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[PUBLIC ACTS.]

AN ACT

To amend the ordinance and acts of Congress, for the government of the territory of Michigan, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all citizens of the United States, having the qualifications prescribed by the act, entitled "An act authorizing the election of a delegate from the Michigan territory to the Congress of the United States, and extending the right of suffrage to the citizens of said territory," approved February the sixteenth, eighteen hundred and nineteen, shall be entitled to vote at any public election in the said territory, and shall be eligible to any office therein.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, the same powers which were granted to the Governor, Legislative Council, and House of Representatives, of the Northwestern territory, by the ordinance of Congress, passed on the tenth day of July, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, and which powers are transferred to the territory of Michigan by the act, entitled "An act to divide the Indiana territory into two separate governments," approved January the eleventh, eighteen hundred and five, are hereby conferred upon, and shall be exercised by, the Governor and a Legislative Council; which Council shall consist of nine persons, any five of whom shall be a quorum, and who shall serve for the term of two years, and be appointed as follows, to wit: At the next election of the delegate to Congress from the said territory, after the passing of this act, the qualified electors shall choose, by ballot, eighteen persons, having the qualifications of electors; and such election shall be conducted, certified, and the result declared, agreeably to the territorial law, prescribing the mode of electing such delegate. But the time and manner of electing the members of the Legislative Council shall, after the first election, be prescribed by the legislature of the said territory; and the names of the eighteen persons, having the greatest number of votes shall be transmitted, by the governor of the said territory, to the President of the United States, who shall nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint, therefrom, the said Legislative Council: and vacancies occurring in the said council, shall be filled in the same manner, from the list transmitted as aforesaid: And the President shall have power, in the recess of the Senate, to make the appointments authorized by this act; but all appointments, so made, shall be submitted to the Senate at their next session, for confirmation. The first Legislative Council shall be assembled at such time and place as the Governor shall, by proclamation, designate. No session in any one year, shall exceed the term of sixty days, nor shall any act passed by the Governor and the Legislative Council be valid, after the same shall have been disapproved by Congress. The members of the Legislative Council shall receive two dollars each, per day, during their attendance at the sessions thereof, and two dollars for every twenty miles in going to, and returning therefrom, in full compensation for their services, and which shall be paid by the United States: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect the right of the citizens of said territory to elect a delegate to Congress; and the duties required of the Govenor [Governor] and Judges by the act referred to in the first section of this act, shall be performed by the Govenor [Governor] and Legislative Council.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the powers and duties of the Judges of the said territory shall be regulated by such laws as are, or may be, in force therein; and the said Judges shall possess a chancery, as well as common law jurisdiction. The tenure of office of the said Judges shall be limited to four years: and on the first day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, and every four years thereafter, the office of each of the said Judges shall become vacant: Provided, That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to deprive the Judges of the territory of the jurisdiction conferred upon them by the laws of the United States.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Legislature shall have power to submit, at any time, to the people of said territory, the question, whether a General Assembly shall be organized agreeably to the provisions of the ordinance aforesaid; and, if a majority of the qualified electors shall be in favor of such organization, then the powers vested by this act in the Legislative Council, shall cease and determine, and a General Assembly shall be organized, in conformity with the said ordinance, subject to the following provision: The Govenor [Governor] of the said Territory shall divide the same into five districts, and the qualified voters in each district shall elect one member of the Legislative Council, which shall possess the same powers heretofore granted to the Legislative Council of the Northwestern Territory; and the members of the Council shall hold their offices four years; and, until there shall be five thousand free white male inhabitants, of twenty-one years and upwards, in said Territory, the whole number of Representatives to the General Assembly shall not be less than seven, nor more than nine, to be apportioned by the Govenor [Governor,] to the several counties in the said Territory, agreeably to the number of free white males above the age of twenty-one years, which they may contain: but if after the organization of the General Assembly, the apportionment of the representation shall be made by such Assembly: Provided, That there shall not be more than twelve, nor less than seven, of the whole number of Representatives, until there shall be six thousand free white male inhabitants, above the age of twenty-one years; after which the number of Representatives shall be regulated agreeably to the ordinance aforesaid.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the Govenor [Governor] of the said Territory shall have power to grant pardons for offences against the laws of the said Territory and reprieves for those against the United States, until the decision of the President theron [thereon] shall be made known.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the ordinance aforesaid, and laws of the United States, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby, as respects the territory of Michigan, repealed.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the first day of June next, there shall be but one Clerk of the Supreme Court of the Territory of Michigan, who shall perform all the duties of Clerk of said Court, whether sitting as a Circuit and District Court, or as Judges of the Territorial Court.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the accounting officers of the Treasury shall settle and adjust the accounts of John J. Deming, making him a reasonable allowance for his services as Clerk of said District and Circuit Court, up to the first day of June next, and that the same be paid out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, March 3, 1823.
Approved:
46 JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

