

CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the United States Troops who were Sufferers by the recent Disaster to the Steamship San Francisco.* March 27, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be paid, under the direction of the President, to each of the officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates, who, on the twenty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, embarked at New York, under orders for California, on the steamship San Francisco, and who was on board that vessel on the occasion of her recent disaster at sea, and to Lieutenant Francis Key Murray, and any other officer or seaman of the United States' navy, who was on board the said steamship, under orders, a sum equal in amount to his pay and allowances for eight months. Payment to certain persons on board the San Francisco.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any such officer, non-commissioned officer, musician, or private, shall have died before receiving such payment, from any cause consequent upon said disaster, his widow, if one survive him, and if not, then his minor children, if any there be, shall be paid a sum equal in amount to six months' pay, and allowances of the deceased. And that the widows and minor children of those officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates, who perished by this disaster, or who died from disease in consequence thereof, shall be allowed pensions in the same manner in all respects as if the said officers, non-commissioned officers, and privates had been killed in battle. In case of death to whom payment is to be made.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Settlers on Lands reserved for Railroad Purposes.* March 27, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every settler on public lands which have been or may be withdrawn from market in consequence of proposed railroads, and who had settled thereon prior to such withdrawal, shall be entitled to preëmption at the ordinary minimum to the lands settled on and cultivated by them: *Provided,* They shall prove up their rights according to such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, and pay for the same before the day that may be fixed by the President's proclamation for the restoration of said lands to market. Preëmption rights on lands reserved on account of proposed railroads.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act to amend an Act, entitled "An Act to Divide the State of Arkansas into Two Judicial Districts," approved March the third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one.* March 27, 1854.  
1851, ch. 24.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That upon conviction of offenders in the Western Judicial District of the State of Arkansas, for offences to which, punishment by confinement in the penitentiary is annexed, it shall be lawful for the court before whom convictions have or may be had, to sentence convicts to undergo imprisonment in the Penitentiary House of the State situated in the Eastern Judicial District, in the same manner as though the Penitentiary House was situated in the Western Judicial District of the State of Arkansas; and the counties of Sevier and Sebastian in the said State, are hereby added to, and made a part of the said Western Judicial District. Prisoners, where sentenced to.  
  
Limits of Western District.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That when any person shall be convicted in the District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, of any offence committed after the passage of this act, the punishment or part of the punishment whereof is imprisonment by the laws now existing, the said punishment or part of the punishment shall be confinement Sentence to hard labor.

and imprisonment with hard labor for the same length of time, and shall be carried into effect as provided in the preceding section.

Construction of Act of 1834, ch. 161, respecting intercourse with Indians.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing contained in the twenty-fifth section of an act entitled "An act to regulate intercourse with the Indian tribes, and preserve peace on the frontiers," approved thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, shall be construed to extend or apply to said Indian country any of the laws enacted for the District of Columbia, and that nothing contained in the twentieth section of the said act, which provides for the punishment of offences therein specified, shall be construed to extend to any Indian committing said offences in the Indian country, or to any Indian committing any offence in the Indian country who has been punished by the local law of the tribe, or in any case where, by treaty stipulations, the exclusive jurisdiction over such offences may now or hereafter be secured to said Indian tribes, respectively, and any thing in said act inconsistent with this act be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Penalty for burning buildings in the Indian country.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That any white person who shall hereafter set fire, or attempt to set fire, to any house, out-house, cabin, stable, or other building, in said Indian country, to whomsoever belonging; and any Indian who shall set fire to any house, out-house, cabin, stable, or other building, in said Indian country, belonging to or in lawful possession of a white person, in whole or in part, and whether the same be consumed or not, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall be punished by confinement and imprisonment, with hard labor for not more than twenty-one nor less than two years.

Penalty for assaults in the Indian country.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That any white person who shall make an assault upon an Indian, or other person, or any Indian who shall make an assault upon a white person, within said Indian country, with a gun, rifle, sword, pistol, knife, or any other deadly weapon, with intent to kill or maim the person so assaulted, shall be deemed guilty of a felony, and shall, on conviction, be punished with confinement and imprisonment, with hard labor, for not more than five years, nor less than one year.

Execution of process for offences in the Indian country.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in all criminal cases, upon indictment, for offences committed in said Indian country, prior to the creation of said Western District of Arkansas, now pending in the Circuit Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Arkansas, process for witnesses residing or to be found in said Western District, may issue to the marshal of said Eastern District, and be executed by him in any part of said Western District; and that the fees of all witnesses so summoned shall be paid by the United States.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

March 28, 1854. CHAP. XXX. — *An Act to Extend the Warehousing System by establishing Private Bonded Warehouses, and for other purposes.*  
1854, ch. 169.

Goods may be deposited in public or private warehouses.

*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, any goods, wares or merchandise subject to duty, with the exception of perishable articles, also gunpowder, fire-crackers, and other explosive substances, which shall have been duly entered and bonded for warehousing, in conformity with existing laws, may be deposited at the option of the owner, importer, consignee, or agent, at his expense and risk, in any public warehouse owned or leased by the United States, or in the private warehouse of the importer, the same being used exclusively for the storage of warehoused goods of his own importation or to his consignment, or in a private warehouse used by the owner, occupant, or lessee, as a general warehouse for the storage of warehoused goods, such place of storage to be designated on the warehouse entry at