sustain said claims; and that he be, and is hereby, invested with power to administer to such witnesses an oath to speak the truth in regard to any question which may be deemed necessary to the full

Mode of investigation.

(a) See notes of the acts which have been passed relating to pre-emption rights; act of May 29, 1830, ch. 208.

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