

shall be construed to exonerate or discharge any member of any of the aforesaid associations, or the funds thereof, from any liability to creditors under any existing contract, or on account of any note, bill, or obligation, issued or in existence when this act shall take effect, but such liability shall remain in relation to all such notes, bills, obligations, or contracts, as if this act had not been passed.

SEC. 29. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the fourth day of April next, it shall not be lawful for any unchartered banking company, or any association, partnership, or company of individuals, within the District of Columbia, to discount any notes, or other securities, for the payment of money, or to issue notes or bills, whether payable to order or bearer, or any other securities, promises or orders, for the payment of money or stock; and every member, officer, or agent, of any such company, or associate or partner of any such association or partnership, shall be held to be guilty of a misdemeanor, and for every such offence, upon conviction thereof, may be fined in a sum not less than one hundred dollars, nor more than five hundred dollars.

SEC. 30. *And be it further enacted*, That whoever, as president, cashier, or agent, of any such company, or as associate or partner of any such association or partnership, shall, after the said fourth day of April next, sign, countersign, or endorse, any such note, bill, or security, contrary to the provisions of this act, shall, in addition to the aforesaid penalties, be held to be guilty of a high misdemeanor, and may be imprisoned for a period not less than three, nor more than twelve, months, at the discretion of a jury.

SEC. 31. *And be it further enacted*, That all drafts, bills, or other securities, for the payment of money, discounted contrary to the provisions of this act, whether the same be payable to any such company, association or partnership, or to any person, as agent or trustee for such company, association or partnership, or for the benefit thereof, and all contracts, bonds, deeds, penal or single bills, or other instrument, given to reimburse or indemnify any person for any payment or responsibility incurred by such person for any debt contracted by any dealing, contrary to the true intent and meaning of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be utterly void to all intents and purposes.

SEC. 32. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person, as president, cashier, teller, or other officer, or agent of any such banking company, or as associate or partner in any such association, or partnership, shall, from and after the said fourth day of April next, issue or pass into circulation any such note, bill, draft, or other security, hereby prohibited to be issued, together with every person assenting thereto, shall be deemed and taken to have incurred the penalties of this act, notwithstanding the note, bill, or other security, so issued, may have been signed, countersigned, and endorsed, before the commencement of this act.

APPROVED, March 3, 1817.

Nothing in this act to exonerate the members of the associations incorporated, &c. from liability to creditors under existing contracts.

Unchartered banking companies prohibited after the 4th of April, 1817.

Penalty for signing, &c., notes of unchartered banking companies.

Drafts, bills, &c., discounted contrary to this act declared utterly void.

Penalty for issuing prohibited bills or notes after the 4th day of April, 1817.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

[Obsolete.]
100,000 dolls. appropriated for repairing the public buildings.

38,658 dolls. appropriated for completing the

CHAP. XCIV.—*An Act making further provision for repairing the public buildings, and improving the public square.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of repairing the public buildings, a sum not exceeding one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be applied, by the commissioner, under the direction of the President of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of completing the enclosure and improvement of the public square, near the capitol, a sum not exceeding thirty-eight thousand six hundred and fifty-eight dol-

enclosure, &c. of the public square.

The enclosure to extend round the semi-circular area.

lars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be applied under the same direction as aforesaid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the moneys so appropriated shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner of the public buildings be authorized to extend the enclosure round the semi-circular area west of the Capitol.

APPROVED, March 3, 1817.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act supplementary to an act, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments."*

Act of March 3, 1809, ch. 28.

The President restrained from making transfers of appropriations for specified objects to any other objects.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That nothing contained in the act of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and nine, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," shall be construed to authorize the President of the United States to direct any sum appropriated to fortifications, arsenals, armories, custom-houses, docks, navy yards, or buildings of any sort, or to munitions of war, or to the pay of the army or navy, to be applied to any other object of public expenditure.

APPROVED, March 3, 1817.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

CHAP. XCIX.—*An Act allowing further time for entering donation rights to lands in the district of Detroit.*

The claimants to certain donation rights of land in the district of Detroit allowed until the 1st of Dec. 1818, to file their claims.

Act of April 23, 1812, ch. 62.

Act of May 11, 1820, ch. 84.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the claimants to certain donation rights to land in the district of Detroit, granted by the second [section] of an act, entitled "An act to authorize the granting of patents for land, according to the surveys that have been made, and to grant donation rights to certain claimants of land in the district of Detroit, and for other purposes," passed the twenty-third of April, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, be, and they are hereby, allowed until the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, to file their claims with the register of the land office, for the district aforesaid.

APPROVED, March 3, 1817.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1817.

CHAP. C.—*An Act to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the state of Indiana.*

Resolution of Dec. 11, 1816.

All the laws of the United States, not locally inapplicable, to be in force in Indiana.

The state to be a judicial district; a district court to be held therein, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all the laws of the United States, which are not locally inapplicable, shall have the same force and effect within the said state of Indiana as elsewhere within the United States.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That the said state shall be one district, and be called the Indiana District; and a district court shall be held therein, to consist of one judge, who shall reside in the said district, and be called a district judge. He shall hold, at the seat of government of the said state, two sessions annually, on the first Mondays in May and November, and he shall, in all things, have and exercise the same jurisdiction and