

crew of private
armed vessels.

of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and required to settle and pay unto the owners, officers and crew of private armed vessels, the bounty allowed by law for prisoners captured and brought into port, and delivered to the agent of the United States, captured on board any British vessel after the exchange of the ratifications of the treaty of peace between the United States and Great Britain, but before the said treaty took effect in the latitude wherein the capture was made; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to pay the aforesaid claims out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, April 29, 1816.

STATUTE I.

April 29, 1816.

[Obsolete.]

Compensation
of the commis-
sioners, &c. &c.
fixed.

CHAP. CXLIX.—*An Act for settling the compensation of the commissioners, clerk, and translator of the board for land claims in the eastern and western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury, in settling the accounts for compensation to the commissioners, the clerk and translator of the board for adjusting the titles and claims to lands in the eastern and western district of the territory of Orleans, now state of Louisiana, shall allow to them respectively, for the time they were actually employed in discharge of the duties aforesaid, at the rate of the following annual compensation: to each of the commissioners, two thousand dollars; to the clerk, one thousand five hundred dollars; and to the translator one thousand dollars: which allowance shall commence, for the commissioners, clerk and translator for the eastern district, on the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and nine, and continue until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and for the commissioners, clerk and translator for the western district, on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and continue until the eleventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and shall include the moneys they may have received, or are entitled to, according to the existing laws, and shall be in full for all service rendered by them in relation to the lands within the said district.

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STATUTE I.

April 29, 1816.

Sum appropri-
ated for enclos-
ing and improv-
ing the capitol
square.

Board of com-
missioners abo-
lished, and one
commissioner
appointed.

CHAP. CL.—*An Act making an appropriation for enclosing and improving the public square near the capitol; and to abolish the office of commissioners of the public buildings, and of superintendent, and for the appointment of one commissioner for the public buildings.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a sum not exceeding thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be applied under the direction of the President of the United States, to enclosing and improving the public square, east of the capitol, which sum shall be paid out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of any act or acts, as authorizes the appointment of three commissioners for the superintendence of the public buildings, be, and the same is hereby repealed: and in lieu of the said commissioners, there shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, one commissioner, who shall hold no other office under the authority of the United States, and who shall perform all the duties with which the said three commissioners were charged, and whose duty

it shall also be to contract for, and superintend the enclosing and improvements of the public square, under the direction [of the President] of the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be allowed to the said commissioner a salary of two thousand dollars, to be paid quarterly, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of such persons as may have been appointed to superintend the repairing of the public buildings, to deliver up unto the commissioner who shall be appointed in virtue of this act, all plans, draughts, books, records, accounts, contracts, bonds, obligations, securities and other evidence of debt in their possession which belong to their offices.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the third day of March next, the office of superintendent, established by act of Congress of first May, one thousand eight hundred and two, shall cease, and thereafter the duties of said office shall be performed by the commissioner to be appointed by virtue of this act; and to whom the superintendent shall deliver all documents, securities, books and papers, relating to said office; and from and after the third of March next, the commissioner aforesaid shall be vested with all the powers and perform all the duties, conferred upon the superintendent aforesaid.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States shall be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered, in repairing the public buildings in the city of Washington, to make such alterations in the plans thereof, respectively, as he shall judge proper for the better accommodation of the two houses of Congress, the President of the United States, and the various departments of the government, or any of them.

APPROVED, April 29, 1816.

CHAP. CLI.—*An Act to provide for the appointment of a surveyor of the public lands in the territories of Illinois and Missouri.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That a surveyor of the lands of the United States in the territories of Illinois and Missouri shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to engage a sufficient number of skilful surveyors as his deputies, and to cause so much of the land above-mentioned, as the President of the United States shall direct, and to which the titles of the Indian tribes have been extinguished, to be surveyed and divided in the manner, and to do and perform all such other acts in relation to such lands, as the surveyor general is authorized and directed to do, in relation to the same, or the lands lying north-west of the river Ohio: and it shall also be the duty of the surveyor to cause to be surveyed the lands in the said territories, the claims to which have been or hereafter may be confirmed by any act of Congress, which have not already been surveyed according to law: and generally to do and perform all and singular the duties required by law to be performed by the principal deputy surveyor for the territory of Missouri; and shall transmit to the registers of the land offices within the said territories, respectively, general and particular plats of all the lands surveyed, or to be surveyed, and shall also forward copies of said plats to the commissioner of the general land office; fix the compensation of the deputy surveyors, chain carriers, and axemen. *Provided*, that the whole expense of surveying and marking the lines shall not exceed three dollars for every mile that shall be run, surveyed and marked.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the surveyor of the lands of the United States, appointed in pursuance of this act, shall be allowed an annual compensation of one thousand dollars, and shall be entitled to

Compensation to the commissioner.

Plans, &c. to be delivered to the commissioner.

Office of superintendent abolished on the 3d March, 1817.

Its duties to devolve on commissioner of public buildings.

Act of May 1, 1802, ch. 41.

President authorized to make alterations in the plans of the public buildings.

STATUTE I.

April 29, 1816.

Surveyor of public lands in the territories of Illinois and Missouri to be appointed—his duties.

Duties.

Proviso.

His compensation, annual, and fees of office.