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AN ACT

Supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing Land Offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the claims to land said to be derived from the British or Spanish authorities, reported to the commissioner of the General Land Office by the registers and receivers of the land offices at St. Helena Court House, and at Jackson Court House, in the districts east and west of Pearl river, appointed under the authority of an act, entitled "an act for adjusting the claims to land and establishing land offices, in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans," which are contained in the several reports of the registers and receivers, and which are, in the opinion of the registers and receivers, valid, agreeably to the laws usages and customs of the said governments, be and the same are hereby recognized as valid and complete titles, against any claim on the part of the United States, or right derived from the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all the claims reported as aforesaid, and contained in the several reports of the said registers and receivers, founded on orders of survey, requettes, permission to settle, or other written evidences of claims derived from the Spanish authorities, which ought in the opinion of the registers and receivers to be confirmed, shall be confirmed, in the same manner as if the title had been completed: PROVIDED, That the confirmation of all the said claims provided for by this act, shall amount only to a relinquishment forever, on the part of the United States, of any claim whatever to the tract of land so confirmed or granted.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That every person, or his or her legal representative, whose claim is comprised in the lists or registers of claims reported by the registers and receivers, and the persons embraced in the list of actual settlers, or their legal representatives, not having any written evidence of claim reported as aforesaid, shall, when it appears by the said reports, or by the said lists, that the land claimed or settled on had been actually inhabited or cultivated by such person or persons in whose right he claims, on or before the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, be entitled to a grant for the land so claimed or settled on as a donation: PROVIDED, That no more than one tract shall be thus granted to any one person, and the same shall not contain more than six hundred and forty-six acres; and that no lands shall be thus granted which are claimed or recognised by the preceding sections of this act, or by virtue of a confirmation under an act, entitled "an act for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans," approved on the third day of March, eighteen hundred and nineteen: AND PROVIDED ALSO, That no claim shall be confirmed where the quantity was not ascertained and report made thereon by the registers and receivers, prior to the twenty-fifth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the registers and receivers of the public moneys of the said respective districts, except in relation to perfect titles as recognized in the first section of this act, and the first section of the act of the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, shall have power to direct the manner in which all lands claimed in virtue of the preceding sections shall be located and surveyed; and also to direct the location and manner of surveying all the claims to land recognized by the second, third, and fourth sections of an act entitled "an act for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans," approved on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, having regard to the laws, usages and customs of the Spanish government on that subject; and having regard also to the mode adopted by the government of the United States in surveying the claims to land confirmed by virtue of the second and third sections of an act of congress, entitled "an act regulating the grants of lands and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States south of the state of Tennessee," approved on the third March, one thousand eight hundred and three. And that in relation to all such claims which may conflict, or in any manner interfere, the said registers and receivers of public moneys of the respective districts shall have power to decide between the parties, and shall in their decision be governed by such conditional lines or boundaries as may have been agreed on between the parties, either verbally or in writing, at any time prior to the passage of this act. But upon the decision of those claims alluded to, which may conflict or interfere, and in relation to which the parties interested may have agreed on no conditional lines or boundaries as to the manner of locating the same, the said registers and receivers of the respective districts shall make an equal division of the land claimed, so as to allow each party his or their improvements: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That should it be made appear to the satisfaction of the register and receiver of public moneys of the respective districts, in any such case, that the subsequent settler had obtruded on the claim of the former, and had made his establishment after having been forbid so to do, the said registers and receivers of public moneys shall have power to decide between the parties according to the circumstances of the case and the principles of justice.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That patents shall be granted for all lands confirmed by virtue of the provisions of this act, in the same manner as patents are granted for lands confirmed under former acts, to which this is a supplement.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That to every person who shall appear to be entitled to a tract of land, under the second and third sections of this act, a certificate shall be granted by the register and receiver of the district in which the land lies, setting forth the nature of the claim, and the quantity allowed; for which certificate the party in whose favor it issues shall be paid one dollar, to be divided between the said receiver and register.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to remove the land office from St. Helena Court House to such other place within the said districts as he may deem suitable and convenient.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, May 8, 1822.
Approved:
JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

