CHAP. LXI. — *An Act in Explanation of an Act entitled "An Act to appropriate the Proceeds of the Public Lands, and to grant Preëmption Rights."*

June 13, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the fifth section of the act entitled "An Act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands, and to grant preëmption rights," approved on the fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, shall be so construed as to suspend only such portions of said act as precede said fifth section, (relative to the distribution of the proceeds of the sales of the public lands,) that being hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of said fifth section of the act aforesaid.

Manner in which the 5th section of the act of 4th September, 1841, ch. 16, "to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands," &c., shall be construed.

APPROVED, June 13, 1848.

CHAP. LXVII. — *An Act to amend the Act entitled "An Act to appropriate the Proceeds of the Sales of the Public Lands, and to grant Preëmption Rights," &c., approved September fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-one.*

June 16, 1848.

1841, ch. 16.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sixteenth section of said act be so amended as to give the consent of Congress, and the same is hereby given, to the application of the two per cent. fund heretofore relinquished by said act to the State of Mississippi, to be faithfully applied to the construction of a railroad leading from Brandon, in the State of Mississippi, to the eastern boundary of said State, in such manner as to authorize the construction of a railroad, commencing at Jackson, in said State, and extending to the eastern boundary of said State of Mississippi, via Brandon, in the direction, as near as may be, of the towns of Selma, Cahawba, and Montgomery, in the State of Alabama.

Assent of Congress given to the application of the two per cent. fund granted to the State of Mississippi to the construction of a railroad from Jackson to the eastern boundary of said State.

APPROVED, June 16, 1848.

CHAP. LXVIII. — *An Act to attach a Portion of the North-western Land District of Louisiana to the District north of Red River, Louisiana.*

June 16, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of October, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty-eight, townships fourteen north to twenty-three north, inclusive, in ranges four and five west, shall be detached from the north-western land district, Louisiana; and the same shall, from and after the date aforesaid, be attached to, and form a part of, the district north of Red River, Louisiana; and it shall be, and is hereby, made the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to cause the land office in the district north of Red River to be furnished with the plats and other papers, or transcripts thereof, relating to the townships aforesaid, and to have this act carried into full effect.

A portion of the north-western land district of Louisiana attached to the district north of Red River.

APPROVED, June 16, 1848.

CHAP. LXX. — *An Act to prevent the Importation of adulterated and spurious Drugs and Medicines.*

June 26, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, all drugs, medicines, medicinal preparations, including medicinal essential oils, and chemical preparations used wholly or in part as medicine, imported into the United States from abroad, shall, before passing the custom-house, be examined and

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