

surey shall adjudicate and decide such claims as may be presented against the United States, under the provisions of this act, *Provided*, That every claim which exceeds the sum of two hundred dollars, instead of deciding the same, the said third auditor shall report the whole of the proof to Congress at its next session after taking and closing such proof; and he shall have power by constituting a commission or otherwise, to take testimony in any case where he shall think the interests of the United States require further testimony to be taken.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That any sum of money to any amount not exceeding two hundred dollars so allowed by said third auditor shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, June 30, 1834.

Third auditor to adjudicate claims.
Proviso.

Amount allowed by auditor to be paid, if not exceeding \$200.

STATUTE I.

June 30, 1834.

CHAP. CLV.—*An Act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Potomac, and repealing all acts already passed in relation thereto.*

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 providing for the purchase by the United States of the rights of the Washington Bridge Company, in the District of Columbia, and for the erection of a public bridge on the site thereof," which passed the fourteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, and the act entitled "An act in relation to the Potomac bridge," which passed the second day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, be, and the same are hereby repealed, except so much of the former as authorized the purchase of the rights of the Washington Bridge Company.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required, to contract for the reconstruction, on the site of the present bridge, across the river Potomac, of a bridge, on the plan of that originally constructed there by the Washington Bridge Company: *Provided*, That the draw at the southern channel of the river be not less than sixty-six feet, and at the northern channel than thirty-five feet; that a space or spaces not exceeding in all, one thousand six hundred and sixty feet of the shoal or shoals, over which the present bridge passes, may be filled up by a solid embankment; in part, if convenient, of earth obtained by dredging the river channel: *And provided, also*, That the entire cost of said embankment, and such reconstruction shall not on the whole exceed one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated thereto, out of any money in the treasury not hitherto appropriated.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the claims of Orange H. Dibble, for labour, materials, or any other expenses upon the said bridge, be ascertained by the Secretary of the Treasury, as nearly as the same can be done, and be laid before Congress at its next session for its examination. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to pay him in the mean time such sum as will reimburse to him the actual loss incurred by him, in making preparation for the construction of the said bridge: *Provided*, The amount paid shall not exceed twenty thousand dollars, said payment to be made out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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Former acts repealed, except so much as authorized a purchase from the Washington Bridge Comp.

Act of 1832, ch. 225.

Act of 1833, ch. 65.

Secretary of Treasury to contract for bridge similar to that formerly built.

Size of draws.

Appropriation.

Claims of O. H. Dibble to be ascertained and actual loss paid, if not exceeding \$20,000.

STATUTE I.

June 30, 1834.

CHAP. CLVI.—*An Act to authorize the sale of lots in the town of St. Mark's, in Florida.*

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

Register and receiver to sell.

States be, and he is hereby, authorized to direct the register and receiver of the Tallahassee land district to make sale, at public auction, of one-fourth of the lots in the town of St. Mark's, in the territory of Florida, according to the plan of the surveyor general of said territory, as soon as practicable after the passage of this act, upon giving two months' public notice of the said sale.

APPROVED, June 30, 1834.

STATUTE I.

June 30, 1834.

CHAP. CLVII.—*An Act supplementary to the act to amend the several acts respecting copyrights. (a)*

Deeds of transfer to be recorded, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all deeds or instruments in writing for the transfer or assignment of copyrights, being proved or acknowledged in such manner as deeds for the conveyance of land are required by law to be proved or acknowledged in the same state or district, shall and may be recorded in the office where the original copyright is deposited and recorded; and every such deed or instrument that shall in any time hereafter be made and executed, and which shall not be proved or acknowledged and recorded as aforesaid, within sixty days after its execution, shall be judged fraudulent and void against any subsequent purchaser or mortgagee for valuable consideration without notice.

Fees of clerk of district court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the clerk of the district court shall be entitled to such fees for performing the services herein authorized and required, as he is entitled to for performing like services under existing laws of the United States.

APPROVED, June 30, 1834.

STATUTE I.

June 30, 1834.

CHAP. CLVIII.—*An Act to provide for rebuilding the frigate Congress.*

Appropriation for rebuilding the frigate Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and eighty-one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to rebuild the frigate Congress; and no part of said sum shall be carried to the surplus fund, notwithstanding any general provision in any other act to the contrary.

APPROVED, June 30, 1834.

STATUTE I.

June 30, 1834.

CHAP. CLX.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to make experiments for the safety of the steam engine.*

Secretary of Navy to test engine devised by B. Phillips.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to examine and test the steam engine devised by Benjamin Phillips, of Philadelphia, and to [employ] said Phillips, and such other persons as he may deem proper to make the experiment.

Other improvements to be tested, and result reported to Congress.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a discretionary power be vested in the Secretary of the Navy to examine and test such other improvements in the same line, as may hereafter be presented, and for that purpose to employ such person or persons as he may deem proper; and that he report to Congress, as soon as may be, the result of any experiment made in pursuance of this act.

Appropriation to carry act into execution.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the purpose of carrying this act into execution, the sum of five thousand dollars, out of any

(a) For notes of acts relating to copyrights, see vol. ii. p. 171.