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AN ACT to regulate the compensation of certain officers of Revenue Cutters.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in lieu of pay, rations, and all other allowances now authorized by law to the captains and first, second, and third lieutenants of the revenue cutters of the United States, there shall be allowed and paid, quarterly, from and after the passage of this act, to each captain, at the rate of twelve hundred dollars per annum; to each first lieutenant, at the rate of nine hundred and sixty dollars per annum; to each second lieutenant, at the rate of eight hundred and sixty dollars per annum; to each third lieutenant, at the rate of seven hundred and ninety dollars per annum.

JAMES K. POLK,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.

W. R. KING,

President of the Senate pro tempore.

Approved, 2d July, 1836.

ANDREW JACKSON.

[Public—No. 67.]

AN ACT to re-organize the General Land Office.

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, the executive duties now prescribed, or which may hereafter be prescribed by law, appertaining to the surveying and sale of the public lands of the United States, or in any wise respecting such public lands, and, also, such as relate to private claims of lands, and the issuing of patents for all grants of land under the authority of the Government of the United States, shall be subject to the supervision and control of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under the direction of the President of the United States.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be appointed in said office, by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, two subordinate officers, one of whom shall be called Principal Clerk of the Public Lands, and the other Principal Clerk on Private Land Claims, who shall perform such duties as may be assigned to them by the Commissioner of the General Land Office; and in case of vacancy in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or of the absence or sickness of the Commissioner, the duties of said office shall devolve upon and be performed, ad interim, by the Principal Clerk of the public lands.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, an officer to be styled the Principal Clerk of the Surveys, whose duty it shall be to direct and superintend the making of surveys, the returns thereof, and all matters relating thereto, which are done through the offices of the Surveyor General, and he shall perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the consent of the Senate, a Recorder of the General Land Office, whose duty it shall be, in pursuance of instructions from the Commissioner, to certify and affix the seal of the General Land Office to all patents for public lands, and he shall attend to the correct engrossing and recording and transmission of such patents. He shall prepare alphabetical indexes of the names of patentees, and of persons entitled to patents, and he shall prepare such copies and explanations of matters on file, or recorded in the General Land Office, as the Commissioner may from time to time direct.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the

Senate, an officer to be called the Solicitor of the General Land Office, with an annual salary of two thousand dollars, whose duty it shall be to examine and present a report to the Commissioner, of the state of facts in all cases referred by the Commissioner to his attention which shall involve questions of law, or where the facts are in controversy between the agents of the Government and individuals, or there are conflicting claims of parties before the Department, with his opinion thereon; and also, to advise the Commissioner, when required thereto, on all questions growing out of the management of the public lands, or the title thereto, private land claims, Virginia military scrip, bounty lands, and pre-emption claims; and to render such further professional services in the business of the department as may be required, and shall be connected with the discharge of the duties thereof.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a Secretary, with a salary of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, whose duty it shall be, under the direction of the President, to sign his name, and for him, all patents for land sold or granted under the authority of the United States.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner to cause to be prepared, and to certify, under the seal of the General Land Office, such copies of records, books, and papers on file in his office, as may be applied for, to be used in evidence in courts of justice.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That whenever the office of Recorder shall become vacant, or in case of the sickness or absence of the Recorder, the duties of his office shall be performed, ad interim, by the Principal Clerk on Private Land Claims.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That the Receivers of the land offices shall make to the Secretary of the Treasury monthly returns of the moneys received in their several offices, and pay over such moneys pursuant to his instructions. And they shall also make to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, like monthly returns, and transmit to him quarterly accounts current of the debts and credits of their several offices with the United States.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be entitled to receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars; the Recorder of the General Land Office, an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars; the principal clerk of the surveys, an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars; and each of the said principal clerks an annual salary of eighteen hundred dollars; from and after the date of their respective commissions; and that the said commissioner be authorized to employ, for the service of the General Land Office, one clerk, whose annual salary shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars; four clerks, whose annual salary shall not exceed fourteen hundred dollars each; sixteen clerks, whose annual salary shall not exceed thirteen hundred dollars each; twenty clerks, whose annual salary shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars each; five clerks, whose annual salary shall not exceed eleven hundred dollars each; thirty-five clerks, whose annual salary shall not exceed one thousand dollars each; one principal draughtsman, whose annual salary shall not exceed fifteen hundred dollars; one assistant draughtsman, whose annual salary shall not exceed twelve hundred dollars; two messengers, whose annual salary shall not exceed seven hundred dollars each; three assistant messengers, whose annual salary shall not exceed three hundred and fifty dollars each; and two packers, to make up packages of patents, blank forms, and other things necessary to be transmitted to the district land offices, at a salary of four hundred and fifty dollars each.

Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, That such provisions of the act of the twenty-fifth of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, entitled "An act for the establishment of a General Land Office in the Department of the Treasury," and of all acts amendatory thereof, as are inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Sec. 12. And be it further enacted, That from the first day of the month of October, until the first day of the month of April in each and every year, the General Land Office and all the bureaus and offices therein as well as those in the Departments of the Treasury, War, Navy, State, and General Post Office, shall be open for the transaction of the public business at least eight hours in each and every day, except Sundays, and the twenty-fifth day of December, and from the first day of April, until the first day of October, in each year, all the aforesaid offices and bureaus shall be kept open for the transaction of the public business at least ten hours, in each and every day except Sundays and the fourth day of July.

Sec. 13. And be it further enacted,

That if any person shall apply to any register of any land office to enter any land whatever, and the said register shall knowingly and falsely inform the person so applying that the same has already been entered and refuse to permit the person so applying to enter the same, such register shall be liable therefor to the person so applying for five dollars for each acre of land which the person so applying offered to enter, to be recovered by action of debt in any court of record, having jurisdiction of the amount.

Sec. 14. And be it further enacted, That all and every of the officers whose salaries are hereinbefore provided for, are hereby prohibited from directly or indirectly purchasing or in any becoming interested in the purchase of any of the public land; and in case of a violation of this section by any such officer, and on proof thereof, being made to the President of the United States, such officer, so offending, shall be, forthwith, removed from office.

Approved July 4th, 1836.

[Public. No. 68.]

AN ACT in addition to the act entitled "An act making appropriations in part for the support of Government, for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the following sums be and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: For compensation granted by law to the members of the Senate and House of Representatives, in addition to the appropriation heretofore made for that object, seventy-two thousand two hundred and sixteen dollars; for compensation of the Senators and Representatives elected by Michigan, seven thousand, seven hundred and seventy-six dollars; for the contingent expenses of Senate, twelve thousand dollars; for allowance for wastage in gold and silver coinage at the mint; for labor and for alloy, in addition to the former appropriation, thirty-three thousand dollars; for extra clerk hire in the General Land Office, for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, fourteen thousand six hundred and sixty-four dollars and sixty-four cents; for messengers in the offices of the Chief Engineer, Adjutant General, the Commanding General, Surgeon General and Inspector General and in the Clothing Bureau Topographical, Ordnance, and Subsistence Departments, two thousand five hundred and sixty-eight dollars; for the assistant messenger in the first comptroller's office, in addition to a former appropriation, fifty dollars; for compensation to the surveyor in Alabama, in addition to a former appropriation, five hundred dollars; for compensation to the clerks in the office of the Secretary of the Navy, and in the Navy Commissioner's Office, in addition to the sums already appropriated for the present year, nineteen hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That so much of the act of the ninth May, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, "providing for the salaries of certain officers therein named, and for other purposes," as provides for the employment of an additional clerk in the office of the Navy Commissions, and for his compensation for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the third section of the act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government, for the year one thousand eight hundred thirty-five, is hereby repealed; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to the collectors, naval officers, surveyors, and their respective clerks, together with the weighers, gaugers, measurers, and markers, of the several ports of the United States, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sums as will give to the said officers, respectively, the same compensation in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, according to the importations of that year, as they would have been entitled to receive, if the act of the fourteenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, had not gone into effect: *Provided*, That no officer shall receive, under this act, a greater annual salary or compensation than was paid to such officer for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two; and that, in no case shall the compensation of any other officers than collectors, naval officers, surveyors, and clerks, whether by salaries, fees, or otherwise, exceed the sum of fifteen hundred dollars each per annum; nor shall the union of any two or more of those offices in one person, entitle him to receive more than that sum per annum: *Provided*, further, That the said collectors, naval officers, and surveyors, shall render an account quarterly to the Treasury, and the other officers herein named, or referred to, shall render an account quarterly to the respective collectors of the customs, where they are employed, to be forwarded to the Treasury, of all the fees and emoluments whatever by them respectively received; and of all expenses incidental to their respective offices; which accounts shall be rendered on oath or affirmation, and shall be in such form, and be supported by such proof, to be pre-

scribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, as will, in his judgment, best enforce the provisions of this section, and show its operation and effect: *Provided*, also, That any salary or compensation due for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five, shall not be affected by this section: *Provided*, however, That in the event of any act being passed by Congress at the present session to regulate and fix the salaries or compensations of the respective officers of the customs, then this section shall operate and extend to the time such act goes into effect, and no longer.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the following sums are hereby appropriated to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for interpreters, guards, and other expenses incidental to the Consulates in the Turkish Dominions, five thousand five hundred dollars. For refunding the duty paid upon the Belgian vessel Antonius and her cargo beyond the amount which would have been paid by a Dutch vessel fourteen hundred and twenty-six dollars and seven cents. For compensation to the clerks in the office of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs in addition to a former appropriation, fifty dollars. For an outfit of a Charge d'Affaires to Russia four thousand five hundred dollars. For compensation to the third Assistant Postmaster General one thousand two hundred and fifty dollars. For compensation to the clerks, messengers and watchmen in the Post Office Department as provided by the act to change the organization of the said Department in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated for compensation to the clerks and messengers in the office of the Postmaster General, four thousand and fifty dollars. For compensation to the Auditor for the Post Office Department one thousand five hundred dollars; for compensation to the clerks and messengers in the office of the Auditor for the Post Office Department as provided by the act to change the organization of said Department twenty-seven thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars. For contingencies in the office of the Auditor for the Post Office Department, fifteen hundred dollars. For alterations and repairs of the Capitol including repairs of the roof over the principal stairway to the Representatives Hall and copping the projecting steps and top surface of the cornice round the base of the dome of the Rotunda six thousand three hundred and eighteen dollars and seventy-five cents. For lighting lamps and keeping the grounds and walks of the capitol square in order including the cost of trees and shrubs four thousand five hundred dollars. For the gardener employed in superintending the capitol square and other public grounds one thousand dollars. For alterations and repairs of the President's House, for the gardener's salary, and for keeping the grounds and walks in order, including the cost of trees and shrubs, three thousand four hundred and sixty dollars. For the annual expenses of two fire engines two hundred dollars. For gravelling the yard east of the capitol two thousand dollars. For repairing culverts two hundred and thirty-one dollars. For purchase of Smith's spring including one acre of land and for enclosing the same, for building culverts and keeping the water pipes in order five thousand three hundred dollars. For attendants on the furnaces of the Rotunda during the recess one hundred and fifty dollars. For replanting trees and keeping boxes in order on the Pennsylvania Avenue, purchase of trees and planting in fountain square, Lafayette square and across the public reservation at seventh street one thousand two hundred dollars. For a work shop one thousand two hundred dollars. For conveying the surplus water of the capitol to the Botanic garden making a basin and purchasing a fountain of Hiram Powers five thousand dollars. For enclosing the garden and grounds of the Magazine and Marine Hospital near the Eastern Branch five hundred dollars. For a dwarf wall and fence between the Executive buildings and the President's House one thousand one hundred and sixty-five dollars and fifty cents. For extending the capitol square and improving the grounds within and adjacent to the same as far west as the first street intersecting the Pennsylvania Avenue from the east, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.—For enlarging the folding room of the House three hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, The President of the United States be and he hereby is authorized to cause to be erected on or near the site of the former Treasury building, or any other public lot which he may select, a fire proof building of such dimensions as may be required for the present and future accommodations of the Treasury Department upon such plan and of such materials as he may deem most advantageous and that for this purpose there be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That the material of which the walls of the Capitol and President's Mansion are constructed shall be adopted for the construction of the aforesaid building: *Provided* upon full inquiry a cheaper and more suitable material cannot be obtained. *And provided* always, That the foundation walls of the said buildings below the surface of the earth and two feet above shall be of the hardest and most solid rock.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That

