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AN ACT
For the relief of the inhabitants of the Village of Peoria, in the State of Illinois.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every person, or the legal representatives of every person, who claims a lot or lots in the village of Peoria, in the state of Illinois, shall, on or before the first day of October next, deliver to the Register of the Land Office, for the district of Edwardsville, a notice in writing of his or her claim; and it shall be the duty of the said Register to make to the Secretary of the Treasury a report of all claims filed with the said Register, with the substance of the evidence in support thereof; and also his opinion and such remarks respecting the claims as he may think proper to make; which report, with a list of the claims which, in the opinion of the said Register, ought to be confirmed, shall be laid by the Secretary of the Treasury before Congress for their determination. And the said Register shall be allowed twenty-five cents for each claim on which a decision shall be made, whether such decision shall be in favor or against the claims; which allowance shall be in full for his services under this act.

H CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 15, 1820.—Approved,
[88] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
Granting to the state of Ohio the right of pre-emption to certain quarter sections of land.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, there be granted to the state of Ohio, at the minimum price for which the public lands are sold, the right of pre-emption to one quarter section, in or near the centre of each county, included in the purchase recently made of the Indians, by the Treaty concluded at St. Mary's, on the twentieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, for the establishment of a seat of justice in the said counties: *Provided,* The purchase be made before the commencement of the public sales: *And provided also,* That the proceeds of the sale of each quarter section, which may be made under the authority of the state of Ohio, shall be appropriated for the purpose of erecting public buildings in said counties respectively, after deducting therefrom the sums originally paid by the state aforesaid: *And provided further,* That the seat of justice for said counties respectively shall be fixed on the lands so selected.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 15, 1820.—Approved,
[89] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
To authorize the Governor of Illinois to obtain certain Abstracts of Lands from certain Public offices.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Register of the United States' land office at Vincennes, in the state of Indiana, to furnish to the Governor of the state of Illinois, when he shall apply for the same a complete abstract of all the lands which have been purchased at that office, or which may hereafter be purchased, which lie within the state of Illinois, designating the name of each purchaser, and the time of making the purchase; for which he shall be entitled to receive, from such applicant, at the rate of ten cents for each separate entry, a copy whereof is required: *Provided however,* That all the expense incurred by virtue of this act shall be defrayed by said state.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, upon the application of the governor of said state, to cause a complete abstract to be made out, for the use of said state, of all the military bounty lands which have been patented to the soldiers of the late army, lying within the same, designating the name of each patentee.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, May 15, 1820.—Approved,
[90] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
To amend the act, entitled "An act to provide for the publication of the Laws of the United States, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State shall as soon as conveniently may be, after he shall receive any order, resolution, or law, passed by Congress, except such orders, resolutions, and laws, as are of a private nature, cause the same to be published in a number of public newspapers not exceeding one in the District of Columbia, and in not more than three newspapers in each of the several states and territories of the United States. And he shall also cause to be published, in like manner, in the said newspapers, all public treaties entered into and ratified by the United States, except Indian treaties, which shall be published only in one newspaper, and that to be within the limits of the state, or territory, to which the subject matter of such treaty shall belong.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the first section of the act, entitled, *"An act to provide for the publication of the laws of the United States, and for other purposes,"* approved the 20th of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, be, and the same is hereby, repealed: *Provided,* That such repeal shall not be construed to prevent the payment of any compensation that may be due for the publication of the laws, previous to the promulgation of this act.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, May 11, 1820.—Approved,
[91] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
To alter the times of the session of the Circuit and District Courts in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, from and after the first day of January next, instead of the times now provided by law, for the session of the Circuit Court in the District of Columbia, the same shall be holden at the times and places following, that is to say: At Washington, in and for the county of Washington, on the first Monday in October, and on the second Monday in April, in every year: And in Alexandria, in and for the county of Alexandia, on the first Mondays in November and May, in every year.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the first day of July next, instead of the times now provided by law for the session of the District Court for the District of Columbia, the same shall be holden on the first Mondays in December and June in every year.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 11, 1820—Approved,
[92] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
To annex certain lands within the territory of Michigan to the District of Detroit.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the public lands of the United States within the territory of Michigan, to which the Indian title was extinguished by the treaty held and concluded at Saguina, in the said territory, on the twenty-fourth day of September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, shall be, and hereby are, attached, to and made part of, the District of Detroit, in the said territory.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the lands aforesaid, to which the Indian title has been extinguished, and which have not been reserved or appropriated by existing laws or treaties, shall be surveyed, and offered for sale, under the direction of the President of the United States, in the same manner, with the same reservations and exceptions, and upon the same terms and conditions in every respect, both at public and private sale, as are or may be provided by law, for the disposal of the other public lands within the said District.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 11, 1820.—Approved.
[93] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
Giving the right of pre-emption to James Shields

