

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all causes at law or in chancery, pending in the said District Courts at Mobile and Huntsville, or in the Circuit Court of the United States at Mobile, in which the defendant or defendants reside in the middle district (as hereby established) at the time of serving process, shall be transferred for trial to the District Court for the said middle district, and be proceeded in, heard, adjudged, and determined in the same manner as though originally commenced or prosecuted in the said court; and it shall be the duty of the clerks of the said courts at Huntsville and Mobile safely to transmit to the clerk of the District Court at Montgomery the original papers in all cases hereby ordered to be transferred, together with a transcript of all orders and other proceedings had thereon.

All causes pending in the United States courts at Mobile and Huntsville in which the defendants reside in the middle district to be transferred to District Court for said district.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws or parts of laws contravening or opposed to the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Conflicting laws repealed.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

CHAP. CXLIV.—*An Act to annex the Town of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, to the Collection District of Gloucester.*

Aug. 7, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the town of Essex, in the State of Massachusetts, now included in the collection district of Newburyport, shall hereafter be included in, and form a part of, the collection district of Gloucester.

Town of Essex, Mass., annexed to the collection district of Gloucester.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

CHAP. CXLV.—*An Act to annex that Part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan to the Chicago Collection District.*

Aug. 7, 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 thirtieth day of September next, all that part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan, and heretofore included in the Detroit collection district, be, and the same is hereby, annexed to, and made a part of, the collection district of Chicago, in the State of Illinois.

That part of the State of Indiana bordering on Lake Michigan annexed to the collection district of Chicago.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

CHAP. CXLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of those Preemption Claimants upon the Miami Lands in Indiana, who, by their Services in the Mexican War, are entitled to Bounty Land.*

Aug. 7, 1848.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That those persons who are entitled to bounty land warrants for one hundred and sixty acres in virtue of their own services during the present war with Mexico, and who may likewise be entitled to the right of preemption upon the Miami lands in Indiana, under the act of the third of August, eighteen hundred and forty-six, shall have the privilege of applying their warrants in payment or part payment for the tract to which they may establish their right of preemption; said warrant to be estimated, when received as aforesaid, at the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents for each acre therein contained: *Provided*, That in no case shall the government be required to refund any excess of the estimated amount of said warrants, over and above the price of the tract claimed to be entered; and should the tract claimed to be entered as aforesaid exceed, at the rate fixed by law, the said sum, then and in such case the balance of the purchase money of said tract shall be paid in cash.

Preemption claimants upon the Miami lands in Indiana entitled to bounty lands may apply their warrants in payment.

1846, ch. 77.

Proviso.

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