

"An act providing for the printing and distributing of such laws of the United States as respect the public lands," passed on the twenty-seventh day of April, one thousand eight hundred and ten, to be revised, and the acts passed, and treaties formed, subsequent to the publication of the said collection, and relating to the public lands, to be embraced therein; the acts to be digested and arranged in their proper order, and fifteen hundred copies thereof to be printed and preserved for the future disposition of Congress.

APPROVED, January 20, 1817.

Act of April 27, 1810, ch. 33.

The acts to be digested, &c. and 1500 copies to be printed, &c.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act making a partial appropriation for the subsistence of the army during the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That towards the subsistence of the army for the year one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, there be appropriated the sum of four hundred thousand dollars, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 22, 1817.

Jan. 22, 1817.

[Obsolete.]  
40,000 dollars appropriated.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. IX.—*An Act to repeal, after the close of the present session of Congress, the act, entitled "An act to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the delegates from territories," passed the nineteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That, from and after the close of the present session of Congress, the act, entitled "An act to change the mode of compensation to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives and the delegates from territories," passed the nineteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed: *Provided always,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to revive any act or acts, or parts of acts, repealed or suspended by the act hereby repealed.

APPROVED, February 6, 1817.

Feb. 6, 1817.

The act of the 19th March, 1816, ch. 30, repealed.

Proviso: no other act revived.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. X.—*An Act to extend the provisions of the act to authorize certain officers and other persons to administer oaths, approved May the third, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the chairman of any standing committee, either of the House of Representatives or of the Senate of the United States, shall be empowered to administer oaths or affirmations to witnesses in any case under their examination; and any person who shall be guilty of perjury before such committee shall be liable to the pains, penalties, and disabilities, prescribed for the punishment of the crime of wilful and corrupt perjury.

APPROVED, February 8, 1817.

Feb. 8, 1817.

Act of May 3, 1798, ch. 36.  
The chairman of any standing committee empowered to administer oaths to witnesses, &c.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XIII.—*An Act to repeal the second section of an act, entitled "An act concerning the pay of officers, seamen, and marines, in the navy 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 second section

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[Obsolete.]

Second section of the act

of 18th April, 1814, ch. 84, repealed.

of an act, entitled "An act concerning the pay of the officers, seamen, and marines, in the navy of the United States," passed the eighteenth of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

APPROVED, February 22, 1817.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 22, 1817.

CHAP. XV.—*An Act providing for the division of certain quarter sections, in future sales of the public lands.*

The sections designated to be offered for sale in quarter or half quarter sections, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That, from and after the first day of September next, the sections designated by number two, five, twenty, twenty-three, thirty, and thirty-three, in each and every township of the public lands, the sale of which is now, or hereafter may be authorized by law, shall be offered for sale either in quarter sections, or half quarter sections, at the option of the purchaser; and in every case of the division of a quarter section, the partition shall be made by a line running due north and south, and in every other respect the said sections shall be offered, whether at public or private sale, on the same terms and conditions as have been, or may be, by law, provided for the sale of the other public lands of the United States.

Manner of surveying the land.

APPROVED, February 22, 1817.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 24, 1817.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act authorizing the sale of certain grounds belonging to the United States in the city of Washington.*

[Obsolete.]  
The superintendent to lay off that part of the public reservation of ground described.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the commissioner for the superintendence of the public buildings in the city of Washington be, and he hereby is, authorized to lay off into building lots all that part of the public reservation of ground in the said city, numbered ten, lying on the north side of the Pennsylvania avenue, between Third and Four and an Half streets west, embraced by the whole of the front of said reservation on said avenue, and extending back, or northwardly, not exceeding two hundred feet; and, under the direction of the President of the United States, to sell any number of such lots, not exceeding one half of the whole number, and the avails thereof to pay into the treasury of the United States; and in such sales the commissioner is hereby directed to reserve to the United States every other lot, except in particular cases it may be expedient to sell two or more contiguous lots; but all sales made in virtue of this act shall be under and upon the express condition, that the purchaser shall build and finish, or cause to be built and finished, within three years from the day of sale, a good and substantial brick or stone house of not less than three stories high, exclusive of the basement story, nor less than twenty-five feet front, and in failure of a compliance with the said conditions, or any of them, the lots so sold shall revert to the United States, and the party failing shall incur a forfeiture of any and all moneys which may have been paid for the same.

To sell half the lots, &c.

Condition of sale.

Appropriation of the moneys arising from the sales.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the moneys arising from the sales aforesaid be, and they hereby are, appropriated to the payment of any moneys which may hereafter be expended for the public buildings and public improvements in the city of Washington.

APPROVED, February 24, 1817.