Confirming claims to Lots in the town of Mobile, and to land in the former Province of West Florida, which claims have been reported favorably on by the Commissioners appointed by the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the claims to lots in the town of Mobile, founded on complete grants derived from either the French, British, or Spanish authorities, reported to the Secretary of the Treasury by the commissioners for the district east of Pearl river, appointed under the authority of "An act for ascertaining the titles and claims to land in that part of Louisiana which lies east of the island of New Orleans," or which were so reported by the register and receiver, acting as commissioners, under the act of the third March, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, entitled "An act for adjusting claims to land, and establishing land offices, in the districts east of the island of New Orleans," which are contained in the reports of the commissioner, or of the register and receiver, acting as commissioners, and which are, in their opinion, valid agreeably to the laws, usages, and customs, of the said governments, be, and the same are hereby, recognized as valid.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all the claims to lots in the town aforesaid, reported as aforesaid, and contained in the reports of the commissioner, or of the register and receiver, acting as commissioners, founded on orders of survey, requittes, permissions to settle, or other written evidences of claims, derived from either the French, British, or Spanish authorities, and bearing date prior to the twentieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, and which ought, in the opinion of the commissioner, to be confirmed, shall be confirmed, in the same manner as if the title had been completed.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all the claims of lots in the town aforesaid, reported as aforesaid, and contained in the reports of the commissioner, or of the register and receiver, acting as commissioners, founded on private conveyances which have passed through the office of the commandant, or other evidence, but founded, as the claimants allege, on grants lost by time and accident, and which ought in the opinion of the commissioner, to be confirmed, shall be confirmed, in the same manner as if the titles were in existence: PROVIDED, That, in all such claims where the quantity claimed is not ascertained, no one claim shall be confirmed for a quantity exceeding seven thousand two hundred square feet.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That for all the other claims to lots in the town aforesaid, reported as aforesaid, which are contained in the report of the register and receiver, and which, by the said report, appear to have been built upon, or improved and occupied, on or before the fifteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, the claimants shall be entitled to grants therefor as donations: PROVIDED, That, in all such claims, where the quantity claimed is not ascertained, no one claim shall be confirmed for a quantity exceeding seven thousand two hundred square feet: AND PROVIDED ALSO, That all the confirmations and grants provided to be made by this act, shall amount only to a relinquishment forever, on the part of the United States, of all right and title whatever, to the lots of land so confirmed or granted.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the registers and receivers of the land offices at St. Helena Court House, and at Jackson Court House, respectively, shall have the same powers to direct the manner in which all lands confirmed by this act, shall be located and surveyed; and, also, to decide between the parties in all conflicting and interfering claims, as are given by the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts for adjusting the claims to land, and establishing land offices, in the districts east of the Island of New Orleans."

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 7, 1822.
Approved:
JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

