An act providing for the sale of the tract of land at the British fort of the Miami of the Lake, at the foot of the rapids, and for other purposes. But all such town lots and out lots, or other tract or tracts of land, reserved, or directed to be reserved, as aforesaid, shall be held subject to the uses and trusts in said acts, and in other acts relating to such reserves, designated or intended. But nothing contained in this act shall prevent the original purchasers of the lots or lands within the limits of the said towns of Perrysburg and Crogansville, and not relinquished to the United States, from paying to the State of Ohio or the General Government for the use of said road or the United States the money with the interest remaining due thereon, on all such lots and lands as may not have heretofore been disposed of by the authorities of the said State for the benefit of said road.

Approved, February 20, 1845.

An act to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the naval service, and to extend the term of enlistment of seamen." Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the passage of this act, the provisions of the second and third sections of the act entitled "An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the naval service, and to extend the term of enlistment of seamen," approved March second, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, which authorize and provide for the detention of any person enlisted for the navy, after the expiration of the enlistment, until the return of such person to the United States, shall be understood and construed to authorize and provide for the detention of such person until the arrival of the vessel in which he shall be so detained at a port of the United States, and until he shall have received his regular discharge by order of the Secretary of the Navy: Provided, That such detention shall not exceed the term of thirty days from the time of the arrival of the said vessel in a port of the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the commanding officer of any vessel, squadron or fleet of the navy of the United States, when clothed with powers of consuls upon the high seas or in any foreign port where there is no resident consul of the United States, shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise all the powers of a consul in relation to mariners of the United States.

Approved, February 20, 1845.

An act to organize a new land district in the southern part of the State of Arkansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the section of country in the southern part of the State of Arkansas, south of the base line, and east of the meridian, comprised within the following boundaries, to wit: between the line dividing ranges five and six on the east, the line dividing ranges twenty and twenty-one on the west, the dividing line between townships ten and eleven on the north, and the State line on the South, be made to form a separate district, to be called the Champagnole district, the seat of the land office for which shall be at the town of Champagnole, and be subject to removal by the President of the United States, whenever, in his judgment, it may be proper so to do.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be a register and receiver of public moneys appointed for said land district, who shall...
 Registers, &c. at Little Rock and Washington to transfer documents, &c.

**Act to take effect in 3 months.**

**STATUTE II.**

Feb. 26, 1845.

Chap. XIX.—An Act supplementary to “An act to repeal an act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana,” and for other purposes, approved February thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five. (a)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the causes now pending in the district court of the United States for the western district of the State of Louisiana, which appropriately belong to the circuit court jurisdiction, shall be transferred to the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana, there to be proceeded in according to law, and in the same manner, as if they had originated in that court; and the causes which belong to the jurisdiction of the district court shall be and remain in the district court for the eastern district court, to be proceeded in according to law, and in the same manner as if they had originated therein.

Approved, February 26, 1845.

**STATUTE II.**

Feb. 26, 1845.

Chap. XX.—An Act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases, upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting the same.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the district courts of the United States shall have, possess, and exercise, the same jurisdiction in matters of contract and tort, arising in, upon, or concerning, steamboats and other vessels of twenty tons burden and upwards, enrolled and licensed for the coasting trade, and at the time employed in business of commerce and navigation between ports and places in different States and Territories upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting said lakes, as is now possessed and exercised by the said courts in cases of the like steamboats and other vessels employed in navigation and commerce upon the high seas, or tide waters, within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States; and in all suits brought in such courts in all such matters of contract or tort, the remedies, and the forms of process, and the modes of proceeding, shall be the same as are or may be used by such courts in cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; and the maritime law of the United States, so far as the same is or may be applicable thereto, shall constitute the rule of decision in such suits, in the same manner, and to the same ex-

(a) See notes of the acts relating to the District Court of Louisiana, vol. 3, 774.