

Expenses of  
Indian deputa-  
tion.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there be appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, for defraying the expenses of conducting a deputation of Indians from the head waters of the Missouri to Washington city, and from thence to their own country: *Provided*, That no compensation beyond their actual expenses for extra services, shall be allowed any Indian agent or sub-agent for services when doing duty under the order of their government, detached from their agency and boundary of the tribe to which they are agents.

Proviso.

Corn, &c. for  
Seminoles.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, in the purchase and delivery of corn, or other provisions, for the use of the Seminole Indians, who are likely to suffer on account of the failure of their crops from a severe drought the last year.

APPROVED, May 31, 1832.

STATUTE I.

May 31, 1832.

CHAP. CX.—*An Act to aid the vestry of Washington parish in the erection of a keeper's house, and the improvement and security of the ground allotted for the interment of members of Congress, and other public officers.*

Appropriations  
for burial  
ground.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the public buildings, for the purpose of aiding the vestry of Washington parish, in the erection of a keeper's house, for planting trees, boundary stones, and otherwise improving the burial ground, allotted to the interment of members of Congress, and other officers of the general government.

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STATUTE I.

May 31, 1832.

CHAP. CXI.—*An Act in relation to the penitentiary for the District of Columbia.*

[Obsolete.]  
Appropriations  
for penitentiary.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the sum of thirty-eight thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of completing the penitentiary and buildings connected with it, for the erection of railing on the exterior walls, and for the support of the convicts, and pay of the officers for the present year, to be expended under the superintendence and direction of the inspectors of the penitentiary.

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STATUTE I.

May 31, 1832.

CHAP. CXII.—*An Act for quieting possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers within the District of Columbia. (a)*

Deeds, &c.  
of land in the  
District of Co-  
lumbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That if any person or persons, seised or possessed of, or holding any estate or interest in any lands, tenements, or hereditaments, lying and being within the District of Columbia, shall execute and acknowledge a deed for the conveyance of such

(a) An act to amend an act for quieting the possessions, enrolling conveyances, and securing the estates of purchasers within the District of Columbia, passed the 31st May, 1832. April 20, 1838, ch. 57.

estate or interest, or for declaring or limiting any use or trust in and of the same, before any judge of a court of record and of law of the state and county in which such person or persons may be, or before any chancellor of any such state, or before any judge of the Supreme, circuit, district or territorial courts of the United States, or before any two justices of the peace of the state, district or territory and county in which such person or persons may be; and such judge, chancellor or justices shall annex to such a deed, a certificate, under his or their hands, of the execution and acknowledgment thereof, and that the grantor or grantors was or were known to him or them, or that his, her or their identity had been satisfactorily proved, and the register, clerk or prothonotary of such court or county, shall also certify under his hand and the seal of his office, that the judge, chancellor, or justices, is or are, was or were such at the time of the execution and acknowledgment thereof; or if any such person or persons, seised or possessed as aforesaid, shall be in some foreign country, and shall execute and acknowledge any such deed before any judge or chancellor of any court, master or master extraordinary in chancery, or notary public, in such foreign country; and such execution and acknowledgment, and also the identity of the grantor or grantors shall be certified upon, or annexed to, such deed, under the hand and seal of any such judge, chancellor, master or master extraordinary, or notary public, and such deed, so executed, acknowledged and certified in the several and respective modes aforesaid, shall be recorded amongst the land records of the county of Washington, or the county of Alexandria in the District of Columbia, within six calendar months from the day of its date, if executed and acknowledged within the United States or the territories thereof, or within twelve calendar months from the day of its date, if executed and acknowledged in some foreign country; such deed shall be good and effectual for the purpose or purposes therein mentioned.

Before whom to be acknowledged.

Certificate.

Deeds by persons in foreign countries.

Where and when to be recorded.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any feme covert in whom such estate or interest may be, shall be a party with her husband, executing such deed, or shall only be relinquishing her right of dower, in or to such estate or interest, and the judge, chancellor, justices, master or master extraordinary in chancery, or notary public, aforesaid, before whom the same may be executed and acknowledged, shall make the contents thereof known to her, and shall examine her, out of the presence and hearing of her husband, whether she doth make her acknowledgment of the same voluntarily, and without being induced to do so by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her husband, or fear of his displeasure; and such examination and acknowledgment, and also the identity of the party shall be certified in the mode prescribed in the first section of this act, according to the place or country where such feme covert shall be at the time of such examination and acknowledgment, and such deed shall be recorded within the several and respective periods herein before mentioned; the same shall be good and available for the purposes therein mentioned, and thereby intended.

Deeds to which feme covert is a party.

Examination of feme.

Certificate.

Record.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the clerks of the circuit court of the District of Columbia for the counties of Washington and Alexandria, respectively, are hereby authorized to record any deed or conveyance, executed and authenticated agreeably to the provisions of this act.

Clerks authorized to record.

APPROVED, May 31, 1832.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. CXIII.—*An Act vesting in the corporation of the city of Washington, all the rights of the Washington Canal Company; and for other purposes.*

May 31, 1832.

WHEREAS, it is represented that the mayor, board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, have purchased,