

CHAP. LXXX.—*An Act to change the time of holding the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana.* (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana, shall be annually holden in the city of New Orleans, on the second Monday of December, instead of the third Monday of November, as now prescribed by law.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all suits, actions, writs, processes, and other proceedings, which now are pending in said district court, or which are, or may hereafter be, commenced for or returnable to, the said district court, on the third Monday of November, as heretofore established, shall be returnable to, heard, tried, and proceeded with, in the said district court, in the same manner as if the time for holding thereof had not been changed.

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Time of holding the district court of United States, for the east district of Louisiana, changed.

All suits, &c., to be proceeded with as before.

CHAP. LXXXIII.—*An Act to extend the time for the settlement of private land claims in the territory of Florida, to provide for the preservation of the public archives in said territory, and for the relief of John Johnson.* (b)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, when the Secretary of the Treasury shall be satisfied that John Johnson, of Indiana, did enter, at the Brookville land office, in said state, the east half of the north-east quarter of section thirty-five, and the west half of the north-west quarter of section thirty-six, in township seventeen, north, in range four, east, by mistake, instead of the east half of the south-east quarter, and the west half of the south-west quarter of the same sections, it shall be lawful for a patent to be issued to the said John Johnson for the two last-mentioned half quarters, so intended to be entered, on his relinquishing to the United States his interest in, and surrendering the patent issued for, the two first-mentioned half quarters, in such manner as shall be directed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissioners appointed to ascertain claims and titles to land in East Florida, be, and they are hereby, authorized to continue their session until the first Monday of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, under the same laws, ordinances, and regulations, heretofore established for their government.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the act, entitled "An act to extend the time limited for the settlement of private land claims in Florida," as renders void all claims to land in said territory, not filed on or before the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and it shall be lawful for claims to be filed before the board of commissioners in East Florida, any time prior to the first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be appointed two additional clerks to the board of commissioners of East Florida, to each of whom shall be allowed the sum of seven hundred dollars, to be paid quarterly by the treasury of the United States.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That each of the commissioners appointed for the examination of claims in East Florida, be allowed at

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Act of April 22, 1826, ch. 29.

The Secretary of the Treasury, when satisfied that John Johnson, of Indiana, did enter, through mistake, certain half quarter sections of land, shall issue to him a patent for two others.

The commissioners of land claims in east Florida, to continue their session.

Part of the act extending the time for the settlement of private land claims in Florida, repealed.

Act of Feb. 24, 1824, ch. 25.

Two additional clerks for the board of commissioners of East Florida.

Compensation of the commissioners.

(a) See notes to the act of March 3, 1823, ch. 44.

(b) See note of the act of May 8, 1822, ch. 129.

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the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, in full for their services, to be paid quarterly at the treasury of the United States, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided, however,* That no one of said commissioners shall be entitled to draw any portion of the compensation hereby allowed him, except on showing an actual and faithful performance of the duties required of him.

Duty of the late commissioners and their clerk.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the late commissioners for the examination of titles and claims to lands in West Florida, and of their clerk, to deliver to the register and receiver of the land office for the western land district of Florida, all records, evidence, and papers, in the possession of them, or either of them, relating to said titles and claims. And it shall be the duty of said register and receiver to examine and decide on all titles and claims to land in West Florida, not heretofore decided upon by said commissioners, subject to the limitations, and in conformity with the provisions of the acts of Congress heretofore passed on that subject.

Duty of the register and receiver.

Claimants, where their claims have not heretofore been decided on, permitted to file them, &c., with the register and receiver, before Nov. 1.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the several claimants to lands, in said district, where claims have not been heretofore decided on, be permitted to file their claims, and the evidence in support of them, with the register and receiver of said district, at any time before the first day of November next, whose duty it shall be to report the same, with their decision thereon, to the Secretary of the Treasury, on or before the first day of January next, to be laid before Congress at the next session.

The register and receiver empowered to appoint their clerk.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the said register and receiver shall have power to appoint their clerk, and prescribe his duties, and who shall be allowed, in full compensation for his services, the sum of eight hundred dollars, and said register and receiver shall each be allowed the sum of one thousand dollars for the performance of the duties required of them by this act, which said several sums of money shall be paid said register and receiver, and their clerk, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, whenever the business is completed, and the report approved by the Secretary of the Treasury.

The President to appoint two keepers of the public archives in Florida.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint two officers, to be called the keepers of the public archives in the territory of Florida, one of whom shall keep his office at St. Augustine, in East Florida, and the other at Pensacola, in West Florida.

Officers to give bond and security for the faithful performance of their duties.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the said officers shall each give bond and security in the sum of twenty thousand dollars, for the safe keeping and preservation of the said archives, and for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices, and the translation of such of the records and documents as are hereinafter provided for, and shall each receive a salary of five hundred dollars, to be paid quarterly from the treasury of the United States.

Officers to cause a complete translation, &c., of the Spanish records having relation to the land claims.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That the said officers shall cause to be made a faithful and complete translation and record of all the Spanish records, and documents delivered to them, and having relation to land claims derived from the Spanish and British governments, distinguishing and keeping separately those which relate to grants made within the district of Baton Rouge, Mobile, north of latitude thirty-one, and those made within the present limits of Florida; a complete descriptive list of each of which translations and records, when completed, shall be forwarded to the Secretary of the Treasury, and the said officers shall, severally, be entitled to receive from the treasury of the United States, on the completion of the work, a compensation at the rate of ten cents for each hundred words by them translated and recorded.

Officers to deliver copies

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That the said officers shall make out and deliver to individual applicants, copies or translations of any

documents in their said offices, on being paid for the same at the rate of six and one fourth cents for each hundred words.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the several sums of money hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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Appropriations.

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CHAP. XCIII.—*An Act to authorize the sale of unserviceable ordnance, arms, and military stores.*

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[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be sold any ordnance, arms, ammunition or other military stores, or subsistence, or medical supplies, which, upon proper inspection or survey, shall appear to be damaged, or otherwise unsuitable for the public service, whenever, in his opinion, the sale of such unserviceable stores will be advantageous to the public service.

The President of the United States to cause to be sold any ordnance, &c., damaged to such a degree, as renders them useless to the public service.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the inspection or survey of the unserviceable stores shall be made by an inspector general, or such other officer or officers as the Secretary of War may appoint for that purpose; and the sales shall be made under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of War.

The inspection or survey to be made by an inspector general.

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CHAP. XCV.—*An Act authorizing the establishment of a navy yard and depot, on the coast of Florida, in the Gulf of Mexico.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to select and purchase a site for a navy yard and depot, on the coast of Florida, in the gulf of Mexico, and to erect such buildings, and make such improvements thereon as he may judge necessary for the accommodation and supply of the United States' vessels of war in that quarter; and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for effecting that object, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The President of the United States authorized to select a site for a navy yard and depot, on the coast of Florida.

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CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act to establish the city of Hudson and the city of Troy, in the state of New York, Bowdoinham, in the state of Maine, and Fairport, in the state of Ohio, ports of delivery, and to abolish Topsham as a port of delivery.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the city of Hudson and the city of Troy, in the state of New York, Bowdoinham, in the district of Bath, in the state of Maine, and Fairport, in the district of Cuyahoga, in the state of Ohio, be, and the same are hereby, severally, made, a port of delivery.

The cities of Hudson and Troy, in New York, &c. made ports of delivery.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the port of delivery established at Topsham, in the state of Maine, be, and the same is hereby, abolished.

The port of delivery at Topsham, in Maine, abolished.

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