

ACTS OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the district of Columbia, on Monday, the 4th day of December, 1837, and ended July 7, 1838.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, President. RICHARD M. JOHNSON, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate. JAMES K. POLK, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE II.

Dec. 22, 1837.

CHAP. I.—*An Act to authorize the President of the United States to cause the public vessels to cruise upon the coast in the winter season and to relieve distressed navigators.*

The President authorized to cause the public vessels to cruise upon the coast in the winter for the relief of distressed navigators.

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 to cause any suitable number of public vessels, adapted to the purpose, to cruise upon the coast, in the severe portion of the season, when the public service will allow of it, and to afford such aid to distressed navigators as their circumstances and necessities may require; and such public vessels shall go to sea prepared fully to render such assistance.

APPROVED, December 22, 1837.

STATUTE II.

Jan. 16, 1838.

CHAP. II.—*An Act to ratify and confirm certain official acts of John Pope, late Governor of Arkansas.*

The locations, &c., of John Pope, of ten sections of land granted by Congress to Arkansas for a State-house, under authority vested in him by an act of 4th July, 1832, confirmed.

Act of July 4, 1832, ch. 172. Proviso.

Further proviso.

Certain lands in the Mississippi land district, Arkansas,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the locations, sales, and transfers of John Pope, late Governor of Arkansas, of a quantity of the public land, not exceeding ten sections, (or six thousand four hundred acres,) which was granted by Congress to Arkansas to build a State-house at Little Rock, the seat of Government of Arkansas, to sundry citizens of Arkansas, in pursuance of an authority vested in him by an act of Congress of the fourth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, be, and the same are hereby, ratified and confirmed: *Provided* said location, sales, and transfers, were in conformity to legal subdivisions, be those divisions fractional quarter sections or not: *And provided, also,* That the gross amount of acres of land thus located, sold, and transferred, for the purpose aforesaid, does not exceed six thousand four hundred acres; and the President of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to cause patents to issue to said purchasers, their heirs, or their legal representatives, for the late Governor's several locations, sales, and transfers, whenever the applications are properly made by said purchasers or their legal representatives.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the northeast and southwest quarters of section twenty-seven, township eighteen south, range one west, the southeast quarter of section twenty-eight, same township and

range, the southwest quarter of section fifteen, township nineteen south, range one west, the northwest and southeast quarters of section nine, same township and range, all in the Mississippi land district, State of Arkansas, be, and the same are hereby, excepted from the provisions of this act.

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APPROVED, January 16, 1838.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. III.—*An Act to provide for the payment of the annuities which will become due and payable to the Great and Little Osages, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and for other purposes.*

Jan. 16, 1838.

[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War shall cause to be purchased for the use of the Great and Little Osage Indians, such provisions as will in his opinion be most useful to them, to the value of eight thousand five hundred dollars, and when purchased, shall cause said provisions to be distributed among said Indians, by their agent, furnishing to each family, as near as may be, their proper proportion; *Provided always,* That such purchase and distribution shall not be made, unless said Indians agree to receive the same in discharge of the annuities due them for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, by virtue of treaties between them and the United States.

Sec. War to cause provisions to the value of \$8500 to be purchased and distributed among the Great and Little Osage Indians.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War cause as many additional farmers to be employed as may, in the opinion of the President, be deemed necessary to aid and instruct said Indians in clearing and cultivating their lands, and such additional stock, implements of husbandry and seeds to be purchased for the use of said Indians, as the agent or superintendent may judge necessary; *Provided always,* That the whole expense incurred under this section, shall not exceed the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars.

Sec. War to cause additional farmers to be employed, and additional stock, &c., to be purchased.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That to enable the Secretary of War to carry the provisions of this act into effect, 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.

\$12,000 appropriated to enable the Sec. War to carry this act into effect.

APPROVED, January 16, 1838.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act making a partial appropriation for the suppression of Indian hostilities for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight.*

Jan. 30, 1838.

[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one million of dollars shall be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray any expenses which have been, or may be, incurred, in preventing or suppressing the hostilities of any Indians, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight; to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, conformably to the acts of Congress of the nineteenth of March and the second of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and of the acts therein referred to.

Appropriation.

To be expended under direction of Sec. War, conformably, &c.

1836, ch. 44.
1836, ch. 254.

APPROVED, January 30, 1838.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. V.—*An Act making an appropriation for the protection of the northern frontier of the United States.*

Jan. 30, 1838.

[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of six hundred and twenty-five thousand five hundred dollars shall be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any unappropriated money in the

Appropriation.