CHAP. XLVIII.—An Act vesting in the state of Virginia the right of the United States to all fines assessed for non-performance of militia duty, during the late war with Great Britain, within said state.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all right which the United States have to the fines assessed upon the citizens of the state of Virginia, for the non-performance of militia duty during the late war with Great Britain, shall be, and the same is hereby, vested in the said state.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That all moneys in the hands of those who now are, or heretofore have been, marshals, or deputy marshals, which may have been collected from the fines aforesaid, after deducting the expense of collecting the same, and the cost of any suit or suits which may have been brought against said marshals or deputy marshals, in consequence of the collection of said fines, shall be paid by them, respectively, to the treasurer of said state.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said fines shall be recovered, by the said state, under such regulations, provisions, and restrictions, as shall be prescribed by the legislature thereof: Provided, That if the provisions of this act are accepted by the state of Virginia, that state shall indemnify the United States against any charge or charges which has already accrued, or which may hereafter be made, in consequence of the assessment and collection of said fines.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

CHAP. XLIX.—An Act for the erection of a monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, late Vice President 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 superintendent of the public buildings be, and he hereby is directed to cause to be erected, in the burial ground of the city of Washington, a neat and appropriate monument over the tomb of Elbridge Gerry, late Vice President of the United States, who died at Washington, November twenty-third, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, with a suitable inscription on the same, stating the name, station, age, and time of death, of the deceased.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That a sum, not exceeding one thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the payment of the cost thereof, from any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

CHAP. L.—An Act to continue in force an act, entitled “An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces,” passed on the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, so far as the same relates to the crowns of France and five franc pieces.

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, entitled “An act regulating the currency within the United States of the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, and the crowns of France and five franc pieces,” passed on the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, as relates to the crowns of France and five franc pieces, shall be, and the same is hereby, continued in force.

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crows of France and five franc pieces, shall be, and the same hereby is, continued in force, for the further term of four years, from and after the fourth day of March next.

Approved, March 3, 1823.

CHAP. LII.—An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to remit the instalments due on certain lots in Shawneetown, 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 the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to remit the instalments due, and to become due, on lots numbered eleven hundred and thirteen and eleven hundred and fourteen, in Shawneetown, in the state of Illinois, and a patent or patents shall issue for the same, as in other cases; which said lots are used as a public square.

Approved, March 3, 1823.

CHAP. LIII.—An Act to establish an additional land office in the territory of Michigan. (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all the public lands in the district of Detroit, lying south of the boundary line between the third and fourth townships, south of the base line, except so much thereof as lies north of the river Huron, of Lake Erie, and all the public lands in the territory of Michigan, to which the Indian title was extinguished by the treaty of Chicago, shall be formed into a new land district; and, for the sale of the public lands within the district hereby constituted, there shall be a land office established, at such place within the district as the President of the United States may designate.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be a register of the land office, and a receiver of public moneys, appointed by the President of the United States, for the land office hereby created, to superintend the sales of public lands within said district, who shall give security in the same manner, in the same sums, and whose compensation, emoluments, and duties, and authority, shall, in every respect, be the same, in relation to the lands which shall be disposed of at their office, as are, or may be, by law provided in relation to the registers and receivers of public moneys in the several offices established for the sale of public lands.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of the 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 the third, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, be, and the same are hereby, made applicable to the district and office hereby created, so far as they are not changed by subsequent laws of the United States: Provided, That all such public lands, embraced within the district created by this act, which shall have been offered for sale to the highest bidder, at Detroit, pursuant to any proclamation of the President of the United States, and which lands remain unsold at the taking effect of this act, shall be subject to be entered and sold at private sale by the register of the land office hereby created, in the same manner, and subject to the same terms, and upon like conditions, as the sales of said lands would have been subjected to in the land office at Detroit had they remained attached to that office.

(a) See notes to act of February 21, 1823, ch. 10.