In addition to the act, entitled "An act for the prompt settlement of Public Accounts," and for the punishment of the crime of perjury.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, in the settlement of accounts of persons remaining charged, on the books of the Third Auditor of the Treasury, with public moneys, advanced prior to the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, the proper accounting officers be, and they are hereby, authorised to admit, to the credit of such persons, respectively, the amount of any expenditures made by them, which were, at the time, authorized by law, or regulations, notwithstanding regular vouchers for the same may not be produced, if the impracticability of producing such vouchers shall be proved to the satisfaction of the said accounting officers; and if the evidence exhibited, in lieu thereof, shall be the best the nature of the several cases will admit of, and such as will be received in courts of justice: Provided nevertheless, That the credits to be allowed, shall, in no case, exceed, in amount, the sums with which such persons, respectively shall be charged on the books of the said Third Auditor.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, whenever, in the settlement of the accounts before mentioned, a difference of opinion shall rise between the accounting officers, as to the extent of the credits to be allowed, under, or by virtue of this act, such case shall be referred to the Secretary of War, whose decision shall be conclusive. And it is, hereby, made the duty of the said Secretary, to cause to be communicated to Congress, at the commencement of each session, a statement comprising the names of the persons whose accounts shall have been settled the preceding year, agreeably to the provisions of this act, together with the amount which shall have been passed to the credit of each, under the several heads of expenditure, and upon evidence other than such as has been prescribed by the laws and regulations existing before the passage of this act.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person shall swear, or affirm, falsely, touching the expenditure of public money, or in support of any claim against the United States, he or she shall, upon conviction thereof, suffer as for wilful and corrupt perjury.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, March 1, 1823.
Approved:
47 JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

For the punishment of frauds committed on the government of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That if any person or persons shall falsely make, alter, forge, or counterfeit; or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged, or counterfeited; or willingly aid or assist in the false making, altering, forging or counterfeiting, any deed, power of attorney, order, certificate, receipt or other writing, for the purpose of obtaining or receiving, or of enabling any other person or persons, either directly or indirectly, to obtain or receive, from the United States, or any of their officers or agents, any sum or sums of money; or shall utter, or publish as true, or cause to be uttered or published as true, any such false, forged, altered or counterfeited deed, power of attorney, order, certificate, receipt, or other writing, as aforesaid, with intent to defraud the United States, knowing the same to be false, altered, forged or counterfeited; or shall transmit to, or present at, or cause to be transmitted to, or presented at, any office or officer of the government of the United States, any deed, power of attorney, order, certificate, receipt, or other writing, in support of, or in relation to, any account or claim, with intent to defraud the United States, knowing the same to be false, altered, forged or counterfeited, every such person shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of felony; and being thereof duly convicted, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned and kept at hard labor, for a period not less than one year, nor more than ten years; or shall be imprisoned, not exceeding five years, and fined, not exceeding one thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons shall knowingly have in his, her or their possession, any false, altered, forged, or counterfeited deed, power of attorney, order, certificate, receipt, or other writing, for the purpose of enabling any person or persons, either directly or indirectly, to obtain or receive from the United States, or any of its officers or agents, any sum or sums of money, knowing the same to be false, altered, forged or counterfeited, as aforesaid, with intent to defraud the United States, every such person, upon being thereof duly convicted, shall be fined and imprisoned at the discretion of the court, according to the nature and aggravation of the offence: Provided nevertheless, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to deprive the courts of the several states of jurisdiction, under the laws thereof, over offences declared punishable by this law.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Sena e, pro tempore.
Washington, March 3, 1823.
Approved:
48 JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

