

petent to the Legislatures of the several Territories, to readjust and apportion the representation in the two branches of their respective bodies in such manner from time to time as may seem to them just and proper: *Provided*, That the numbers of said bodies as authorized by existing laws shall not be increased.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That justices of the peace, and all general officers of the militia in the several Territories shall be elected by the people in such manner as the respective Legislatures thereof may provide by law.

APPROVED, June 15, 1844.

Legislatures to apportion the representation from time to time
Proviso.

Justices of the peace, &c. to be elected by the people.

STATUTE I.

June 15, 1844.

CHAP. LXX.—*An Act to authorize the issuing of Patents for certain lands in the St. Augustine land district in Florida, the sales of which were not regularly reported.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where it shall appear, to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, that individuals had applied to John C. Cleland, late receiver at St. Augustine, in Florida, while acting as receiver, for the entry of any of the lands in that district, and had made payment to him therefor, as required by law, and where said Cleland failed to furnish the usual evidence of such payments to the register of the land office aforesaid, and to make the usual returns thereof to the General Land Office, such individuals shall be entitled to receive patents for such entries, where the lands applied for by them have not since been sold: but if sold, the money paid by them may be applied to the purchase of any other land in that district subject to entry at private sale: *Provided*, That this act shall only apply to those cases where evidence that such application was made, is now in the General Land Office.

APPROVED, June 15, 1844.

Where application and payment were made to J. C. Cleland, but he did not make the returns, patents to issue.

Proviso.

STATUTE I.

June 15, 1844.

CHAP. LXXI.—*An Act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the peninsula of Florida."*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in any case in which it shall appear to the Commissioner of the General Land Office that the location made by a settler under the act approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-two, entitled, "An act to provide for the armed occupation and settlement of the unsettled part of the peninsula of Florida," was located upon lands which were discovered after the issue of the permit to be liable to overflow, it shall be lawful for the said Commissioner to authorize the change of the location to any other vacant quarter section within the same land district: *Provided* application for permission to change the location shall have been made at the proper land office before the fourth day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-three.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in all cases in which settlements have been made under the provisions of said act, upon lands not surveyed before the issue of permit, the settler may, after survey, locate his quarter section in any legal subdivisions of continuous or contiguous sections, or fractional sections, so as to make up the quantity of one hundred and sixty acres, as may be, and to include his improvements, and as much of the lands described in his permit as is consistent with the system of the public surveys.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the settlers under said act may erect their dwellings, and reside upon other than the quarter

Where location under act of Aug. 4, 1842, ch. 122, was made upon land liable to overflow, it may be changed.

Proviso.

When settlement was made before survey, settler may locate upon legal subdivisions, so as to include his improvement.

Settler may reside on land not in permit.