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Residue.

And the residue of said thousand copies shall remain at the future disposal of Congress: *Provided*, That the copies of the Laws thus distributed to public officers shall be held for the use of their respective offices, and as the property of the government; and that, in case of the death, resignation, or dismission from office, of either of said officers, or whenever their terms of office shall expire, the said copies of the Laws shall be delivered up to their successors in said offices; and a printed copy of this proviso shall be inserted into each of the volumes thus distributed.

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Preamble.

Sec. 2. And whereas said edition of the said Laws and Treaties of the United States has been carefully collated and compared with the original rolls in the archives of the government, under the inspection and supervision of the Attorney-General of the United States, as duly certified by that officer; therefore, *Be it further enacted*, That said edition of the Laws and Treaties of the United States, published by Little & Brown, is hereby declared to be competent evidence of the several public and private acts of Congress, and of the several treaties therein contained, in all the courts of law and equity and of maritime jurisdiction, and in all the tribunals and public offices of the United States, and of the several States, without any further proof or authentication thereof.

Said edition competent evidence, in all cases, of the laws.

Approved, August 8, 1846.

Aug. 8, 1846.

Chap. CI. — *An Act to provide for the more effectual Publication of the Laws of the United States.*

§ 21 of the act of 1842, ch. 202, repealed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the twenty-first section of the act entitled "An Act legalizing and making Appropriations for such necessary Objects as have usually been included in the general Appropriation Bills, without Authority of Law, and to fix and

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provide for certain incidental Expenses of the Departments and Offices of the Government, and for other Purposes," approved August twenty-six, eighteen hundred and forty-two, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act entitled "An Act to provide for the Publication of the Laws of the United States, and for other Purposes," approved April twentieth, eighteen hundred and eighteen, as is repealed by the said twenty-first section, be and the same is hereby, revived and continued in force: *Provided*, That the Secretary for the Department of State shall cause the publication of such laws, resolutions, treaties, and amendments, in two of the newspapers in the District of Columbia, and in each of the several States and Territories of the United States, and no more.

1818, ch. 80.

Laws to be published in two newspapers in each State and Territory.

Approved, August 8, 1846.

Chap. CII. — *An Act for the Allowance of Drawback on foreign Merchandise imported into certain Districts of the United States from the British North American Provinces, and exported to foreign Countries.*

Aug. 8, 1846.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any merchandise imported from the British North American provinces adjoining the United States which shall have been duly entered and the duties thereon paid or secured according to law at either of the ports of entry in the collection districts situated on the northern, north-eastern, and north-western frontiers of the United States, may be transported by land or by water, or partly by land and partly by water, to any port or ports from which merchandise may, under existing laws, be exported for benefit of drawback, and be thence exported with such privilege to any foreign country: *Provided*, That such exportations shall be made within one year from the date of importation of said merchandise, and that existing laws relating to the transportation of merchandise entitled to drawback from one district to another, or to two other districts, and the due exportation and proof of landing thereof, and all regulations which the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe for the security of the revenue, shall be complied with.

Drawback on merchandise from the British provinces allowed.

Exportation to be made within one year, & laws and regulations complied with.

Approved, August 8, 1846.

Chap. CIII.—*An Act granting certain Lands to the Territory of Iowa, to aid in the Improvement of the Navigation of the Des Moines River, in said Territory.*

Aug. 8, 1846.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, granted to the Territory of Iowa, for the purpose of aiding said Territory to improve the navigation of the Des Moines River from its mouth to the Racoon Fork, (so called,) in said Territory, one equal moiety, in alternate sections, of the public lands, (remaining unsold, and not otherwise disposed of, encumbered, or appropriated,) in a strip five miles in width on each side of said river; to be selected within said Territory by an agent or agents to be appointed by the governor thereof, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

Public lands granted to the Territory of Iowa, for the improvement of the Des Moines River.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands hereby granted shall not be conveyed or disposed of by said Territory, nor by any State to be formed out of the same, except as said improvements shall progress; that is, the said Territory or State may sell so much of said lands as shall produce the sum of thirty thousand dollars, and then the sales shall cease, until the governor of said Territory or State shall

Not to be conveyed or disposed of, except in certain cases.