SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, the annual pay of boatswains, gunners, carpenters, and sail-makers at the navy-yard at Pensacola shall be the same as now allowed by law to the forward warrant officers at the navy-yards at Boston, New York, and Norfolk.

Annual pay of boatswains, gunners, carpenters, and sail-makers, at Pensacola, established.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the restriction established by the fourth section of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-five, whereby no more than one hundred and eighty passed midshipmen, and those senior in rank, shall at the same time receive the pay fixed by law for that class of officers, be suspended in its operation from the passage of this act, until the class of eighteen hundred and forty-one and eighteen hundred and forty-two shall have been examined, and the relative rank established among those who shall pass their examination.

Restriction in act of 3d March, 1845, ch. 77, relating to the number of passed midshipmen receiving pay, suspended.

APPROVED, August 3, 1848.

CHAP. CXXII. — *An Act supplemental to an Act to confirm the Survey and Location of Claims for Lands in the State of Mississippi, east of the Pearl River, and south of the thirty-first Degree of North Latitude, approved March three, eighteen hundred and forty-five.*

Aug. 5, 1848.

1845, ch. 46.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all confirmed claims and settlement rights for lands situate in the State of Mississippi, east of the Pearl River and south of thirty-first degree of north latitude, which had not been actually surveyed on the ground, and for which no plats of actual survey had been returned to the surveyor-general's office south of Tennessee, on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, shall be, and are hereby, confirmed, according to actual surveys hereafter to be made as herein provided for, in the same manner that said claims actually surveyed on the ground, and returned to the surveyor-general's office at the time aforesaid, are confirmed by the act to which this is a supplement; and the surveyor-general is hereby authorized and directed, on request of any party interested, to cause the survey of said claims, without delay, and at any time between the passage of this act and the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty, to be made and returned to his office, and he shall certify the return and plats of such actual surveys, so made, to his office, to the register and receiver for lands in the Augusta district for said State. And the surveyor-general, and the said register and receiver, shall regard these claims and plats of actual survey, in all respects, upon the same footing with the claims confirmed as actually surveyed upon the ground, by said act to which this is a supplement, and subject to, and entitled to, the benefits of all the provisions of said act: *Provided*, That if it shall appear to the surveyor-general, from the plats of actual survey already returned to his office, that any of said claims cannot now be actually surveyed on the ground, owing to their conflict with other claims already confirmed as actually surveyed on the ground, by the act to which this is a supplement, then it shall be lawful for him to grant to the claimant, so deprived of his location, a warrant, as provided by the fourth section of said act, without causing the survey to be made.

Certain land claims in the State of Mississippi confirmed according to actual surveys hereafter to be made.

Surveys to be made and returns certified to the register and receiver for the Augusta land district.

Proviso: when survey cannot be made.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all warrants which have been heretofore issued, or which shall hereafter be issued, by the surveyor-general south of Tennessee, under the provisions of the original act to which this is a supplement, and under the provisions of this act, be, and they are hereby, authorized to be located upon any lands subject to sale at private entry in the State of Mississippi, in any of the land

Warrants issued by the surveyor-general south of Tennessee under the act to which this is a supplement, may be located upon any

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lands subject to private entry in the State of Mississippi.

districts in said State, in the same manner that said warrants are now authorized to be located in the Augusta land district.

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Aug. 7, 1848.

Chap. CXLI.—*An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license Yachts, and for other Purposes.*

Yachts used as pleasure vessels, &c., to be licensed on terms that will allow them to proceed from port to port in the United States without clearance.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to cause yachts used and employed exclusively as pleasure vessels, and designed as models of naval architecture, and now entitled to be enrolled as American vessels, to be licensed on terms which will authorize them to proceed from port to port of the United States without entering or clearing at the custom-house. Such license shall be in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *Provided*, Such vessels so enrolled and licensed shall not be allowed to transport merchandise or carry passengers for pay: *And provided further*, That the owner of any such vessel, before taking out such license, shall give a bond, in such form and for such amount as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, conditional that the said vessel shall not engage in any unlawful trade, nor in any way violate the revenue laws of the United States, and shall comply with the laws in all other respects.

Proviso: such vessels not to be allowed to transport merchandise.

Owners of such vessels to give bonds.

Such vessels to be subject in all respects to the laws of the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all such vessels shall, in all respects, except as above, be subject to the laws of the United States, and shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture for any violation of the provisions of this act.

Shall use signals, &c.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all such licensed yachts shall use a signal of the form, size, and colors prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, and the owners thereof shall at all times permit the naval architects in the employ of the United States to examine and copy the models of said yachts.

Approved, August 7, 1848.

Aug. 7, 1848.

Chap. CXLIII.—*An Act to change the Place of holding the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Alabama, and for other Purposes.*

State of Alabama divided into three judicial districts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Alabama shall be, and the same is hereby, divided into three districts in manner following, to wit:

Southern district.

The counties of Mobile, Washington, Baldwin, Sumpter, Clarke, Marengo, Green, Pickens, Wilcox, Monroe, Conecuh, shall compose one district, to be called the southern district, and a court shall be held for the said district, as heretofore, at Mobile.

Middle district.

The counties of Montgomery, Autauga, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Chambers, Talladega, Randolph, Macon, Russell, Barbour, Pike, Henry, Dale, Coffee, Covington, Lowndes, Dallas, Perry, Bibb, Shelby, and Tuscaloosa, shall hereafter compose one district, to be called the middle district, and a court shall be held for the said district at Montgomery.

Northern district.

And the residue of the counties of said State shall hereafter compose the northern district of Alabama, and a court shall be held for the same, as heretofore, at Huntsville.

Terms of the District Court for the middle district to be hereafter held at Montgomery.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the next term of the District Court for the said middle district, and every term thereafter, shall be held at Montgomery; and the clerk and marshal of said middle district are hereby required, forthwith, to remove all the books, and papers, and records, belonging to their respective offices from Tuscaloosa to Montgomery.