

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be constructed two dry docks, on the most approved plan, for the use of the navy of the United States, the one of said docks to be erected at some point to the south, and the other to the north of the Potomac river.

Two dry docks.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause the necessary examinations and inquiries to be made, to ascertain the practicability and expediency of erecting a marine rail-way for the repair of sloops of war, and other vessels of an inferior class, at Pensacola, and, if it shall appear from such inquiry an [and] examination, that such rail-way would be useful to the navy of the United States, and can be constructed at a reasonable expense, that he cause the same to be constructed, on the most approved plan.

Marine rail-way for the repairs of sloops of war, &c., at Pensacola.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause the navy yards of the United States to be thoroughly examined, and plans to be prepared, and sanctioned by the President, for the improvement of the same, and the preservation of the public property therein, from which plans, no deviation shall hereafter be made but by his special order.

Navy yards to be thoroughly examined.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the money appropriated by this act shall not be transferred to any other object of expenditure, nor shall any part thereof be carried to the fund denominated the surplus fund; and annual reports shall be submitted to Congress of the expenditures under this act, and the measures taken to carry the same into effect.

Money appropriated to be paid from the treasury.

APPROVED, March 3, 1827.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1827.

CHAP. XCV.—*An Act granting to the corporation of the city of Mobile the right of preference in purchase of four sections of land, or a quantity equal to four sections, at or near Spring Hill, in the county of Mobile.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the register and receiver of the land office at Saint Stephen's be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to receive from the corporation of the city of Mobile, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, for a quantity of land, not exceeding four sections, at or near Spring Hill, in the county of Mobile, and state of Alabama; and, upon the receipt of said sum as aforesaid, the said register and receiver shall issue their certificate to, and in the name of the corporation of the city of Mobile, for the said quantity of land, not exceeding four sections as aforesaid.

Register and receiver at St. Stephen's to receive from the corporation of the city of Mobile, 1 dollar 25 cents, per acre, for a certain quantity of land.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, for and in consideration of the sum aforesaid, paid as aforesaid, [that] all the right and claim of the United States, to the said quantity of land, not exceeding four sections, in the county of Mobile, and state aforesaid, be, and the same is hereby, vested in the mayor and aldermen of the said city of Mobile, for the time being, and their successors in office, to be applied or disposed of by them, for the sole use and benefit of the said city forever: *Provided*, That no part of any claim, arising from acts of Congress, known as donations or pre-emptions by the reported list of actual settlers, or from grants recognised by any treaty, shall be covered or taken by this grant, but the same shall be excepted from, and held as not covered or interfered with by this act.

In consideration of the sum paid as aforesaid, the United States relinquish their title.

Proviso.

An act to amend "An act making reservation of certain public lands for naval purposes," passed 1st March, 1817, May 15, 1820, ch. 136.

An act for the preservation of the timber of the United States in Florida, Feb. 23, 1822, ch. 9.

An act to provide for the punishment of offences committed in cutting, destroying, or removing, live oak and other timber or trees, reserved for naval purposes, March 2, 1831, ch. 66.

Patents shall issue.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That patents shall issue, upon the presentation of said certificate of the register and receiver aforesaid, for the said quantity of land, not exceeding four sections, to the corporation of the city of Mobile, in the same manner that patents now issue upon the final certificate for other public lands.

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STATUTE II.

March 3, 1827.

CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act to provide for the completion of the road from a point opposite to Memphis, in the state of Tennessee, to Little Rock, in the territory of Arkansas, and for other purposes.*

9065 dollars appropriated.  
Act of Jan. 31, 1824, ch. 17.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the sum of nine thousand and sixty-five dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, in aid of the unexpended balance of the former appropriation to the same object, for the completion of the road from a point opposite to Memphis, in the state of Tennessee, to Little Rock, in the territory of Arkansas, to be paid, as the same may be required, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated by law.

Road from fort Smith on the Arkansas river to fort Towson, on the Red river, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause a military road to be opened from Fort Smith, on the Arkansas river, to Fort Towson, on the Red river, and from thence southwardly, to the northern boundary line of the state of Louisiana, by Washington, in Hempstead county, following the highlands between the waters of the Washita and Red rivers, in the direction of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

Troops of the United States to be employed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to employ such part of the troops of the United States as he may think proper, to survey and construct said road; and for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of this act, the sum of twelve thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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STATUTE II.

March 3, 1827.

CHAP. XCVII.—*An Act concerning the location of land reserved for the use of a seminary of learning, in the state of Louisiana.*

Secretary of the Treasury to locate a certain quantity of land, for a seminary of learning.

Act of April 21, 1806, ch. 39, sec. 11.

Act of March 3, 1811, ch. 46, sec. 7.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to locate a quantity of land, not exceeding two entire townships, reserved by the eleventh section of the act of the twenty-first April, eighteen hundred and six, and by the seventh section of the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and eleven, for the use of a seminary of learning in the state of Louisiana, on any of the public lands in said state, in sections corresponding with any of the legal divisions into which the public lands are authorized to be surveyed.

When the location is made, the title is to be invested in said state.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, so soon as the location of said lands shall be made as aforesaid, the title thereto shall be, and is hereby, vested in the state of Louisiana, for the use of a seminary or seminaries of learning therein, as the legislature of said state may direct.

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