Extending the time for locating Virginia Military Land Warrants and returning surveys thereon to the General Land Office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, on the continental establishment, their heirs or assigns, entitled to bounty lands within the country reserved by the state of Virginia, between the little Miami and Scioto rivers, shall be allowed a further time of two years, from the fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, to obtain warrants, and to complete their locations; and the further time of four years, from the fourth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, to return their surveys and warrants, or certified copies of warrants, to the General Land Office, to obtain patents.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of the act, entitled 'An act authorising patents to issue for lands located and surveyed, by virtue of certain Virginia resolution-warrants,' passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven, shall be revived, and in force, with all its restrictions, except that the respective times allowed for making locations, and returning surveys thereon, shall be limited to the terms prescribed by the first section of this act, for the location and return of surveys on other warrants; and that the surveys shall be returned to the General Land Office: Provided, That no locations, as aforesaid, in virtue of this or the preceding section of this act, shall be made on tracts of lands for which patents had previously been issued, or which had been previously surveyed; and any patent, which may nevertheless be obtained for land located contrary to the provisions of this act, shall be considered null and void.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no holder of any warrant which has been, or may be located, shall be permitted to withdraw or remove the same, and locate it on any other land, except in cases of eviction, in consequence of a legal judgment first obtained, or unless it be found to interfere with a prior location and survey; nor shall any lands heretofore sold by the United States, within the boundaries of said reservation, be subject [to] location by the holder of any such unlocated warrant.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, March 1, 1823.
Approved:
49 JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

Granting to the state of Alabama 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 Alabama, at the minimum price for which public lands of the United States are sold, the right of pre-emption to one quarter section of land, in, or near, the centre of each of the counties of Marengo, Perry, and Decatur, of the state aforesaid, in trust for said counties, respectively, for the establishment of seats of justice therein: Provided, That the proceeds of the sale of each of said quarter sections shall be appropriated for the purpose of erecting public buildings in the county for which it is located, after deducting therefrom the amount originally paid for the same: And provided further, That the seat of justice for said counties, respectively, shall be fixed and continued on the lands so located and selected.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, March 3, 1823.
Approved:
50 JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

To continue in force an act, entitled 'An act to provide for Reports of Decisions of the Supreme Court,' passed the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Reporter who shall, from time to time, be appointed by the Supreme Court of the United States, to report its decisions, shall be entitled to receive, from the Treasury of the United States, as an annual compensation for his services, the sum of one thousand dollars: Provided, nevertheless, The said compensation shall not be paid unless the said Reporter shall print and publish, or cause to be printed and published, the decisions of said Court, made during the time he shall act as such Reporter, within nine months after such decision shall be made; and shall deliver eighty copies of the decisions, so printed and published, to the Secretary of State, without any expense to the United States; which copies shall be distributed as follows, to wit: to the President of the United States, the Judges of the Supreme Court, the Judges of the District Courts, the Attorney General of the United States, the Secretaries of State, Treasury, War, and Navy, the Comptrollers of the Treasury, and the Judges of the several Territories of the United States, one copy each; five copies for the use of each House of Congress; and the residue of the copies shall be deposited in the Library of Congress.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in case of the death, resignation, or dismission from office, of either of the officers before mentioned, the copies of the decisions, delivered to them as aforesaid, shall belong to, and be delivered over to, their successors in said offices.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall be, and continue, in force for three years, and no longer.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, March 3, 1823.
Approved:
51 JAMES MONROE.

