

CHAP. LXXXIX.—*An Act to authorize the President of the United States to cause the public surveys to be connected with the line of demarcation between the states of Indiana and Illinois.*

STATUTE II.
March 2, 1833.

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 hereby is authorized and required to cause the public lands lying along the line of demarcation between the states of Indiana and Illinois, as established by the joint sanction of those states, to be surveyed in connection with said line on either side thereof.

Lands to be surveyed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized to allow for the service to be performed under this act, such further compensation, in addition to [the] regular price now authorized by law, as to him shall appear to be just and reasonable, to be paid out of the regular appropriation for surveying public lands north-west of the Ohio river.

Compensation.

APPROVED, March 2, 1833.

CHAP. XC.—*An Act further to extend the powers of the board of canal commissioners for the improvement of the Tennessee river in the state of Alabama.*

STATUTE II.
March 2, 1833.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the commissioners appointed by the state of Alabama to superintend the improvement of the Tennessee river, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby authorized to suspend the improvement of so much of said river as is below Florence, in said state, and every other part of the same, until the canal and other improvements, between Lamb's ferry and Campbell's ferry, shall have been completed; any thing in the act entitled "An act to grant certain relinquished and unappropriated lands to the state of Alabama for the purpose of improving the navigation of the Tennessee, Coosa, Cahawba, and Black Warrior rivers," approved twenty-third of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commissioners to suspend improvement of Tennessee river.

Act of May 23, 1828, ch. 75.

APPROVED, March 2, 1833.

CHAP. XCI.—*An Act prescribing the mode by which patents for public lands shall be signed and executed.*

STATUTE II.
March 2, 1833.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a secretary, with a salary of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the President, to sign in his name, and for him, all patents for lands sold or granted under the authority of the United States.

Secretary to be appointed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall continue and be in force until the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, and no longer.

Limitation of the act.

APPROVED, March 2, 1833.

CHAP. XCII.—*An Act to revive the act entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of [the] public lands."*

STATUTE II.
March 2, 1833.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That in all cases in which persons were settlers or occupants of the public lands prior to the first

Settlers prior to May 1, 1832, permitted to enter, &c.

Act of April 5,
1832, ch. 65.

day of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and were authorized to enter under the provisions of the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the several laws for the sale of [the] public lands," approved April fifth, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and were prevented from making their entries, in consequence of the public surveys not having been made and returned, or where the land was not attached to any land district, or where the same has been reserved from sale in consequence of a disputed boundary between two states, or between a state and territory, the said occupants shall be permitted to enter the said lands on the same conditions, in every respect, as were prescribed in said act, within one year after the surveys are made, or the land attached to a land district, or the boundary line established; and if the land shall be proclaimed for sale before the expiration of one year as aforesaid, then the said settlers or occupants shall be permitted to enter before the sale thereof.

APPROVED, March 2, 1833.

STATUTE II.

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CHAP. XCIII.—*An Act to establish a town at St. Marks, in Florida.*

Lands to be
laid off into
town lots, &c.

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 cause so much of the public lands at or near St. Marks, in the territory of Florida, as he may deem proper, to be laid off into town lots, not to contain more than one quarter of an acre each, and into streets, avenues, and out lots, and public squares, for the use of the town; and, whenever the survey of the same shall be completed, it shall be the duty of the surveyor for the territory of Florida, to cause two plats thereof to be made out, on which the town and out lots shall respectively be designated by progressive numbers; one of which shall be transmitted, with a copy of the field notes, to the commissioner of the general land office, and the other to the register of the land office for the proper district: *Provided,* That the President may adopt, if he shall approve such plan as may have been already reported to the general land office.

Plan.

Public sale of
lots.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the aforesaid town and out lots at said site, with the exception of such of them as the President may reserve for fortifications, shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder, under the direction of the register and receiver of the proper land office, at such times and places as the President shall, by public proclamation, designate for that purpose; and all lots remaining unsold at the closing of the public sales shall be subject to entry at private sale at the proper land office: *Provided,* That no town lot shall be sold for less than twenty-five dollars, nor any out lot for less than at the rate of twenty-five dollars per acre; and they shall, in every other respect, be sold on the same terms and conditions as are provided for the disposal of the other public lands of the United States.

Private entry.

Prices limited.

Improvements
to be paid for.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That previous to offering the aforesaid town and out lots at public sale, the President of the United States shall cause the value of any improvements which may have been made thereon to be ascertained in such manner as he may prescribe for that purpose; and the purchaser at public sale of any lot upon which there are such improvements, other than the owner thereof, shall, in addition to the sum to be paid to the United States, be, and hereby is, required to pay to the owner of the improvements, the value of them as thus ascertained; and, if payment therefor shall not be made upon the day on which the same was purchased, the lot shall be again offered at public sale on the next day of sale, and such persons shall not be capable of becoming the purchaser of that or of any other lot offered at that

Payment on
day of sale, &c.