

into the naval service of the United States, to desert therefrom, or who shall conceal any person who may have so deserted, and shall refuse to deliver him up upon the order of his commanding officer, shall, upon legal conviction thereof, be fined at the discretion of the court, in any sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, or be imprisoned for any term not exceeding one year.

to desert, or harboring a deserter.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CXXXVII.—*An Act to amend "An Act to establish a Land District in the State of Florida, to be called the District of Tampa."*

March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register and a receiver for the land district called Tampa, in the State of Florida, which district was created by the act approved August fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, whose compensation, duties, responsibilities, and emoluments shall be the same as is or may be prescribed by law for other land officers in said State.

Register and receiver for Tampa land district.

1854, ch. 276.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CXXXVIII.—*An Act to establish the Collection Districts of Cape Perpetua and Port Orford, in the Territory of Oregon, and to fix the Salaries of the Officers of the Customs therein.*

March 2, 1855.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be, and hereby is, constituted and established the collection districts of Cape Perpetua and Port Orford, in the Territory of Oregon. That the first-named district shall embrace the coast of the Pacific Ocean, from Kowes Bay, exclusive to Cape Perpetua, and all of the said territory lying south of a line running parallel with the southern boundary line of Oregon, from Cape Perpetua to the eastern boundary of Oregon, except so much as is included in the district of Port Orford, and to include all the islands, bays, harbors, inlets, shores, rivers, and waters within said boundaries, and that Gardiner (Umpqua) shall be the port of entry for said district. That the last-named district shall extend from the line dividing said territory and the State of California, along the Pacific coast, so far as to include Kowes Bay; thence east to the one hundred and twenty-third degree of longitude; thence south along said line to the line dividing the State of California and Oregon Territory; thence by said line to the place of beginning; and to include all the islands, bays, harbors, inlets, rivers, shores, and waters embraced in said boundaries, and that Port Orford shall be the port of entry; and Kowes Bay the port of delivery for said district.

Collection districts of Cape Perpetua and Port Orford, established in Oregon.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That for each of the collection districts of Cape Perpetua and Port Orford, in the Territory of Oregon, the President shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint a collector, who shall perform the duties of collector and surveyor of the port, and who shall each reside at the port of entry of their respective districts, and receive an annual salary of two thousand dollars each. The Secretary of the Treasury shall have authority to appoint, on the nomination of said collectors, deputy collectors for each of the above-named districts, equal to the number of the ports of delivery in said districts, or at as many of said ports of delivery as he shall deem expedient, and to fix the compensation of said deputies, not to exceed the sum of one thousand dollars per annum. He may also, if he shall deem it expedient, appoint one clerk for each of said collectors, to keep the accounts of the office, and act as auditor in the settlement thereof, at an

Collectors and surveyors for said districts.

Deputy collectors.

Collectors' clerk.

Weighers, gaugers, measurers.  
Inspectors.

annual compensation not exceeding fifteen hundred dollars. He shall also, on the nomination of the said collectors, appoint for said districts, if in his judgment they are necessary, a competent number of weighers, gaugers, and measurers, at a compensation not exceeding six dollars per day, each; and such number of inspectors as he shall deem expedient, at a compensation not exceeding four dollars per day, each.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855. CHAP. CXXXIX. — *An Act to settle certain Accounts between the United States and the State of Alabama.*

Settlement of account with Alabama.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is hereby, required to state an account between the United States and the State of Alabama, for the purpose of ascertaining what sum or sums of money are due to said State, heretofore unsettled, under the sixth section of the act of March second, eighteen hundred and nineteen, for the admission of Alabama into the Union; and that he be required to include in said account the several reservations under the various treaties with the Chickasaw, Choctaw, and Creek Indians within the limits of Alabama, and allow and pay to the said State five per centum thereon, as in case of other sales.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855. CHAP. CXL. — *An Act to prevent Mis-trials in the District and Circuit Courts of the United States, in certain Cases.*

Cases commenced before a jury may be continued on trial after the period for a new term of court.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the trial or hearing of any cause, civil or criminal, in any circuit or district court in the United States, which has been commenced and is in progress before a jury or the court, shall not be stayed or discontinued by the arrival of the period fixed by law for another session of said court, and it shall be lawful for the court to proceed with such trial or hearing, and bring it to a conclusion, in like manner and with the same effect, as if another stated term of the court had not intervened.

Subpoenas to witnesses under letters rogatory.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That where letters rogatory shall have *be* [been] addressed, from any court of a foreign country to any circuit court of the United States, and a United States commissioner designated by said circuit court to make the examination of witnesses in said letters mentioned, said commissioner shall be empowered to compel the witnesses to appear and depose in the same manner as to appear and testify in court.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

March 2, 1855. CHAP. CXLI. — *An Act authorizing the Purchase or Construction of Four additional Revenue Cutters.*

Four new revenue cutters authorized.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of sixty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be built or purchased, in such mode as he may deem best for the public interest, four vessels of suitable size and construction, to be employed as revenue cutters on such stations as the said secretary may designate.

Qualifications of officers of revenue cutters hereafter appointed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, from and after the passage of this act, no person shall be appointed to the office of captain, first, second, or third lieutenant, of any revenue cutter, who does not adduce competent proof of proficiency and skill in navigation and seamanship.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.