To designate the bounderies of a Land District, and for the establishment of a Land Office, in the state of Indiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the sale of the unappropriated public lands in the state of Indiana, to which the Indian title is extinguished, the following district shall be formed and a land office established; All the public lands, as aforesaid, to which the Indian title was extinguished by the treaties concluded at St. Mary's in the month of October, eighteen hundred and eighteen, lying east of the range line, seperating the first and second ranges, east of the second principal meridian, extended north to the present Indian boundary, and north of a line to be run seperating the tiers of townships numbered twenty and twenty-one commencing on the old Indian boundary, in range thirteen east of the said principal meridian, in Randolph county, and the said district to be bounded on the east by the line dividing the states of Ohio and Indiana, shall from a district, for which a land office shall be established at Fort Wayne.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President is hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, for the aforesaid district, a Register of the Land Office, and a receiver of the Public Moneys; which appointments shall not be made, for the aforesaid land district, until a sufficient quantity of public lands shall have been surveyed within the said district, as to authorise, in the opinion of the President, a public sale of land within the same: which Register of the Land Office, and Receiver of Public Moneys, when appointed, shall each, respectively, give security, in the same sums, and in the same manner, and whose compensation, emoluments, and duties, and authority, shall, in every respect, be the same in respect to the lands which shall be disposed of at their offices, as are or may be provided by law in relation to the Registers and Receivers of Public Moneys in the several land offices established for the disposal of the public lands of the United States, in the States of Ohio and Indiana.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all the public lands within the aforesaid district, to which the Indian title has been extinguished, and which have not been granted to, or secured for, the use of any individual, or individuals, or appropriated and reserved for any other purpose, by any existing treaties or laws, and with the exception of section numbered sixteen, in each township, which shall be reserved for the support of schools therein, shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder, at the land office for the said district, under the direction of the Register of the Land Office, and Receiver of Public Moneys, on such day or days, as shall, by proclamation of the President of the United States, be designated for that purpose: the lands shall be sold in tracts of the same size, on the same terms and conditions, and every other respect, as provided by the act, entitled "An act making further provisions for the sale of the public lands;" approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and twenty.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That, the President of the United States shall have power, and he is hereby authorized, to remove, whenever he shall judge it expedient so to do, the land office aforesaid, to such suitable place, within the said district, as he shall judge most proper.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That, the Register of the Land Office, and Receiver of Public Moneys, shall, each, receive five dollars for each day's attendance in superintending the public sales, in the said district.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, May 8, 1822.
Approved:
JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

To establish an additional Land Office 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 so much of the public lands of the United as lie east of the Mississippi river, north of the line separating the thirteenth and fourteenth tiers of townships north of the base line, and west of the third principal meridian, in the state of Illinois, shall form a land district, for the disposal of said lands, and for which purpose a land office shall be established at such place therein, as the President of the United States shall designate, until the same shall be permanently fixed by law.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be a register and receiver appointed to the said land office, to superintend the sales of the public lands in the said district, who shall reside at the place where the said office shall be established as aforesaid, give security in the same manner, in the same sums, and whose compensation, emoluments, and duties, and authorities, shall, in every respect, be the same in relation to the lands which shall be disposed of at their offices, as are, or may be, by law provided in relations to the registers and receivers of public moneys in the several offices established for the sale of the public lands. PROVIDED, That the said appointments shall not be made until a sufficient quantity of public lands shall have been surveyed within the said district, to authorize, in the opinion of the President, a public sale of lands within the same.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of the second, third and fifth sections of the act entitled "an act to designate the boundaries of districts, and establish land offices for the disposal of the public lands not heretofore offered for sale in the states of Ohio and Indiana," approved March third, eighteen hundred and nineteen, and the act entitled "an act making further provision for the sale of the public lands," approved April twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and twenty, be and the same are hereby made applicable to the said district and office, so far as they are not changed by subsequent laws of the United States.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington May 8, 1822.
Approved:
JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

Requiring surveyors general to give bond and security for the faithful disbursement of public money and to limit their term of office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, from and after the passing of this act, every Surveyor General, commissioned by the authority of the United States, shall, before entering on the duties of his office, and every Surveyor General now in commission, shall, on or before the thirtieth day of September next, execute and deliver to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, a bond, with good and sufficient security, for the penal sum of thirty thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful disbursement, according to law, of all public money placed in his hands for disbursement, and for the faithful performance of the duties of his office.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the commission of every Surveyor General, now in office, shall, unleas sooner vacated, by death, resignation, or removal from office, cease and expire on the first day of February next; and the commission of every Surveyor General, hereafter commissioned by the authority of the United States, shall cease and expire, unless sooner vacated, by death, resignation, or removal from office, in four years from the date of the commission.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States shall, and he is hereby authorized, whenever he may deem it expedient, require any Surveyor General of the United States to give new bond and additional security, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the faithful disbursement, according to law, of all money placed in his hands for disbursement.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 7, 1822.
Approved:
JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

