

Act of Dec. 19, 1809, ch. 3.
Certain military warrants may be issued by the Secretary of War.

or shall, before the first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, produce to him satisfactory evidence of the validity of their claims; which warrants, with those heretofore issued and not yet satisfied, shall and may be located in the name of the holders or proprietors thereof, prior to the first day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, on any unlocated parts of the fifty quarter townships, and the fractional quarter townships reserved by law for original holders of military land warrants. And patents shall be granted for the land located under this act, in the same manner as is directed by former acts for granting military lands.

APPROVED, July 5, 1813.

STATUTE I.

July 13, 1813.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act to reward the officers and crew of the sloop of war Hornet; and Lieutenant Elliott and his officers and companions.*

Prize money to the officers and crew of the Hornet, and to Lieutenant Elliott, his officers and companions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to have distributed as prize money to Captain James Lawrence, late of the sloop of war Hornet, his officers and crew, or their widows and children, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, for the capture and destruction of the British brig Peacock; and to Lieutenant Elliott, and his officers and companions, or their widows and children, the sum of twelve thousand dollars, for the capture and destruction of the British brig Detroit; and that the sum of thirty-seven thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to the purpose aforesaid, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 13, 1813.

STATUTE I.

July 13, 1813.

CHAP. IX.—*An Act freeing from postage all letters and packets to and from the superintendent general of military supplies.*

Privilege of franking to superintendent general of military supplies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all letters and packets to and from the superintendent general of military supplies, which relate to his official duties, shall be free from postage.

APPROVED, July 13, 1813.

STATUTE I.

July 13, 1813.

CHAP. X.—*An Act to relinquish the claims of the United States to certain goods, wares, and merchandise, captured by private armed vessels.*

[Obsolete.]
Claim of the United States to British goods relinquished in cases where they have been condemned for the benefit of the captors, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all right and claim which may have accrued to the United States, under an act, entitled "An act to prohibit the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France and their dependencies, and for other purposes," and an act, entitled (a) "An act concerning the commercial intercourse between the United States and Great Britain and France, and their dependencies, and for other purposes," (a) and an act supplementary to the last mentioned act, (a) to goods, wares, and merchandise, being the property of British subjects, and shipped from the ports of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland, since the declaration of war by the United States against that

(a) Act of March 1, 1809, chap. 24.
Act of May 1, 1810, chap. 39.
Act of March 2, 1811, chap. 29.

Kingdom, which have been captured by private armed vessels of the United States, on the high and open seas, and without the territorial limits and jurisdiction of the United States, and have been libelled and claimed, by or in behalf of the owners and other persons interested in the said private armed vessels, in some court of the United States having competent jurisdiction thereof, be, and the same are hereby relinquished in all cases where such goods, wares, and merchandise, being the property of British subjects, and captured as aforesaid, shall have been or shall be condemned as prize of war, for the benefit of the captors, by the final judgment of any court of the United States, having jurisdiction as aforesaid; all suits, libels, or prosecutions instituted or commenced in behalf of the United States, for the recovery of any forfeiture or penalty, accrued by reason of an infraction of any of the three acts first above mentioned, affecting any goods, wares, or merchandise, the property of British subjects, and which have been captured as aforesaid, and libelled in behalf of the captors, shall be discontinued on payment of the costs accrued on such suits or libels, by or on behalf of the said owner or owners. But in all cases where goods, wares, and merchandise thus libelled, shall not be condemned as aforesaid for the benefit of the captors, the right and claim of the United States to the forfeiture of such goods, wares, and merchandise, shall, notwithstanding the discontinuance of the suits and libels in behalf of the said states, remain unimpaired, and such forfeitures may, after a final decision against the captors, be recovered or remitted in conformity with the provisions of the several laws now in force, in the same manner as if such suits or libels had not been discontinued; *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall extend to or embrace any capture made by such private armed vessels in violation of the additional instructions of the President of the United States to the public and private armed vessels thereof, of the twenty-eighth day of August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, after the captor shall have been apprized thereof, or by any such private armed vessel which was in any port of the United States subsequent to the said proclamation, and prior to such capture.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no decision which may hereafter be made by the Secretary of the Treasury, under the act, entitled "An act directing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit fines, forfeitures and penalties in certain cases," shall be held as affecting the claim of any person or persons claiming as captors any goods, wares, or merchandise, the forfeiture of which to the United States shall have been remitted by such decision.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all goods, wares, and merchandise, captured and libelled as aforesaid, shall pay the same duties, to be secured and collected in the same manner as is provided by the act "concerning letters of marque, prizes and prize goods," with respect to the like goods, wares, and merchandise, when captured from the enemy, and made prize of war.

APPROVED, July 13, 1813.

Suits on behalf of the United States to be discontinued.

Where not condemned for the benefit of the captors, the rights of the United States to remain.

Decision of Secretary of Treasury not to affect claims of captors, &c.
Act of Jan. 2, 1813, chap. 7.

Act of June 26, 1812, chap. 107.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XI.—*An Act to incorporate a company for making a certain turnpike road in the county of Alexandria.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William Robinson, Charles Lee, Charles Alexander, Thomas Swan, Robert Conway and Philip Richard Fendal, be, and they are hereby appointed a board of commissioners, a majority of whom to constitute a quorum, with full power to receive and enter in such book or books as they may deem proper, by themselves or their agents, subscriptions for raising a capital stock

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Commissioners appointed for receiving subscriptions, &c. &c.