there be erected, on some appropriate site under the direction of the President of the United States, a fire proof building with suitable accommodations for the Patent Office, and to be provided with the necessary cases and furniture; the expense of which shall not exceed one hundred and eight thousand dollars.

Sec. 8. And be it further enacted, That there be and hereby is appropriated for defraying the expense of such building and cases the sum of one hundred and eight thousand dollars to be paid out of the patent fund in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 9. And be it further enacted, That the same kind of material of which the walls of the Capitol and the Mansion of the President are constructed shall be adopted for the construction of the aforesaid building: *Provided* a cheaper and more suitable material cannot be procured.

Sec. 10. And be it further enacted, That the duties and powers of the commissioners of the sinking fund are hereby suspended until revived by law, and the records of the commissioners be transferred to the custody of the Secretary of the Treasury, who is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated any outstanding debts of the United States and the interest thereon.

Sec. 11. And be it further enacted, That for the purchase of eight acres of land with the improvements thereon near the Barracks at Key West if in the opinion of the Secretary of War the public service and health of the troops require it a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars is hereby appropriated.

Sec. 12. And be it further enacted, That so much of the third section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of government for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five" as provides that "the whole number of custom-house officers in the United States on the first of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-four shall not be increased until otherwise allowed by Congress" be and the same is hereby suspended until the fourth day of March next.

Approved, July 4, 1836.

[Public. No. 69.]

AN ACT supplementary to an act entitled "An act to regulate the deposits of the public money," passed twenty-third June, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing in the act to which this is a supplement, shall be so construed as to prevent the Secretary of the Treasury from making transfers from Banks in one State or Territory, to Banks in another State or Territory, whenever such transfers may be required, in order to prevent large and inconvenient accumulations in particular places, or in order to produce a due equality, and just proportion, according to the provisions of said act.

Approved, July 4th, 1836.

[Public. No. 70.]

AN ACT to carry into effect, in the States of Alabama and Mississippi, the existing compacts with those States in regard to the five per cent. fund, and the school reservations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a sum equivalent to five per cent. of the net proceeds of the lands within the State of Mississippi, ceded by the Chickasaws by the treaty of the twentieth of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, which have been or may hereafter be sold by Congress, shall be, and is hereby, reserved out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be applied in the same manner, and for the same uses and purposes, as is designated by the fifth section of the act of Congress of the first of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be reserved from sale, in the State of Mississippi, a quantity of land equal to one-thirty-sixth part of the lands ceded by said Chickasaws as aforesaid, within said State of Mississippi, which land shall be selected under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in sections, or half sections, or quarter sections out of any public lands remaining unsold, that shall have been offered at public sale within either of the land districts in said State of Mississippi, contiguous to said lands within said State, so ceded by the Chickasaws as aforesaid; which lands, when so selected as aforesaid; the same shall vest in the State of Mississippi for the use of schools within said territory in said State, so ceded as aforesaid by the Chickasaws; and said lands, thus selected shall be holden by the same tenure, and upon the same terms and conditions, in all respects, as the said State now holds the lands heretofore reserved for the use of schools in said State.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That a sum equivalent to five per cent. of the net proceeds of the lands within the State of Alabama, ceded by the Chickasaws by the treaty aforesaid, which have been or may hereafter be sold by Congress shall be, and is hereby, reserved, out of