

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-SECOND 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 6th day of December, 1852, and ended Thursday, March 3d, 1853.

MILLARD FILLMORE, President. WILLIAM R. KING, President of the Senate pro-tem. till December 20, 1852, when he resigned, and DAVID R. ATCHISON was chosen in his place. LINN BOYD, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I.—*An Act making an Appropriation for bringing to the Seat of Government the Votes for President and Vice-President of the United States.* Dec. 16, 1852.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a sum not exceeding twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of the sums due by law to the several messengers of the respective States, as compensation for conveying to the seat of Government, the vote of the electors of the said States for President and Vice-President of the United States.

Appropriation
for payment of
Electoral Mes-
sengers.

APPROVED, December 16, 1852.

CHAP. III.—*An Act to amend the Act approved the thirty-first August, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, in reference to the Appropriation for continuing the Survey of the Mexican Boundary.* Dec. 23, 1852.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of continuing the survey of the Mexican boundary, it shall be lawful to use so much of the appropriation provided by the act approved thirty-first August, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the Government for the year ending the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and for other purposes," as may be required in running and marking said boundary, under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, on the Rio Grande below the town called "Paso," and in defraying any necessary expenses heretofore incurred, or that may hereafter be incurred, connected with said survey.

Mexican bound-
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tion for survey
of part of.
1852, ch. 108.

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APPROVED, December 23, 1852.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to issue Registers to Vessels in certain cases.* Dec. 23, 1852.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue a register or enrol-

Registry of
wrecked foreign

built vessels purchased and repaired by citizens of the United States, authorized. Provided the repairs equal three-fourths the cost of the vessel when repaired.

ment for any vessel built in a foreign country, whenever such vessel may have been or shall hereafter be wrecked in the United States, and have been, or shall hereafter be, purchased and repaired by a citizen or citizens thereof: *Provided*, That it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the repairs put upon such vessel shall be equal to three-fourths of the cost of said vessel when so repaired.

APPROVED, December 23, 1852.

Jan. 7, 1853.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish the Territorial Government of Oregon," approved August fourteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.*

1848, ch. 177.

Selection in Oregon of other sections in lieu of 16th, and 36th, when those are located upon, authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Oregon be, and hereby are authorized, in all cases where the sixteen or thirty-six sections, or any part thereof, shall be taken and occupied under the law making donations of land to actual settlers, or otherwise to cause the county commissioners of the several counties in said Territory, or such other officer or officers as they shall direct, to select, in lieu thereof, an equal quantity of any unoccupied land in sections, or fractional sections, as the case may be.

The lands so selected set apart for Common Schools.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That when selections are made in pursuance of the provisions of the first section of this act, said lands so selected, and their proceeds, shall be forever inviolably set apart for the benefit of common schools.

APPROVED, January 7, 1853.

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CHAP. VII.—*An Act making further Appropriations for the Construction of Roads in the Territory of Minnesota.*

Appropriation for Roads in Minnesota.

1850, ch. 23.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and they are hereby appropriated for the construction of roads in the Territory of Minnesota, in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated for the same objects, by the act approved July eighteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty, to wit: for the construction of a road from Point Douglass, on the Mississippi River, to the falls or rapids of the St. Louis River of Lake Superior, by the most direct and convenient route between those points, twenty thousand dollars; for the construction of a road from Point Douglass to Fort Gaines, now Fort Ripley, ten thousand dollars; for the construction of a road from the mouth of Swan River, or the most expedient point near it, north or south of said river, to the Winnebago agency at Long Prairie, five thousand dollars; and for the construction of a road from Wabashaw to Mendota, five thousand dollars; and for the survey and laying out of a military road from Mendota to the mouth of Big Sioux River, on the Missouri, five thousand dollars. The said roads to be constructed under the direction of the Secretary of War, pursuant to contracts to be made by him.

APPROVED, January 7, 1853.

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CHAP. VIII.—*An Act authorizing certain Soldiers of the late war with Great Britain to surrender the Bounty Lands drawn by them, and to locate others in lieu thereof.*

Bounty Lands of Soldiers in late war with Great Britain, may be surrendered if unfit for cultivation and re-located.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall and may be lawful for any soldier in the late war with Great Britain, to whom bounty land has been allotted and patented in any State of this Union, by virtue of the laws of the United States passed prior to the year 1850, which was and is unfit for cultivation, to surrender said patent, and to receive in lieu thereof the same quantity of any of the public land subject to