

STATUTE I.

May 26, 1824.

CHAP. CLXXXII.—*An Act supplementary to "An act providing for the examination of titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana situated between the Rio Honda [Hondo] and the Sabine river."*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the powers given to, and duties required of, the register and receiver of the land office south of Red river, in the state of Louisiana, by the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, entitled "An act providing for the examination of the titles to land in that part of the state of Louisiana, situated between [the] Rio Honda [Hondo] and the Sabine river," be extended to all that tract of country, known and called by the name of "The Neutral Territory," lying east of the present western boundary of Louisiana, and west of the limits to which the land commissioners have heretofore examined titles and claims to land in said state; and in the examination of claims to land within the aforesaid limits, the register and receiver shall, in all respects, be governed by the provisions of the aforesaid act.

Act of March 3, 1823, ch. 30.
Act of March 26, 1824, ch. 175.

The powers given to, &c., the register and receiver of the land office south of Red river, Louisiana, by the act of March 3, 1823, extended.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the register and receiver of said land offices shall, severally, receive, as a full compensation for the duties required of them by this act, the sum of two hundred dollars, whenever they shall have finished the business required to be performed by them, by this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, and have forwarded their reports to the Secretary of the Treasury.

The register and receiver to receive each 200 dollars.

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CHAP. CLXXXIII.—*An Act to complete the survey of the southern and western boundary of the state of Missouri. (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be applied under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to complete the payment for surveying the southern boundary line of the state of Missouri, and so much of the western boundary line thereof, as lies south of the Missouri river.

Appropriation to complete the surveying of the southern boundary line of Missouri, and so much of the western as lies south of the Missouri river.

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CHAP. CLXXXIV.—*An Act supplementary to an act passed on the thirteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, entitled "An act making further provision [provisions] for settling the claims to land in the territory of Missouri." (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the individual owners, or claimants, of town or village lots, out lots, and common field lots, in, adjoining or belonging to, the several towns, or villages, of Portage des Sioux, St. Charles, St. Louis, St. Ferdinand, Villa a Robert, Carondelet, St. Genevieve, New Madrid, New Bourbon, and Little Prairie, in Missouri, and the village of Arkansas, in the territory of Arkansas, whose lots were confirmed by the act of Congress of the thirtieth [thirteenth] of June, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, entitled "An act making further provision for settling the claims to land in the territory of Missouri," on the ground of inhabitation, cultivation,

Duty of the individual owners or claimants of village and other lots, in certain towns in Missouri and territory of Arkansas, which were confirmed by the act of June 13, 1812, ch. 99.

(a) See act of May 26, 1824, ch. 154, an act of June 13, 1812, ch. 99, and notes, vol ii. 748.

or possession, prior to the twentieth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and three, to proceed, within eighteen months after the passage of this act, to designate their said lots, by proving, before the recorder of land titles for said state and territory, the fact of such inhabitation, cultivation, or possession, and the boundaries and extent of each claim, so as to enable the surveyor general to distinguish the private from the vacant lots, appertaining to the said towns and villages.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, immediately after the expiration of the said term allowed for proving such facts, it shall be the duty of the surveyor general, within whose district such lots lie, to proceed, under the instructions of the commissioner of the general land office, to survey, designate, and set apart to the said towns and villages, respectively, so many of the said vacant town or village lots, out lots, and common field lots, for the support of schools in the said towns and villages, respectively, as the President of the United States shall not, before that time, have reserved for military purposes, and not exceeding one-twentieth part of the whole lands included in the general survey of such town, or village, according to the provisions of the second section of the above-mentioned act of Congress; and also, to survey and designate, so soon after the passage of this act as may be, the commons belonging to the said towns and villages, according to their respective claims and confirmations, under the said act of Congress, where the same has not been already done: *Provided*, That lots relinquished to the United States on account of damages done them by the earthquakes, and in lieu of which lands have been located elsewhere, shall neither be so designated or set apart, nor taken into the estimate of the quantity to which any town or village is entitled.

Proviso.

The recorder
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SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the recorder shall issue a certificate of confirmation for each claim confirmed, and shall receive for the services required of him by this act, the sum of one dollar for each lot so proved to have been inhabited, cultivated, and possessed, to be paid by the respective claimants; and, so soon as the said term shall have expired, he shall furnish the surveyor general with a list of the lots so proved to have been inhabited, cultivated, or possessed, to serve as his guide in distinguishing them from the vacant lots to be set apart as above described, and shall transmit a copy of such list to the commissioner of the general land office.

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Burton.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of this act, and of the aforesaid act of the thirtieth [thirteenth] of June, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, be, and the same are hereby extended to the village of Mine à Burton, and the right of filing their claims with the recorder.

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CHAP. CLXXXV.—*An Act granting certain lots of ground to the corporation of the city of Mobile, and to certain individuals of said city. (a)*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all the right and claim

(a) The decisions of the Supreme Court in construction of this act have been:

A lot of ground was granted by the Spanish government of Florida, in 1802, to Forbes and Company in the city of Mobile, which was afterwards confirmed by the commissioners of the United States. The lot granted was eighty feet in front, and three hundred and four feet in depth, bounded on the east by Water street. This, while the Spanish government had possession of the territory, was known as "a water lot." In front of the lot was a lot, which, at the time of the grant of the lot to Forbes and Company, was covered by the water of the bay and river of Mobile, the high tide flowing over it; and it was separated from Forbes and Company's lot, by Water street. It was afterwards in part reclaimed by Lewis, who had no title to it, and who was afterwards driven off by one of the firm of Forbes and