AN ACT

To carry into effect the ninth article of the treaty concluded between the United States and Spain, the twenty-second day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Judges of the Superior Courts established at St. Augustine and Pensacola, in the territory of Florida, respectively, shall be, and they are hereby, authorised and directed to receive and adjust all claims, arising within their respective jurisdictions, of the inhabitants of said territory, or their representatives, agreeably to the provisions of the ninth article of the treaty with Spain, by which the said territory was ceded to the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases in which said judges shall decide in favor of the claimants, the decisions, with the evidence on which they are founded, shall be, by the said judges, reported to the Secretary of the Treasury, who on being satisfied that the same is just and equitable, within the provisions of the said treaty, shall pay the amount thereof to the person or persons in whose favor the same is adjudged, out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, March 3, 1823.
Approved:
52 JAMES MONROE.

Land for sale.

BY virtue of a decree of the high Court of Chancery, will be offered at public sale at the Court House door in Easton, at 12 o'clock on Tuesday, the 3d day of June next, all the Property in and about the said town of Easton, containing part of a tract called Abraham's Lot, part of a tract called Londonderry, and part of another tract; which was devised by the late William Rose to his daughter Elizabeth Nice and her children; and which is now vested in Susanna M. Nice and James R. Nice, as survivors of their mother and brother, for the lives of the said Susanna and James; the said property having been laid down by the surveyor of Talbot county and found to contain the quantity of 25 acres, more or less, including 3 acres subject to a right of dower in Mrs. Scott, relict of the said William Rose, and now in the occupancy of Thomas P. Smith, Esq.

As, from the proximity of the above property to the town of Easton, and the capacity of a part of it to be converted into an excellent meadow, joined with numerous other advantages, it is presumed there will be many bidders for it; I would accommodate them by dividing it into lots of convenient dimensions.

The terms of sale are; one fourth of the purchase money in cash, and the remainder in 6 and 12 months from the day of sale, with bonds or notes and approved security for the payment of the same, with interest on the whole purchase-money from the day of sale.

ALEX'R. C. BULLITT, Trustee.
may 12 4w

For Sale,

BY order of the orphans court of Talbot county, will be sold on Tuesday 3d of June, on the Court House green, between twelve and one o'clock, a NEGRO GIRL about twelve years old, the property of the late Aldern Maynard, deceased, accustomed to nursing children and is a good house servant. Attendance given by

FOSTER MAYNARD, Admr.
of Aldern Maynard, dec'd.
may 20 3w

Public Sale.

WILL be sold at public sale, on Wednesday the 4th day of June next, at the late residence of Mr. Jesse Kirby, deceased, if fair, if not, the next fair day,

ALL THE PERSONAL ESTATE

of said Kirby consisting of Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Hogs and Househould and Kitchen Furniture.——Also, a quantity of Corn and Corn-Blades; one Canoe, and likewise a quantity of Bacon. A credit of six months will be given on all sums of and above six dollars, the purchaser or purchaser giving note with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale—the cash will be required on all sums under six dollars. Sale to commence at 10 o'clock A. M. and attendance given by

ELIZABETH KIRBY, Adm'rx.
of Jesse Kirby, dec'd.
may 27 2w

Public Sale.

WILL be sold at Public Sale, on Wednesday the 11th day of June next, if fair, if not the next fair day, at the late residence of John Scott, late of Talbot county, deceased, all the personal estate of said Scott, consisting of Negroes, Cattle, Sheep and Hogs, Bacon, Corn and Corn Blades & Household and Kitchen Furniture—Also one

SCHOONER,

two Barges, and many other articles too tedious to mention—A credit of six months will be given on all sums of and above six dollars, the purchaser or purchasers giving note with approved security, bearing interest from the day of sale, the cash will be required on all sums under six dollars—Sale to commence at 10 o'clock, A. M. and attendance given by

ARTHUR HOLT, Ex'r.
of John Scott, dec'd.
may 27 3w

Land in Caroline county

FOR SALE.

