

CHAP. 239.—An act to constitute the city of Portsmouth, in the State of Ohio, a port of delivery. June 16, 1880.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the city of Portsmouth, in the State of Ohio, shall be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery within the collection-district of New Orleans, and shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of delivery in the United States; and all the privileges and facilities afforded by the act of Congress of the second of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one entitled "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburgh, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, Saint Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places", shall be extended to said port. A surveyor of customs shall be appointed to reside at said port, and perform the duties prescribed by law, who shall receive such compensation now provided, or which may hereafter be provided, by law, for surveyors of the same grade: *Provided,* That the salary of the collector shall not exceed the net fees collected according to law at said port.

Portsmouth, in the State of Ohio, constituted a port of delivery.

1831, ch. 87, Stat., 4, 480.

Surveyor of customs to be appointed.

Proviso.

Approved, June 16, 1880.

CHAP. 240.—An act for the relief of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry Volunteers. June 16, 1880.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they hereby are, directed to pay bounty to the enlisted men of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry Volunteers who served during the late rebellion, as follows, to wit;

Payment of bounty to enlisted men of the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Missouri Cavalry, authorized; payable to certain heirs in case of soldier's death.

To those who served the full period of one year, or more, the sum of one hundred dollars; to those who served the full period of six months, but less than one year, the sum of sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents; to those who served a less period than six months, the sum of thirty-three dollars and thirty three cents.

SEC. 2. That in case of the death of the soldier, who if living would be entitled under the first section of this act, then the said sum or sums that would be due to said soldier if living shall be paid to his widow; and if there be no widow, then to his child or children; and if there be none, then to his mother if she be a widow. And so much money as may be necessary to carry this law into effect is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

Approved, June 16, 1880.

CHAP. 241.—An act making an appropriation for the erection of a naval wharf at Key West in the State of Florida. June 16, 1880.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, for the erection of a naval wharf at Key West in the State of Florida.

Naval wharf at Key West, Fla., authorized to be erected.

Appropriation.

Approved, June 16, 1880.

CHAP. 242.—An act creating Yakima land-district in Washington Territory. June 16, 1880.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of Washington Territory bounded by a line commencing at a point of the intersection of the line between townships six and seven north, and between

Yakima land-district in Washington Territory created.

Boundaries defined.

ranges twenty-seven and twenty-eight east of the Willamette meridian; and running westerly along said line between townships six and seven north to the summit of the Cascade Mountains; thence northerly along said summit to the boundary line between the United States and British Columbia; thence east along said line to the Columbia guide meridian; thence south on said meridian to the line between townships sixteen and seventeen north; thence west along said line to the line between ranges twenty-seven and twenty-eight east; thence south along said line to the place of beginning, shall constitute a separate land district, to be called the Yakima land district, the office of which shall be located at Yakima City therein.

Register and receiver authorized to be appointed.

SEC. 2. That the President shall appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or during the recess thereof, a register and a receiver of public moneys for said district; and said officers shall reside in the place where said land office is located, and shall have the same powers and responsibilities, and shall receive the same fees and emoluments, as the like officers now receive in the other land-offices in said Territory.

Proofs and entries and other unfinished business transferred to Yakima land-office.

SEC. 3. That all persons in said district who, prior to the opening of said Yakima land-office, shall have filed their declaratory statements or applications for pre-emption, homestead, or other land rights, in any other land-office in said Territory of Washington, shall hereafter make proofs and entries at said Yakima land-office; and all unfinished business in any other land-office relating exclusively to lands in said Yakima land district shall be transferred to said Yakima land-office when notified by the officers of the opening thereof.

Approved, June 16, 1880.

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CHAP. 243.—An act to provide for the settlement of all outstanding claims against the District of Columbia, and conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear the same, and for other purposes.

Court of Claims. Jurisdiction extended to certain claims against the District of Columbia. Claims specified.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the jurisdiction of the Court of Claims is hereby extended to, and it shall have original legal and equitable jurisdiction of, all claims now existing against the District of Columbia arising out of contracts, made by the late Board of Public Works, and extensions thereof made by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and such claims as have arisen out of contracts made by the District Commissioners since the passage of the act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and of all claims for work done by the order or direction of the said Commissioners, and accepted by them for the use, purposes or benefit of the said District of Columbia, and prior to the fourteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-six; and all certificates of the auditor and comptroller of the District of Columbia, all claims based on contracts made by the Levy Court, all sewer certificates, all sewer taxes not heretofore converted into three-sixty-five bonds, all measurements made by the engineers of said District of work done under contracts made since February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, for which no certificates have been issued to and received by the contractor or his assignee which certificates shall be prima facie evidence of the amount of work done, all claims based upon contracts made by the Board of Public Works for which no evidence of indebtedness has been issued. Said Court of Claims shall have the same power, proceed in the same manner, and be governed by the same rules, in respect to the mode of hearing, adjudication, and determination of said claims, as it now has in relation to the adjudication of claims against the United States: *Provided,* Said court may make such additional rules as may be necessary to save costs and prevent delays in the prosecution of such claims. *When the trial of any claim against the District of Columbia, prosecuted*

Procedure.

Proviso. Additional rules authorized.