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That James Shields be, and he is hereby, entitled to preference in becoming the purchaser, at private sale, of fractional section numbered eighteen, in township numbered six north, of range numbered six east of the second principal meridian, within the limits of the Jeffersonville district; at the same price, and on the same terms, and conditions, as provided by law for the public lands in the said district at private sale.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 12, 1820.—Approved,
[94] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of James Leander Cathcart.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers in the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, authorized to settle the account of James Leander Cathcart, and to allow his claim for one half of a bill of exchange drawn by John Bobertson, master of the brig Independent, on the Secretary of State of the United States, paid by him, and charged to said James Leander Cathcart: also, for one thousand dollars paid by said Cathcart for the support of American captives at Algiers, and two thousand dollars paid by him for his ransom from Algerine captivity; and five thousand six hundred dollars, for twenty-eight months' service, between October, seventeen hundred and ninety four, and July seventeen hundred ninety-seven, in originating and promoting the negociation with Algiers, for the liberation of American captives, the conclusion of a treaty of peace, and the procuring in the United States the presents afterwards forwarded to Algiers. And that the said claims and services be paid to the said Cathcart, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated by law; the said Cathcart receiving the same in full satisfaction of all his claims against the United States.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 15, 1820.—Approved,
[95] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
Authorizing the settlement of the accounts between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American Consul at Algiers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to liquidate and settle the accounts subsisting between the United States and Richard O'Brien, late American Consul at Algiers, under the instruction and direction of the Secretary of State, and that the amount due upon such settlement to said Richard O'Brien, be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated: PROVIDED, That this act shall not be construed to authorize the allowance of any claim, except such as might have been settled at the department, but for the loss of vouchers, and that no allowance shall be made of any interest of the said Richard O'Brien, in the cargo of the Polacre Vicelage, captured on her passage from Algiers to United States.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, May 15, 1820.—Approved,
[96] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
To authorize the Secretary of State to cause the Laws of the Michigan Territory, to be printed and distrbuted, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Laws of the Michigan Territory in force, shall be printed, under the direction of the Secretary of State; and that a competent number of copies thereof shall be distributed among the people of said Territory, as the Governor and Judges thereof shall direct: PROVIDED, That the expence of such printing shall not exceed twelve hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That fifteen sets of the Laws of the United States, which were compiled by order of Congress and published by Bioren and Duane, in one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, shall be transmitted, by the Secretary of State, to said Territory, to be distributed therein, as the local government thereof may direct.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, April 24, 1820.—Approved.
[97] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of Samuel B. Beall.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Samuel B. Beall, the amount of two final settlement certificates, issued to the said Samuel B. Beall on the first of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, for his services as a lieutenant in the army of the United States during the revolutionary war, and numbered eighty nine thousand four hundred and fifty-six, and eighty-nine thousand four hundred and fifty seven, together with interest on the said certificates, at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the times they bore interest respectively, which said certificates were lost by the said Samuel B. Beall, and remain yet outstanding and unpaid: PROVIDED, That, before payment is made as aforesaid, the said Samuel B. Beall shall give bond to the United States, to be approved of by the Secretary of the Treasury, to refund the money, should the said certificates hereafter be presented for payment.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the sums to be paid, in pursuance of the first section of this act, shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 11th, 1820.—Approved:
[98] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
To establish an uniform mode of discipline and field exercise for the militia of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the system of discipline and field exercise which is and shall be ordered to be observed by the regular army of the United States, in the different corps of infantry, artillery, and riflemen, shall also be observed by the militia, in the exercises and decipline of the said corps, respectively, throughout the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the act of Congress, approved the eighth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, as approves and establishes the rules and dsicipline of the Baron De Stueben, and requires them to be observed by the militia throughout the United States, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN CAILLABD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 12, 1820.—Approved:
[99] JAMES MONROE.

RESOLUTION
Giving the consent of Congress to a compact concluded between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee, for the settlement of their boundary line.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress be, and the same is hereby, given to a compact or agreement, made and concluded, by and between the states of Kentucky and Tennessee at Frankfort, in Kentucky, on the second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, to adjust and establish the boundary line between them, and for other purposes.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 12, 1820.—Approved,
[100] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of Angus O. Fraser and others.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay out of any moneys in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to Angus O. Fraser, and others who, at the time of the seizure of the British vessel Ardent, in or near the river Mississippi, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eleven, by the United States' revenue cutter Louisiana, were officers of the said cutter, or to their legal representatives, the sum of five thousand two hundred and thirty nine dollars and sixty-two cents, in such proportions as, by law, they are severally entitled to; being one half of the amount paid into the Treasury as the United States' moiety of the net proceeds of the said vessel and cargo, condemned in the district court of the United States for the district of New Orleans; and to which half the said officers were entitled under the provisions of the "Act to prohibit the importation of certain goods, wares and merchandise," passed on the eighteenth day of April, one thousand eight hunded and six, to be distributed among the said officers, or their legal representatives, as provided by the said act.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 11, 1820.—Approved.
[101] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of James Merrill.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congess assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be placed on the list of navy pensioners, James Merrill, who, while engaged in the discharge of his duty, as an ordinary seaman, on board the United States' ship Adams, in the month of May, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, was accidentally injured by falling from the gun-deck into the hold of the ship; which injury has disabled him from obtaining a subsistence by labor. And in placing the said James Merrill on the list of pensioners, the Secretary of the Navy shall cause to be observed the regulations by law provided, in relation to persons authorized to be placed on the list of navy pensioners.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this law shall be construed to take effect from the twenty-third day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 4, 1820.—Approved,
[102] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of James Wilkinson.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department settle and discharge the amount of a judgment, with interest, if any shall have acrued, and cost, which General John Adair, lately in the Superior Court of Mississippi, recovered of General James Wilkinson, for false imprisonment, to the person who may have paid off said judgment, or, if undischarged, to the person entitled thereto.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a sum, not exceeding three thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of said expenses and damages.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 11, 1820.—Approved.
[103] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of the heirs and representatives of Isaac Melchior, deceased.

