

STATUTE III.

Feb. 15, 1843.

[Obsolete.]

Franking privilege granted. Act of March 3, 1845, ch. 43, sec. 6.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act to authorize the chief clerk in the office of the Secretary of State to frank public and official documents sent from that office.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the right and privilege of franking all public and official documents, that may be sent from the office of the Secretary of State, be, and hereby is, granted to the chief clerk in that office.

APPROVED, February 15, 1843.

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Circuit court to be held at Portland on 1st October.

Proviso.

District court to be held at Portland on first Tuesday of February. And at Bangor on fourth Tuesday of June.

CHAP. XXXII. — *An Act to change the place of holding the circuit and district courts in the district of Maine. (a)*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the term of the circuit court of the United States, for the district of Maine, heretofore held at Wiscasset, in and for said district, on the first day of October, shall hereafter be held at Portland, in said district, on the first day of October, and that all writs, pleas, and recognizances and indictments, and all other proceedings, both civil and criminal, pending in said court, shall be returnable to and have day and be heard, tried, and proceeded in at Portland, in the same manner as they might have been done at Wiscasset, had the place of holding said court not been changed: *Provided, however,* if the first day of October happen on Sunday, then the court shall be held on the second day of said month.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the term of the district court of the United States for the district of Maine, heretofore held at Wiscasset, on the fourth Tuesday of February, shall hereafter be held at Portland on the first Tuesday of February, and that the term of said court heretofore held at Portland on the first Tuesday of June, shall hereafter be held at Bangor in said district, on the fourth Tuesday of June.

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Authority to provide for the sale of school lands, &c.

Proviso.

Apportionment of the proceeds.

CHAP. XXXIII. — *An Act to authorize the Legislatures of the States of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, to sell the lands heretofore appropriated for the use of schools in those States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Legislatures of Illinois, Arkansas, Louisiana, and Tennessee, be, and they are hereby, authorized to provide by law for the sale and conveyance in fee simple, of all or any part of the lands heretofore reserved and appropriated by Congress for the use of schools within said States, and to invest the money arising from the sales thereof in some productive fund, the proceeds of which shall be forever applied, under the direction of said Legislatures, to the use and support of schools within the several townships and districts of country for which they were originally reserved and set apart, and for no other use or purpose whatever: *Provided,* Said land, or any part thereof, shall in no wise be sold without the consent of the inhabitants of such township or district, to be obtained in such manner as the Legislatures of said States shall by law direct; and in the apportionment of the proceeds of said fund, each township and district shall be entitled to such part thereof, and no more, as shall have accrued from the sum or sums of money arising from the sale of the school lands belonging to such township or district.

(a) District Court of Maine, vol. 3, 413.

Notes of the acts relating to the circuit court of the district of Maine, vol. 3, 773.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Legislatures of said States be, and they are hereby, authorized to make such laws and needful regulations as may be deemed expedient to secure and protect from injury or waste, the sections reserved by the laws of Congress, for the use of schools, to each township, and to provide by law, if not deemed expedient to sell, for leasing the same for any term not exceeding four years, in such manner as to render them productive, and most conducive to the object for which they were designed.

Authority to make laws for protection of said lands, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if the proceeds accruing to any township or district from said fund, shall be insufficient for the support of schools therein, it shall be lawful for said Legislatures to invest the same in the most secure and productive manner, until the whole proceeds of the fund belonging to such township or district shall be adequate to the permanent maintenance and support of schools within the same: *Provided*, That the Legislatures aforesaid shall, in no case, invest the proceeds of the sale of the lands in any township in manner aforesaid, without the consent of the inhabitants of said township or district, to be obtained as aforesaid.

In case of insufficiency of said proceeds to support schools, authority to invest them until adequate.

Provido.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That any sales of such lands, reserved as aforesaid, as have been made in pursuance of any of the laws enacted by the Legislatures of said States, and not inconsistent with the principles of this act, are hereby ratified and confirmed so far as the assent of the United States to the same may be necessary to the confirmation thereof.

Such sales as have been made not inconsistent with the principles of this act, confirmed.

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CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act for the relief of the owners of the fund received from the British Government as an indemnity for slaves lost from on board the Comet and Encomium at Nassau, Bahamas.*

Feb. 18, 1843.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and sixty-five dollars and twenty-eight cents, a balance of the indemnities received from the British Government for loss of slaves from on board the Comet and the Encomium, at Nassau, paid into the treasury by the late John Forsyth, be paid, on the order of the Secretary of State, to the persons or companies entitled thereto, or to their representatives; and that, for that purpose, the aforesaid sum be, and it is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Balance of indemnities to be paid to persons or companies entitled thereto.

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CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut.*

Feb. 24, 1843.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut, shall hereafter be held on the fourth Tuesday in April, and on the third Tuesday in September in each year, instead of the last Wednesday in April, and the seventeenth day of September, the times heretofore established by law. And all indictments, informations, recognisances, writs, suits, pleas, actions, motions, and all other proceedings, civil and criminal, shall be heard, tried, proceeded with, and determined by the said court, in the same manner as they might and ought to have been done, had the said court been holden at the times heretofore directed by law.

Changed to fourth Tuesday in April, and third Tuesday in September.

All proceedings to go on as heretofore.

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