

United States is hereby authorized to cause the necessary surveys, plans, and estimates, to be made of the routes of such roads and canals as he may deem of national importance, in a commercial or military point of view, or necessary for the transportation of the public mail; designating, in the case of each canal, what parts may be made capable of sloop navigation: the surveys, plans, and estimates, for each, when completed, to be laid before Congress.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, to carry into effect the objects of this act, the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ two or more skilful civil engineers, and such officers of the corps of engineers, or who may be detailed to do duty with that corps, as he may think proper; and the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 30, 1824.

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STATUTE I.

May 4, 1824.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act rewarding the officers and crews of two gigs, or small boats, under the command of Lieutenant Francis H. Gregory, of the United States' Navy.*

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 Lieutenant Francis H. Gregory, of the United States' navy, and the officers and crews of two gigs, or small boats, under his command, or to their legal representatives, the sum of three thousand dollars, for the capture and destruction of a British gun-boat, called the Black Snake, in the river St. Lawrence, on the nineteenth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, and that the said sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, for the purpose aforesaid, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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3000 dollars to be distributed as prize money to Lieutenant Francis H. Gregory, &c. for the capture and destruction of a British gun-boat, in June, 1814.

STATUTE I.

May 13, 1824.

CHAP. LXV.—*An Act declaring the consent of Congress to certain acts of the state of Alabama.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress be, and hereby is, granted to the operation of an act of the general assembly of the state of Alabama, passed on the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, entitled "An act to improve the navigation of the Coosa river, and to aid in its connection with the Tennessee waters;" and, also, to an act, passed on the thirty-first of December, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, entitled "An act to improve the navigation of the Tennessee river."

APPROVED, May 13, 1824.

Consent of Congress given to the acts of the general assembly of Alabama, of the 30th and 31st Dec., 1823.

STATUTE I.

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CHAP. LXVI.—*An Act altering the times of holding the courts in the District of Columbia. (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the circuit court for

Session of the circuit court

(a) An act concerning the orphans' court of Alexandria county, in the District of Columbia, May 19, 1828, ch. 59.

An act to establish a criminal court in the District of Columbia, July 7, 1838, ch. 192.

of the District of Columbia.

Washington county, in the District of Columbia, shall hereafter commence and be held on the third Monday of December, and first Monday of May, in each year, instead of the days now fixed by law; and the circuit court for Alexandria county, in said district, on the fourth Monday of November and the second Monday of April, instead of the days now established by law; and that all process whatsoever, now issued, or which may be issued, in the respective counties of Washington and Alexandria, in said district, returnable to the days, respectively, now fixed by law, for each of the said counties, shall be returnable, and returned, on the days prescribed by this act; and all causes, recognisances, pleas, and proceedings, civil, and criminal, returnable to, and depending before, the said courts, at the respective times of holding the same, as heretofore established, shall be returned, and continued, in the same counties respectively, in the same manner as if the said causes, recognisances, pleas, and proceedings, had been regularly returned or continued, to the said respective times appointed by this act for holding the said courts.

APPROVED, May 13, 1824.

STATUTE I.

May 18, 1824.

CHAP. LXXXVIII.—*An Act to provide for the extinguishment of the debt due to the United States, by the purchasers of public lands.*

[Obsolete.]
Where the purchaser or holder of any of the public lands, has obtained a certificate of further credit, under the act of March 2, 1821, ch. 12, he shall be allowed to file it with the register of the land office where such land is situated.

Act of April 20, 1822, ch. 30.

Act of March 3, 1823, ch. 57.

Act of May 26, 1824, ch. 176.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, in all cases where the purchaser, or legal holder, of any certificate of purchase of any of the public lands of the United States, may have obtained a certificate of further credit under the provisions of an act, passed the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, entitled "An act for the relief of the purchasers of public lands, prior to the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty," or of the acts supplementary thereto, of the twentieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two, and of the third of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three, the person obtaining such certificate, or the legal holder thereof, shall be allowed, at any time prior to the tenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, to file, with the register of the land office, in the district where such land is situated, a relinquishment, in writing, of any section, half section, quarter section, or legal subdivision of a fractional section, made according to the provisions of the existing laws, in relation to the survey and sale of the public lands; and any payment made, on any tract of land, so relinquished, shall be applied to the payment of the amount due on any tract retained by said purchaser, or legal holder of a certificate of purchase; which relinquishment shall be allowed only on condition that any such purchaser, or legal holder of a certificate of purchase, relinquish a sufficient quantity of land thereby to complete his or her payments due to the United States, on any lands retained, or pay the balance due, and which may afterwards become due, in money, before or at the time of such relinquishment; and on the payment of such balance in money, there shall be allowed, on the amount so paid, a deduction at the rate of thirty-seven and a half per centum: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained, shall entitle the person making such relinquishment to claim any repayment from the United States, on account of any lands so relinquished: *And provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall authorize any discounts upon payments made by relinquishment.

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A deduction to be made on complete payments.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all purchasers, or legal holders of any certificate of purchase, of any of the public lands of the United States, who may have obtained a certificate of further credit, under the provisions of the several acts above mentioned, on making complete payment, previous to the tenth of April, eighteen hundred and