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 be, and he hereby is, authorized and required to cancel and annul a bond given by Leonard Jacoby, Henry Sheaff, and Mary Hassenclever, to the United States, bearing date the fourteenth day of December, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and three, in the penal sum of ten thousand two hundred and ninety-one dollars and twenty cents, with a condition for indemnifying the United States against any claim that might be made on account of certain certificates issued in favor of the Baron d'Uttrick, then represented to have been lost or mislaid, or on account of the payment made therefor, to the representatives of said Isaac Melchior, deceased.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 4, 1820.—Approved.
[104] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of Martha Flood.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to Martha Flood, administratrix of William Flood, late of Buckingham county, in the state of Virginia, the sum of one hundred and twenty-two dollars and four cents, being the amount paid by the said William Flood for the duty charged on a boiler used for the boiling of water only, which boiler was not legally subject to duty.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, May 11, 1820.—Approved:
[105] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of Jacob Konkopot and others, of the nation of Stockbridge Indians, residing in the state of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to ascertain and settle, upon the principles of justice and equity, the claim of Jacob Konkopot and others, of the nation of Stockbridge Indians; and the amount, if any, found due to the said Indians, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, that satisfactory proof be offered to the Secretary of War, of the actual service of such Indians on the Canadian frontier during the last war.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 4, 1820.—Approved.
[106] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of Joseph M. Skinner, administrator of George Skinner, deceased.

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 cause to be paid unto Joseph M. Skinner, deceased, the sum of twenty-five dollars, for a wagon and other property taken, by impressment, for the use of the United States; and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 4, 1820.—Approved:
[107] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
To continue in force the act passed on the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the second day of March one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine," and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act passed on the twentieth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, entitled "An act supplementary to an act entitled 'An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage,' passed the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine," shall continue in force for two years from the twentieth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and from that time until the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases of entry of merchandize for the benefit of drawback, the time of twenty days shall be allowed, from the date of the clearance of the ship or vessel in which the same shall be laden, for completing the entry, and taking the oath required by law: *Provided,* That the exporter shall, in every other particular, comply with the regulations and formalities heretofore established for entries of exportation for the benefit of drawback.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, April 18, 1820.—Approved.
[108] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of William Coffin and others.

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 be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to allow the drawback on so much of a quantity of whale and sea elephant oil, imported into the United States by William Coffin and others, in the brig Bonif, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, as shall appear to have been exported from the United States: PROVIDED, That it shall appear to his satisfaction, that all the requisites of the existing laws respecting draw backs have been complied with, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 4, 1820.—Approved,
[109] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of John Law and Jonathan Elliot, citizens of the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time allowed to John Law and Johnathan Elliot, (now purchasers and holders of a lot A, part of a reservation numbered TEN, in the City of Washington,) for complying with the building regulations of the said City of Washington, be extended for and during the term of one year, from and after the 30th day of July, eighteen hundred and twenty; any thing contained in any law of Congress, or any regulation made pursuant thereto, in any wise to the contrary notwithstanding.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 4, 1820.—Approved,
[110] JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT
For the relief of John B. Regnier.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That John B. Regnier, of Ohio, be, and he hereby is, authorized to locate in the Marietta district, any unappropriated quarter section of land which has been offered for sale by the United States; and, whenever the said Regnier shall have entered such quarter section with the register of the land office of the said district, it shall be the duty of the said register to give to him a certificate, describing the quarter section so entered; on the presentation of which to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, a patent shall issue to the said Regnier, for the aforesaid quarter section of land.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, May 2, 1820.—Approved,
[111] JAMES MONROE.

RESOLUTION
For the distribution of certain copies of the Journal of the Convention which formed the Convention.

Resolved, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be and he is hereby, directed to transmit one copy of the Journal of the Federal Convention at Philadelphia, in one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, which formed the Constitution of the United States, to each of the members, now alive, of the said Convention.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 8, 1820.—Approved:
[112] JAMES MONROE.

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