

entries and sales shall be as valid, in every respect, as if they had been made in the land district of Alabama.

Commissioners of northern boundary of Illinois.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to cause the surveyor general of the United States for the states of Illinois and Missouri, and the territory of Arkansas, to act as a commissioner on the part of the United States, whenever he shall be duly informed that the government of the state of Illinois shall have appointed a commissioner on its part, the two to form a board, to ascertain, survey and mark the northern line of the state of Illinois, as defined in the act of Congress, entitled "An act to enable the people of the Illinois territory to form a constitution and state government, &c," passed the eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; and, in case of vacancy in said office of commissioner, or of his being unable to act from any cause, the President is authorized to fill such vacancy by the appointment of some other qualified person, whenever it may be necessary, until the object of the commission shall be attained.

Act of April 18, 1818, ch. 67.

Surveyors, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said board of commissioners shall have power to employ the necessary surveyors and labourers, and shall meet at such time and place as may be agreed upon by the President of the United States and the government of the state of Illinois, and proceed to ascertain, survey and mark the said northern line of the state of Illinois, and report their proceedings to the President of the United States, and the governor of the state of Illinois.

Compensation.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President may allow to the said commissioner of the United States, such compensation for his services as shall seem to him reasonable: *Provided*, it does not exceed the allowance made by the state of Illinois to the commissioner on its part; and the said allowance, together with one-half of the necessary expenses of said board, and the surveyors and labourers, and the allowance to be made to the surveyors general of the state of Alabama and the territory of Florida, and the necessary expenses incurred by them in running and marking said line between said state and territory, shall be paid from the treasury of the United States, out of any money not otherwise appropriated; and, to enable the President to carry this act into effect, there is hereby appropriated the sum of two thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Expenses of Florida and Alabama line.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1831.

CHAP. LXXXVII.—*An Act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places.*

Proceedings at the several places.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That when any goods, wares, or merchandise, are to be imported from any foreign country, into Pittsburg, in the state of Pennsylvania, Wheeling, in the state of Virginia, Cincinnati, in the state of Ohio, Louisville, in the state of Kentucky, St. Louis, in the state of Missouri, Nashville in the state of Tennessee, or into Natchez, in the state of Mississippi; the importer thereof shall deposit in the custody of the surveyor of the place a schedule of the goods so intended to be imported, with an estimate of their cost at the place of exportation, whereupon the said surveyor shall make an estimate of the amount of duties accruing on the same, and the importer or consignee shall give bond, with sufficient sureties, to be approved by the surveyor, in double the amount of the duties so estimated, conditioned for the payment of the duties on such merchandise, ascertained as hereinafter directed; and the surveyor shall forthwith notify the collector at New Orleans of the same, by forwarding to him a copy of said bond and schedule.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the importer, or his agent, is hereby authorized to enter any merchandise, imported, as aforesaid, by the way of New Orleans, at that port, in the manner now prescribed by law; and the collector shall grant a permit for the landing thereof, and cause the duties to be ascertained as in other cases, the said goods remaining in the custody of the collector until re-shipped for the place of destination; and the collector shall certify to the surveyor at such place the amount of such duties, which the said surveyor shall enter on the margin of the bond, as aforesaid given to secure the same, which goods shall be delivered by the collector to the agent of the importer or consignee, duly authorized to receive the same, for shipment to the place of importation, and the master or commander of every steamboat, or other vessel, in which such merchandise shall be transported, shall, previously to her departure from New Orleans, deliver to the collector duplicate manifests of such merchandise, specifying the marks and numbers of every case, bag, box, chest, or package, containing the same, with the name and place of residence of every importer or consignee of such merchandise, and the quantity shipped to each, to be by him subscribed, and to the truth of which he shall swear or affirm, and that the said goods have been received on board his vessel; stating the name of the agent, who shipped the same; and the said collector shall certify the facts, as aforesaid, on the manifests, one of which he shall return to the master, with a permit thereto annexed, authorizing him to proceed to the place of his destination.

