give security in the same manner and in the same sums, and whose duties and authority, compensation and emoluments, shall in every respect be the same, in relation to the lands to be disposed of in said district, as are or may be provided by law in relation to the registers and receivers of public money in the several offices established for the sale of the public lands.

Registers, &c. at Little Rock and Washington to transfer documents, &c.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the registers and receivers for the districts of land subject to sale at Little Rock and Washington, in the State aforesaid, under the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to transfer to the register and receiver for the district hereby created all the proper evidences, documents, records, and township plats, in relation to lands heretofore sold or subject to sale at those offices, respectively, which fall within the limits of the district hereby created.

Act to take effect in 3 months.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the expiration of three calendar months from the date of the passing hereof.

Approved, February 20, 1845.

Statute II.

Feb. 26, 1845.

Act of Feb. 20, 1845, ch. 5.

Chap. XIX.—*An Act supplementary to "An act to repeal an act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana," and for other purposes, approved February thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.* (a)

Circuit court causes in district court for western dist. transferred to circuit court for eastern district.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the causes now pending in the district court of the United States for the western district of the State of Louisiana, which appropriately belong to the circuit court jurisdiction, shall be transferred to the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana, there to be proceeded in according to law, and in the same manner, as if they had originated in that court; and the causes which belong to the jurisdiction of the district court shall be and remain in the district court for the eastern district court, to be proceeded in according to law, and in the same manner as if they had originated therein.

Approved, February 26, 1845.

Statute II.

Feb. 26, 1845.

Chap. XX.—*An Act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases, upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting the same.*

In matters of contract and tort, dist. courts to have the same jurisdiction upon the lakes as on the high seas.

Act of Sept. 24, 1789, ch. 20.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the district courts of the United States shall have, possess, and exercise, the same jurisdiction in matters of contract and tort, arising in, upon, or concerning, steamboats and other vessels of twenty tons burden and upwards, enrolled and licensed for the coasting trade, and at the time employed in business of commerce and navigation between ports and places in different States and Territories upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting said lakes, as is now possessed and exercised by the said courts in cases of the like steamboats and other vessels employed in navigation and commerce upon the high seas, or tide waters, within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States; and in all suits brought in such courts in all such matters of contract or tort, the remedies, and the forms of process, and the modes of proceeding, shall be the same as are or may be used by such courts in cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; and the maritime law of the United States, so far as the same is or may be applicable thereto, shall constitute the rule of decision in such suits, in the same manner, and to the same ex-

Modes of proceeding, &c.

Decisions, how to be made.

(a) See notes of the acts relating to the District Court of Louisiana, vol. 3, 774.

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