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SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That every person claiming a tract of land by virtue of this act shall, before the first day of October next, deliver to the register of the land-office within whose district the land may be, a notice of his claim in writing, together with a plat of the tract of land claimed; and if any person shall fail to deliver such notice and plat, the person or persons so failing, shall forfeit all claim or pretension of claim to such tract of land, and the same shall be sold with the other lands of the United States in said territory.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That persons entitled to a right of pre-emption under the first section of this act, shall be allowed until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and nine, to make the first payment of the purchase money of such tract or tracts of land as may be claimed by virtue of said section, and the residue of the said purchase money shall be paid in the same manner, and under the same conditions as directed for the other lands in said territory.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That this act shall not extend to any person or persons claiming other lands in said territory in his or their own right, by virtue of British or Spanish grants, or to any person or persons to whom a donation has been granted, by either of the said boards of commissioners.

APPROVED, January 19, 1808.

CHAP. XI.—An Act to receive and continue in force for a further time the first section of the act, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act passed on the twenty-fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and four, intituled "An act further to protect the commerce and seamen of the United States against the Barbary powers," as is contained in the first section of the said act, be, and the same hereby is revived and continued in force, until the first day of January next: Provided however, that the additional duty laid by the said section, shall be collected on all such goods, wares and merchandise, liable to pay the same, as shall have been imported previous to that day.

APPROVED, January 19, 1808.

CHAP. XII.—An Act to provide for the payment of certain expenses incurred in the impeachment of Samuel Chase.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby directed to audit and settle the accounts of all persons who may have claims against the United States, for expenses incurred in the inquiry into the conduct, and in the impeachment of Samuel Chase; which expenses may have been authorized by the committee of inquiry, or the managers of the said impeachment: Provided, that the said accounts shall have been first certified by the chairman of the said committee, or managers; and the same shall be paid out of any monies in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 21, 1808.

CHAP. XIV.—An Act to continue in force for a limited time an act, intituled "An act continuing for a limited time the salaries of the officers of government therein mentioned."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act passed on the
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twentieth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and four, inti-
tuled “An act continuing for a limited time the salaries of the officers of
government, therein mentioned,” shall be, and continue in force for the
term of three years, and to the end of the next session of Congress
thereafter, and no longer.

APPROVED, January 27, 1808.

CHAP. XV.—An act authorizing the erection of a bridge over the river Potomac,
within 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 following persons,
viz: Robert Brent, Daniel Carroll, of Duddington, Thomas Monroe,
James D. Barry, Frederick May, Samuel Harrison Smith, Jonah Thomp-
son, Jonathan Swift, Thomas Vowell, Cuthbert Powell, Elisha Janney,
and Charles Alexander, or any seven of them, be, and they are hereby
constituted a board of commissioners, with full power and authority to
open, or cause to be opened, books for receiving and entering submis-
sions for raising a capital stock, not exceeding two hundred thousand
dollars, in shares of one hundred dollars each, for the purpose of erect-
ing a bridge over the river Potomac, between the city of Washington and
Alexander's island, and making such other incidental works, and defray-
ing such other incidental expenses, as shall be required by this act, or
deemed necessary or expedient by the company herein after named; the
time, place and manner of receiving and entering such subscriptions, to
be ascertained by the said board of commissioners, and duly advertised
in such gazettes, as they may deem expedient: Provided, that the time
be fixed upon by the said board of commissioners, for opening books
for receiving the said subscriptions, shall be on or before the first Mon-
day in July next, and that no subscription shall be received, unless the
sum of ten dollars be first paid into the hands of the person authorized
to receive the same, on each share subscribed for.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That whenever nineteen hundred
of the said shares shall be subscribed for, all persons who may then be,
or thereafter may become, the actual holders or proprietors of shares in
the said capital stock, either as subscribers for the same, or as the legal
representatives, successors, or assignees of such subscribers, shall be,
and they are hereby made and created a body politic and corporate, by
the name and style of “The Washington Bridge Company,” and by
that name may sue, and be sued, implead, and be impleaded, and do and
suffer all acts, matters and things, which a body politic and corporate
may lawfully do and suffer; and may have a common seal, and the same
may break and alter at pleasure, and may make all by-laws, rules, regu-
lations and ordinances for the good government and well being of the
said company, and for carrying into effect the objects of their institu-
tion, so that such by-laws, rules, regulations or ordinances, be not
repugnant to the laws of the United States, in force within the district
of Columbia.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That when nineteen hundred of
the said shares shall be subscribed for, as aforesaid, or as soon after as may
be, the said board of commissioners shall call a meeting of the com-
pany, at the city of Washington, by public advertisement, in one or
more gazettes, published in Washington, Alexandria, or Georgetown,
appointing a fit and convenient time and place of meeting, for the
purpose of electing five directors, a clerk and a treasurer, and such other
officers, agents and servants, as the said company may think fit to
appoint, and for transacting any other business in pursuance of this act
and appertaining to the nature and objects of the institution of the said