Statute I.
June 15, 1844.

CHAP. LXXV.—*An Act for the relief of persons residing within the reputed limits of the States of Arkansas or Louisiana, and beyond the boundary line between the United States and the Republic of Texas, as established by the commissioners appointed to ascertain the same.*

Persons formerly in the reputed limits of the U. S., but now in Texas, allowed to remove with all their property into the U. S.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall and may be lawful for any person who, on the twenty-first day of May, which was in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty, resided within the reputed limits of the States of Arkansas or Louisiana, as the same were then known and understood, and who, since the demarcation of the boundary line between the United States and the Republic of Texas, by the commissioners of the respective Governments, has been found to reside within the limits of Texas, to remove within the limits of the United States; and to bring with such person, into the United States, all his or her moveable property of every kind and description whatever, any law to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided, always*, That any person desirous of availing him or herself of the provisions of this act, shall present a petition in writing to the district judge of the district of Arkansas or Louisiana, as the case may be, setting forth the facts necessary to entitle him or her to the benefit of the same, and containing a descriptive list of the property which he or she is desirous of bringing with him or her into the United States; which petition shall be verified by the oath of the petitioner, and on due proof of the facts therein set forth, by competent witnesses, to the satisfaction of the said judge, it shall and may be lawful for him, and he is hereby required, to grant to such petitioner a certificate thereof, and that such petitioner has complied, in all respects, with the provisions of this act, and is entitled to bring into the United States the property specified and described in the said petition and certificate.

Proviso.

Approved, June 15, 1844.

Statute I.
June 17, 1844.

CHAP. XCIV.—*An Act to amend the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Alexandria Canal Company," approved on the twenty-sixth day of May, eighteen hundred and thirty.*

Act of May 26, 1830, ch. 104.

Persons injuring canal to pay a fine.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any person or persons shall wilfully or maliciously, by any means whatever, injure, impair, or destroy any part of the Alexandria canal, or of its aqueducts, dams, locks, culverts, walls, embankments, bridges, buildings, or other works now constructed, or which may hereafter be constructed by the Alexandria Canal Company, under the authority of the beforementioned act, such person or persons so offending shall each of them, for every such offence, forfeit and pay a sum not less than five dollars, nor more than fifty dollars, to be recovered, with costs, in the name and for the use of the said company, before any justice of the peace of the District of Columbia; and any such justice may, on his own view, or on application to him made, verified by affidavit, issue his warrant, describing the injury committed; and upon conviction, such justice shall commit the offender to close jail, without bail or mainprise, until such fine and costs be paid, or until discharged by due course of law: *Provided, however*, That nothing in this section contained shall be so construed as to prevent the said company from recovering damages from any person or persons who may commit any of the trespasses aforesaid.

Justice to issue warrant, and party convicted to be confined in close jail.
Proviso.

No person allowed to walk or ride upon the aqueduct over the Potomac.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons, other than such as shall be engaged in navigating the said canal, or in the employment of the said company, to walk or ride over or upon the aqueduct erected by the said company over the

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