gave security in the same manner and in the same sums, and whose
duties and authority, compensation and emoluments, shall in every
respect be the same, in relation to the lands to be disposed of in said
district, as are or may be provided by law in relation to the registers
and receivers of public money in the several offices established for the
sale of the public lands.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the
registers and receivers for the districts of land subject to sale at Little
Rock and Washington, in the State aforesaid, under the direction of
the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to transfer to the register
and receiver for the district hereby created all the proper evidences,
documents, records, and township plats, in relation to lands heretofore
sold or subject to sale at those offices, respectively, which fall within
the limits of the district hereby created.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect and
be in force from and after the expiration of three calendar months from
the date of the passing hereof.

APPROVED, February 20, 1845.

STATUTE II.
Feb. 26, 1845.

SEC. 1. 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 cir-
cuit 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.

SEC. 1. 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
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jurisdiction in matters of contract and tort, arising in, upon, or con-
cerning, steamboats and other vessels of twenty tons burden and up-
wards, enrolled and licensed for the coasting trade, and at the time em-
ployed 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 reme-
dies, 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.