

STATUTE II.

Aug. 26, 1842.

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An annual term to be holden on 25th Aug.

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CHAP. CCIII.—*An Act to establish a district court of the United States in the city of Wheeling, in the State of Virginia.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That one annual term of the district court of the United States, for the western district of Virginia, be holden in the city of Wheeling, on the twenty-fifth day of August.

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Account to be published under the direction of the Joint Library committee.

Proposals to be advertised for.

Contract to be given to the lowest bidder, &c.

Objects of natural history to be deposited in the Patent Office, &c.

CHAP. CCIV.—*An Act to provide for publishing an account of the discoveries made by the Exploring Expedition, under the command of Lieutenant Wilkes, of the United States Navy.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be published, under the supervision and direction of the Joint Committee on the Library, "an account of the discoveries made by the Exploring Expedition, under the command of Lieutenant Wilkes of the United States navy," which account shall be prepared with illustrations and published in a form similar to the voyage of the *Astrolabe*, lately published by the Government of France.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That when such account shall have been written, and the illustrations for the same shall have been prepared, an advertisement shall be inserted in the papers publishing the laws of the United States, inviting proposals for printing one hundred copies of the same for the United States, to be delivered to the Librarian of Congress in a time, and at a price to be stipulated in such contract; and the contract shall be made with, and given to, the person offering and giving sufficient assurance to perform the work at the lowest price; and on such contract being made, the "account" shall be delivered to such contractor.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That until other provision be made by law for the safe-keeping and arrangement of such objects of natural history as may be in possession of the Government, the same shall be deposited and arranged in the upper room of the Patent Office, under the care of such person as may be appointed by the Joint Committee on the Library.

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Patents to be issued for tracts entered under the pre-emption laws, but withheld on account of the quantity exceeding that specified in the law, &c.

Proviso.

CHAP. CCV.—*An Act to confirm the sale of public lands in certain cases. (a)*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases when any entry has been made, under the pre-emption laws, of land which was public land, subject to sale at the date of such entry, and when patents for the same have not been issued from the General Land Office, because of the original tract claimed, or the float arising therefrom, exceeding the quantity specified in the law, or when the adjudication has been made by the receiver and the clerk of the register, acting in the stead of the register, or when the proof upon which the claim is founded is not in the form, nor full, as to all the facts required by law, but substantially so, such entries and sales are hereby confirmed, and patents shall be issued thereon, as in other cases: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Treasury shall be satisfied that such entries have been in other respects fair and regular, and that the evidence sustains the claim; that they are not contested by other persons claiming the same, and that no fraud shall appear in them: *And provided, also,* That the act of

(a) See notes of the acts relating to pre-emption rights, May 29, 1830, ch. 208.