Proceedings
at New Orleans.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, if any steamboat or other vessel, having merchandise on board, imported as aforesaid, shall depart from New Orleans without having complied with the provisions of this act, the master thereof shall forfeit five hundred dollars; and the master of any such boat or vessel, arriving at either of the ports above named, on board of which merchandise, as aforesaid, shall have been shipped at New Orleans, shall, within eighteen hours next after the arrival, and previously to unloading any part of said merchandise, deliver to the surveyor of such port the manifest of the same, certified, as aforesaid, by the collector of New Orleans, and shall make oath or affirmation before the said surveyor that there was not, when he departed from New Orleans, any more or other goods on board such boat or vessel, imported as aforesaid, than is therein mentioned; whereupon the surveyor shall cause the said casks, bags, boxes, chests, or packages, to be inspected, and compared with the manifests, and the same being identified, he shall grant a permit for unloading the same, or such part thereof as the master shall request, and, when a part only of such merchandise is intended to be landed, the surveyor shall make an endorsement on the back of the manifests, designating such part, specifying the articles to be landed, and shall return the manifests to the master, endorsing thereon his permission to such boat or vessel to proceed to the place of its destination; and, if the master of such steamboat or vessel shall neglect or refuse to deliver the manifests within the time herein directed, he shall forfeit one hundred dollars.

Infractions and
penalties.

Proceedings at
second port.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the collector of the port of New Orleans shall permit no entry to be made of goods, wares, or merchandise, where the duty on the same shall exceed the amount of the bond deposited with the surveyor, as aforesaid, nor shall the said surveyor receive the bond of any person not entitled to a credit at the custom-house, nor for a sum less than fifty dollars, and that, when the said bond shall have been completed, and the actual amount of duty ascertained and certified on the margin, as aforesaid, it shall be the duty of the surveyor of the port where the bond is taken, to deposit the same for collection in such bank as may be directed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Condition of
entry at New
Orleans.

Surveyors to
be appointed.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That where surveyors are not already

appointed in any of the places mentioned in the first section of this act, a suitable person shall be appointed for such places, and on all such surveyors, whether appointed or to be appointed, shall devolve the duties prescribed by this act, in addition to the customary duties performed by that officer in other places; and the surveyor at each of said places shall, before taking the oath of office, give security to the United States for the faithful performance of all his duties, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, and shall receive, in addition to his customary fees, an annual salary of three hundred and fifty dollars; *Provided*, That no salary arising under this act, shall commence until its provisions shall take effect, and merchandise may be imported under its authority.

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Suits, &c. for penalties.

Act of March 2, 1799, ch. 22.

1797, ch. 13.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all penalties and forfeitures incurred by force of this act shall be sued for, recovered, distributed and accounted for, in the manner prescribed by the act, entitled "An act to regulate the collection of duties on imports and tonnage," passed on the second day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, and may be mitigated or remitted in the manner prescribed by the act, entitled "An act to provide for mitigating or remitting the forfeitures, penalties, and disabilities, accruing in certain cases therein mentioned," passed on the third day of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1831.

Repeal of act of April 17, 1822, ch. 27.

CHAP. LXXXVIII.—*An Act to repeal the act to establish the district of Blakely.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act to establish the district of Blakely," approved the seventeenth day of April, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1831.

Additional compensation.

CHAP. XCI.—*An Act to provide for the further compensation of the marshal of the district of Rhode Island.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the marshal of the district of Rhode Island shall be entitled to receive, in addition to the compensation now allowed by law, an annual salary of two hundred dollars payable quarterly, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1831.

Owners of, &c. authorized.

Barry v. Gamble, 3 Howard, 32.

CHAP. XCII.—*An Act for the relief of certain holders of certificates issued in lieu of lands injured by earthquakes in Missouri.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the legal owners of any certificates of new location issued under the act of seventeenth February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, for the relief of persons whose lands were injured by earthquakes in Missouri, which may have been located upon lands, any part of which has been adjudged to any person or persons as a right of pre-emption, shall be authorized to locate such warrants, upon such lands as are liable to entry at private sale, *Provided*, That previous to making such new location, the legal owners aforesaid shall relinquish to the United States all claim to the previous

Proviso.