Providing for the disposal of the Public Lands in the state of Mississippi, and for the better organization of the land districts in the states of Alabama and Mississippi.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that tract of country which was ceded to the United States by a treaty with the Choctaw Indians, held on the eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty, near Doake's stand, in the state of Mississippi, be, and the same is hereby, formed into a land district; and for the disposal of the public lands in the said district, a land office shall be established within the same, at such convenient place as the President of the United States may direct and appoint; and for said office a Register and Receiver shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall severally give bond, with security, before entering on the duties of their respective offices, in like manner, and for like sums; shall receive similar compensation, fees, and emoluments, and shall perform similar duties, and possess similar powers, with all other Registers and Receivers of public moneys of the United States, appointed by law for the disposal of the public land; and shall, in all respects, be governed by the laws of the United States providing for the disposal of the public lands: PROVIDED HOWEVER, That the first sale of the lands within the district aforesaid may be held at such convenient place within the district west of Pearl river as the President of the United States may appoint: AND PROVIDED, ALSO, That the President may, if it should be necessary, in consequence of the establishment of a new basis meridian, attach a portion of the land otherwise belonging to the district established by this act to the district west of Pearl river.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, when he shall think proper, to cause so much of the land within the district created by this act, or which may be attached to the district of Pearl river, and which may be surveyed, to be exposed to sale, on the same terms and conditions, and in the same manner, as all other public lands of the United States, with the exception of section numbered sixteen, in each township, which shall be reserved for the use of schools within the same; and of such other reservations, as now may, or hereafter may, exist, by virtue of any act of cession, treaty, or law of the United States: and for the lands so sold, patents shall issue on the terms and conditions, and in the manner provided by law in relation to all other public lands of the United States.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That all the lands lying on the east side of the Tombigbee river, in the state of Mississippi, and to which the Indian title has been extinguished, be, after the thirtieth day of October next, attached to the district of established by the first section of this act, and the public lands therein shall be sold, on the same terms and conditions, and in the same manner, and patents shall issue for the lands so sold, agreeably to the provisions of the laws for the disposal of the public lands of the United States, in the state of Mississippi, with the exception of section numbered sixteen, in each township, which shall be reserved for the use of schools within the same, and of such other reservations as now are made, or hereafter may be made, by law. And it shall be the duty of the Register of the district of Madison county, under the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to transfer such books, maps, and records, or transcripts thereof, to the Register appointed for the district established by the first section of this act, as may be necessary to carry into complete effect the provisions of this section of this act.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That, from and after the thirtieth day of October next, such part of the district east of Pearl river, as lies within the state of Mississippi, be attached to, and constituted a part of, the district of Jackson county; and the President of the United States shall cause the land office to be removed to such place, within the district of Jackson county, as established by this act, as he may deem convenient; and that part of the district of Jackson county which lies within the state of Alabama shall be attached to, and constitute, a part of, the district east of Pearl river, in Alabama; and it shall be the duty of the register of the district east of Pearl river, and the register of the district of Jackson County, each, to transfer to the other such books, records, surveys, or the transcripts thereof, as shall be necessary to carry into complete effect the provisions of this section of this act.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, 6th May, 1822.
Approved:
JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

