

CHAP. XV.—*An Act authorizing Persons, to whom Reservations of Land have been made under certain Indian Treaties, to alienate the same in Fee.*

March 9, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the reservations to or for any person or persons named in the treaty of the twentieth day of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, made at Camp Tippecanoe, in the State of Indiana, between the United States by their commissioners, Jennings, Davis, and Crume, and the chiefs and headmen of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians of the Prairie and Kankakee, shall be so construed and held to convey to and vest in said reservees, their heirs, and assigns, forever, an estate in fee simple in and to the reservations so made, by said treaty, to or for said reservees respectively.

Reservees under treaty of Oct. 20, 1832, (vol. vii. p. 378,) with the Pottawatomies, to hold their land in fee simple.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said reservees, or their heirs, may sell and convey all or any part of his, her, or their respective reserves; and such sale and conveyance shall vest in the purchaser, his or her heirs and assigns, such title as is described in such deed of conveyance, to such lands so sold and conveyed: *Provided,* That all deeds of conveyance made before the passage of this act shall stand upon the same footing as those made after the passage of this act, and the rights of the parties shall be the same in one case as in the other: *Provided,* That such deed of conveyance for any of said lands, made before or after the passage of this act, shall not be valid for such purpose until the same shall have been approved by the President of the United States.

Said lands may be alienated, and former alienations confirmed.

Approval of the alienation by President made essential.

APPROVED, March 9, 1848.

CHAP. XVI.—*An Act granting the Franking Privilege to Louisa Catharine Adams.*

March 9, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all letters and packets carried by post to and from Louisa Catharine Adams, widow of the late John Quincy Adams, be conveyed free of postage during her natural life.

Franking privilege granted to the widow of J. Q. Adams.

APPROVED, March 9, 1848.

CHAP. XVII.—*An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act in Amendment of the Acts respecting the Judicial System of the United States."*

March 9, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in case of a vacancy in the office of the clerk of any Circuit Court of the United States in vacation, the judge of the District Court in the district within which such vacancy occurs may appoint a clerk, who shall hold said office until the end of the next term of the Circuit Court for said district, unless the office is sooner filled by an appointment according to existing laws.

A temporary clerk may be appointed for the Circuit Court by the district judge, when a vacancy occurs in vacation.

APPROVED, March 9, 1848.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act to make Attachments which are made under Process issuing from the courts of the United States conform to the Laws regulating such attachments in the courts of the States.*

March 14, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever, upon process instituted in any of the courts of the United States, property

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