office, and the lots shall be offered, to the highest bidder, at public sale, on such day or days as the President shall, by his proclamation, designate for that purpose, and shall be sold on the same terms and conditions, in every respect (except as to the quantity of land) as have or may be provided for the sale of the other public lands in the said district; Provided, That no lot shall be sold for a less price than at the rate of six dollars per acre; nor shall there be reserved for the purpose aforesaid, more than one section in any one township.

Approved, March 3, 1817.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

Chap. LXIII.—An Act to provide for reports of the decisions of the Supreme Court. (a)

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, That 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 six months after such decisions 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, and which copies shall be distributed as follows, to wit: to the President of the United States, the judges of the Supreme Court, and the judges of the district courts, the attorney general of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Navy, the comptroller of the treasury, the commissioner of the general land office, the judges of the several territories of the United States, the secretary of the Senate, the clerk of the House of Representatives, the auditor of the treasury, the register of the treasury, the treasurer of the United States, the paymaster general, the accountants of the War and Navy Departments, and to the commissioners of the navy, one copy each: and the residue of said copies shall be deposited in, and become part of, the library of Congress.

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

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

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STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

Chap. LXV.—An Act to fix the peace establishment of the marine corps.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the peace establishment of the marine corps shall consist of the following officers, non-commiss-