

for that purpose between the executive of the United States, and the Mexican government.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to defray the expenses of marking the said road; and the further sum of twenty thousand dollars, to defray the expenses of treating with the Indians, for their consent to the establishment and use thereof; the said sums to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1825.

10,000 dollars appropriated to defray the expenses of said road; and 20,000 dollars to treat with the Indians.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act fixing the place for holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the southern district of New York.*

March 3, 1825.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the circuit and district courts of the United States for the southern district of New York, shall be holden in the City Hall in the city of New York, as heretofore, until otherwise ordered by law, or until the Secretary of the Treasury, on the representation of the judges of said courts, respectively, shall direct further or other accommodation to be provided for said courts or either of them: *Provided*, The competent authority allow to said courts the exclusive use of some suitable apartment for holding the same in the said City Hall: *And provided*, That the district court of the United States for the said southern district of New York may continue to hold its sessions where the same are now held, until the last of May, which shall be in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, any thing in this act contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

Act of April 3, 1818, ch. 32.
The circuit and district courts of the United States, for the southern district of New York to be holden in the City Hall.
Proviso.
Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1825.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LII.—*An Act confirming the act of the legislature of Virginia entitled "An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," and "An act of the state of Maryland, confirming the same."*

March 3, 1825.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act of the legislature of the state of Virginia, entitled "An act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," be and the same is hereby ratified and confirmed, so far as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling any company that may hereafter be formed by the authority of said act of incorporation, to carry into effect the provisions thereof, in the District of Columbia, within the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States, and no further.

The act of the legislature of Virginia incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company, ratified, &c. to a certain extent.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, should the state of Virginia or Maryland desire, at any time, to avail itself of the right secured to it, by the twenty-first section of the act aforesaid, to take and continue a canal, from any point of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, to any other point within the territory of the District of Columbia, or through the same, on application to the President of the United States, by the executive of the state, the President is authorized and empowered to depute three skilful commissioners of the United States' corps of engineers, to survey and examine so much of the route of such canal, as may effect, in any manner, the navigation of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal. The said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain, as far as practicable, whether the canal proposed to be constructed by the state aforesaid, will injure or impede the navigation of the Chesapeake

Should the state of Virginia or Maryland desire, at any time, to avail itself of the right secured to it by the twenty-first section of the act aforesaid, the President is to depute three skilful commissioners of the United States' corps of engineers to

examine the route of said canal.

and Ohio canal, and report to the President of the United States the facts and reasons on which they may ground their judgment thereupon; which report shall be submitted to the Congress of the United States, at their session next ensuing the date thereof for their decision thereon; and if Congress shall be of opinion that the said canal may be cut in the manner proposed, as aforesaid, without impeding or injuring the navigation of the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, the same shall be conclusive thereon.

APPROVED, March 3, 1825.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1825.

3386 dollars five cents appropriated to satisfy certain balances due to the commissioners of land claims in Florida and their secretaries, prior to Dec. 31, 1824.

CHAP. LVII.—*An Act making appropriation to satisfy certain balances due to the commissioners und secretaries of land claims in Florida.*

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, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand three hundred and eighty-six dollars and five cents, to satisfy certain balances due to the commissioners of land claims in Florida and their several secretaries, prior to the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four.

APPROVED, March 3, 1825.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1825.

Act of March 2, 1827, ch. 61.
Act of July 2, 1836, ch. 270,
ch. 352, sec. 12.

Resolution of March 2, 1837.

Act of Jan. 25, 1839, ch. 4.

Act of March 3, 1845, ch. 43.

A general post-office to be established at the seat of government, under the direction of a Postmaster General, who shall appoint two assistants and such clerks as he may deem necessary to complete the business of the office, &c. &c.

Duties of the postmaster.

Proviso.

CHAP. LXIV.—*An Act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post-office Department. (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That there be established, at the seat of the government of the United States, a general post-office, under the direction of a Postmaster General. The Postmaster General shall appoint two assistants, and such clerks as may be necessary for the performance of the business of his office, and as are authorized by law; and shall procure, and cause to be kept, a seal for the said office, which shall be affixed to commissions of postmasters, and used to authenticate all transcripts and copies which may be required from the department. He shall establish post-offices, and appoint postmasters, at all such places, as shall appear to him expedient, on the post-roads that are, or may be, established by law. He shall give his assistants, the postmasters, and all other persons whom he shall employ, or who may be employed, in any of the departments of the general post-office, instructions relative to their duty. He shall provide for the carriage of the mail on all post-roads that are, or may be, established by law, and as often as he, having regard to the productiveness thereof, and other circumstances, shall think proper. He may direct the route or road, where there are more than one, between places designated by law for a post-road, which route shall be considered the post-road. He shall obtain from the postmasters, their accounts and vouchers for their receipts and expenditures, once in three months, or oftener, with the balances thereon arising, in favour of the general post-office. He shall pay all expenses which may arise in conducting the post-office, and in the conveyance of the mail, and all other necessary expenses arising on the collection of the revenue, and management of the general post-office. He shall prosecute offences against the post-office establishment. He shall, once in three months, render to the Secretary of the Treasury, a quarterly account of all the receipts and

(a) See vol. i. 363, for notes of the decisions of the courts of the United States, on the duties and obligations of the Postmaster General, Postmasters, and the Post-office Department, vol. ii. 592.

Notes of the acts relative to the Post-office Department, vol. ii. 592.

Notes of the acts of Congress relative to the franking privilege, vol. ii. 599.