

deposit the same in bonded warehouse, and whenever it shall not appear by the bills of lading that the merchandise imported as aforesaid is to be immediately delivered, it shall be lawful for the Collector of the Customs to take possession of the same, and deposit it in bonded warehouse, at the request of the owner, master or consignee of the vessel, on three days' notice to such collector after the entry of the vessel, and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the foregoing provisions are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CXCVIII. — *An Act to constitute Cairo, in the State of Illinois, a Port of Delivery.* August 3, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Cairo, in the State of Illinois, shall be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery, and shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of delivery in the United States; and there shall be appointed a Surveyor of Customs, to reside at said port, who shall, in addition to his own duties, perform the duties and receive the salary and emoluments of surveyor, prescribed by the act of Congress, approved on the second of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, providing for the payment of duties on imported goods at certain ports therein mentioned, entitled "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places," and the said city of Cairo, and the said port of delivery be, and is hereby, annexed to, and made part of, the Collection District of New Orleans, and all the facilities and privileges afforded by said act of Congress of the second [of] March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, be, and hereby are, extended to the said port of Cairo.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CXCIX. — *An Act constituting San Pedro, in the State of California, a Port of Entry and Delivery.* August 3, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the counties of Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, and San Bernardino, in the State of California, be, and they are hereby made a collection district, to be called the District of San Pedro; and San Pedro in said district, shall be, and is hereby made the port of entry for said district.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a collector shall be appointed for said district who shall reside at San Pedro. The said collector shall be allowed three thousand dollars per annum, with additional maximum compensation of two thousand dollars per annum, should his emoluments and fees, provided by law, amount to that sum.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Santa Barbara, in said district, shall remain a port of delivery therein in the same manner as it now constitutes a port of delivery in the District of San Diego.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CC. — *An Act to authorize the State of Wisconsin to select the residue of the Lands to which she is entitled under the act of eighth of August, eighteen hundred and forty-six, for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers.* August 3, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Governor of the State of Wisconsin is hereby authorized to cause to be selected the balance of the land to which that State is entitled under the provisions of the act of the eighth August, eighteen hundred and forty-six, granting land to aid the

Territory of Wisconsin in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers and to connect the same by a canal, out of any of the unsold public lands in said State, subject to private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and not claimed by preëmption; the quantity to be ascertained upon the principles which governed the final adjustment of the grant to the State of Indiana for the Wabash and Erie Canal, under the provisions of the act of Congress approved the ninth of May, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

1848, ch. 36.

August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCI.—*An Act to vest in the several States and Territories the title in fee of the Lands which have been or may be certified to them.*

Post, p. 599.

Fee simple to pass in all grants of land to States and Territories.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in all cases where lands have been, or shall hereafter be, granted by any law of Congress to any one of the several States and Territories; and where said law does not convey the fee-simple title of such lands, or require patents to be issued therefor; the lists of such lands which have been, or may hereafter be certified by the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, under the seal of said office, either as originals, or copies of the originals or records, shall be regarded as conveying the fee simple of all the lands embraced in such lists that are of the character contemplated by such act of Congress, and intended to be granted thereby; but where lands embraced in such lists are not of the character embraced by such acts of Congress, and are not intended to be granted thereby, said lists, so far as these lands are concerned, shall be perfectly null and void, and no right, title, claim, or interest shall be conveyed thereby.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCII.—*An Act to constitute Palatka and Bayport, in the State of Florida, Ports of Delivery, respectively, and Keokuk and Dubuque, in the State of Iowa.*

Palatka and Bayport, Florida, made ports of delivery.

Surveyor—his salary and duties.

1831, ch. 87.

Annexed to collection district of St. Mark's.

Its privileges.

Keokuk and Dubuque, Iowa, made ports of delivery.

Surveyor—his duties and salary.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Palatka and Bayport, in the State of Florida, shall be, and are hereby created ports of delivery, respectively, and shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of delivery in the United States; and there shall be appointed a Surveyor of the Customs, to reside at each of said ports, who shall, in addition to his own duties, also perform the duties and receive the salary and emoluments of surveyors prescribed by the act of Congress passed on the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, providing for the payment of duties on imported goods, at certain ports therein mentioned, the same being entitled "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places," and said Palatka be made a part and annexed to the collection district of St. John's in said State; and said Bayport be made a part and annexed to the collection district of St. Marks, in said State of Florida; and all the privileges and facilities afforded to Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, by the act of Congress aforesaid, be, and the same are hereby extended to the said ports of Palatka and Bayport.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Keokuk and Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, be, and hereby are, constituted ports of delivery within the Collection District of New Orleans, and there shall be appointed a Surveyor of the Customs for each of said ports, who shall be residents thereat; said surveyors shall perform the duties and receive the salary and emoluments prescribed by the act of Congress approved, on the second