To be sold pursuant to the last will and testament of Mrs. Mary Trippe, deceased, the Farm or Plantation lately belonging to her, situate and lying in the upper part of Caroline county, on the road leading from Greensborough to the Nine Bridges, and consisting of part of a tract of land called 'Hunter's Forest,' of part of another tract called 'Mount Pleasant,' and of another tract called 'Harrington's Neglect,' and containing about two hundred acres of land.—Persons disposed to purchase will examine the premises; and for the terms of sale, which will be reasonable, they will apply to the subscriber in Easton; who, on the ratification of the contract, will convey an undisputed title.

CHRISTIANA SETH, Trustee.
Easton, sep 24 w

AN ACT

To extend the time allowed for the redemption of Lands sold for Direct Tax in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the time allowed for the redemption of lands, which have been, or may be, sold for the non-payment of taxes, under the several acts, passed the second day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and the fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, for laying and collecting a direct tax within the United States, so far as the same have been purchased for, or on behalf of, the United States, be revived and extended for the further term of two years, from and after the expiration of the present session of Congress: Provided, That on such redemption, interest shall be paid, at the rate of twenty per centum per annum, on the taxes aforesaid, and on the addition of twenty per centum, chargeable thereon; and the right of redemption shall enure, as well to the heirs and assignees of the lands so purchased on behalf of the United States, as to the original owners thereof.

PHILIP P. BARBOUR,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
Washington, March 3d, 1823.
Approved:
JAMES MONROE.

All persons, within the Second Collection District of Maryland (composed of Queen Ann's, Caroline and Talbot counties) who are interested in the foregoing act of Congress, are hereby notified that their lands may be redeemed on application to the subscriber at his office in Centreville.

WILLIAM CHAMBERS,
Coll. 2d Dist. of Maryland.
may 27 4w

Maryland:

QUEEN-ANN'S COUNTY ORPHAN'S COURT,
May Term, 1823.

On application of Rachel Busick, Executrix of Senah Busick, late of Queen-Ann's county, deceased—It is ordered, that she give the notice required by law for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate; and that the same be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks in one of the newspapers printed at Easton.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of proceedings of the orphans court of the county aforesaid, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and the public seal of my office affixed, this 20th day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

L. S.

Test— THO. C. EARLE, Reg.
of Wills for Queen-Ann's county.

PURSUANT TO THE ABOVE ORDER,
Notice is hereby given,

That the subscriber, of Queen-Ann's county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Queen-Ann's county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Senah Busick, late of Queen-Ann's county, deceased—All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 20th day of November next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand this 20th day of May, A. D. eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

RACHEL BUSICK, Ex'tx.
of Senah Busick, dec'd.
may 27 3w

Maryland:

QUEEN-ANN'S COUNTY ORPHANS' COURT.
May Term, 1823.

On application of William H. De Courcy Wright, Executor of Gustavus W. T. Wright, late of Queen-Ann's county, deceased—It is ordered, that he give the notice required by law, for creditors to exhibit their claims against the said deceased's estate, and that the same be published once in each week for the space of three successive weeks, in one of the newspapers printed in the town of Easton, and in one of the Baltimore newspapers.

In testimony that the foregoing is truly copied from the minutes of proceedings of the orphans court of the county aforesaid, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and the public seal of my office affixed, this 20th day of May, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

L. S.

Test— THO. C. EARLE, Reg.
of Wills for Queen-Ann's county.

PURSUANT TO THE ABOVE ORDER,
Notice is hereby given,

That the subscriber, of Queen-Ann's county, hath obtained from the orphans court of Queen-Ann's county, in Maryland, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Gustavus W. T. Wright, late of Queen-Ann's county, deceased—All persons having claims against the said deceased's estate, are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 20th day of November next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand this 20th day of May, A. D. eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

WM. H. DE COURCY WRIGHT,
Ex'r. of Gustavus W. T. Wright, dec'd.
may 27 3w

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