To amend an act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," approved thirtieth March, 1802.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the seventh section of the act, entitled "An act to regulate trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes, and to preserve peace on the frontiers," shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and, from and after the passing of this act, it shall be lawful for the superintendents of Indian affairs in the territories, and Indian agents, under the direction of the President of the United States, to grant licences to trade with Indian tribes; which licences shall be granted to citizens of the United States, and to none others, taking from them bonds, with securities, in the penal sum, not exceeding five thousand dollars, proportioned to the capital employed, and conditioned for the due observance of the laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes; and said licences may be granted for a term not exceeding seven years, for the trade with the remote tribes of Indians beyond the Mississippi, and two years for the trade with all the other tribes. And the superintendents and agents shall return to the Secretary of War, within each year, an abstract of all licences granted, showing by and to whom, when, and where granted, with the amount of the bonds and capital employed, to be laid before Congress, at the next session thereof.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United States, in execution of the power vested in him by the twenty first section of the act of the thirtieth March, one thousand eight hundred and two, aforesaid, to which this is an amendment to direct Indian agents, governors territories acting as superintendents of Indian affairs, and military officers, to cause the stores and packages of goods of all traders, to be searched upon suspicion or information that ardent spirits are carried into the Indian countries by said traders, in violation of the said twenty-first section of the act to which this is an amendment: and if any ardent spirits shall be so found, all the goods of the said traders shall be forfeited, one half to the use of the informer the other half to the use of the government, his licence cancelled, and bond put in suit.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That all purchases for, and on account of, Indians, for annuities, presents and otherwise, shall be made by the Indian agents and Governors of territories acting as superintendents within their respective districts, and all persons, whatsoever, charged or trusted with the disbursement or application of money, goods or effects, of any kind, for the benefit of Indians, shall settle their accounts, annually, at the War Department, on the first day of September; and copies of the same shall be laid before Congress at the commencement of the ensuing session by the proper accounting officer, together with a list of the names of all persons to whom money, goods, or effects, had been delivered, within the said year, for the benefit of the Indians, specifying the amount and object for which it was intended, and showing who are delinquent, if any, in forwarding their accounts according to the provisions of this act.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That in all trials about the right of property, in which Indians shall be party on one side, and white persons on the other, the burthen of proof shall rest upon the white person, in every case in which the Indian shall make out a presumption of title in himself, from the fact of previous possession and ownership.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That it shall and may be lawful for the President of the United States, from time to time, to require additional security, and in larger amounts, from all persons charged or trusted under the laws of the United States, with the disbursement or application of money, goods or effects of any kind, for the benefit of the Indians.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, may appoint a superintendent of Indian affairs, to reside at St. Louis, whose powers shall extend to all Indians frequenting that place, whose salary shall be fifteen hundred dollars per annum; and one agent for the tribes within the limits of East and West Florida, with a salary of fifteen hundred dollars.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Washington, May 6, 1822.
Approved:
JAMES MONROE.

In Council.

APRIL 23, 1822.

ORDERED, that the act to repeal all that part of the constitution and form of government as relates to the division of Dorchester county, into 5 seperate election districts, be published once a week for six weeks in the Maryland Republican, the Easton Star, and Easton Gazette.

By order,
NINIAN PINKNEY,
Clerk of the Council.

AN ACT

To repeal all that part of the Constitution and form of Government as relates to the division of Dorchester county into five seperate election districts.

Passed Feb. 21, 1822.

Sec. 1. AND BE IT ENACTED, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That all that part of the constitution and form of Government whereby Dorchester county hath been divided and laid off into five seperate election districts be and the same is hereby repealed.

2. AND BE IT ENACTED, That Dorchester county shall be divided into six seperate election districts.

3. AND BE IT ENACTED, That if this act shall be confirmed by the general assembly of Maryland, after the next election of delegates, in the first session after such new election, as the constitution and form of government directs in such case, this act and the alterations herein contained shall constitute and be considered as a part of the said constitution and form of Government, to all intents and purposes, any thing therein contained to the contrary notwithstanding.

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Ten Dollars Reward.

THE subscriber will give the above reward for apprehendig and bringing to him in Chestertown, RICHARD SIMMONDS, who escaped from the gaol in Chestertown on last night, and who was committed on a charge of forgery.

EDWARD BROWN,
Sheriff of Kent county.

Chestertown, April 2d, 1822.
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