seamen, soldiers, and others, as may, by competent authority, to be hereafter prescribed, be deemed proper to be received therein, which building, with one half of the ground occupied by the old and new jails, is hereby assigned for those purposes.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That on the completion of the said building, the President be authorized to appoint three respectable persons, residents of the city of Washington, to be a board of inspectors of the said institution, who shall hold their offices two years from the date of their appointment; and whose duty it shall be to have a general supervision of the concerns of the said hospital; to appoint the necessary subordinate officers thereof; to prescribe rules for the admission and due regulation of patients therein, and to make an annual report to Congress of their proceedings, and of the condition of the said institution.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That there be, and there is hereby, appropriated, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the alteration of the said building, and improvement of the grounds, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

Statute II.

Aug. 29, 1842. CHAP. CCLV.---In act to provide for the publication of a new edition of the laws and regulations of the Post Office Department, and a perfect list of the post-offices in the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be collated and printed, a complete edition, of not less than eighteen thousand copies, of the laws relating to the Post Office Department; together with the regulations established by said Department for the better conduct of its business; and also a new and complete list of all the post-offices in the United States; showing their respective distances from Washington, and from the capitol of the States in which the several offices are situated.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the sum of nine thousand one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

Statute II.

Aug. 29, 1842. CHAP. CCLVI.---An act for creating a new land district in the State of Missouri, and for changing the boundaries of the southwestern and western land districts in said State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of the "western land district," created by an act of Congress, entitled "An act to establish an additional land office in the State of Missouri," approved third of March eighteen hundred and twenty-three, which is situated north of the Missouri river, together with the late northwest land district, to be called the Platte district.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be a register and receiver appointed for said land district, who shall reside and superintend the sales of the public lands at such place as the President shall designate. They shall give security in the same manner and in the same sums, and their compensation, emoluments, duty, and authority, shall, in every respect, be the same in relation to the lands which may be disposed of at said office, as are or may be provided by law relative