

CHAP. CLXXV.—*An Act to establish a new collection district in the State of Mississippi.*

STATUTE II.
July 7, 1838.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that part of the State of Mississippi north of the point where the range line strikes the Mississippi river, between townships thirteen and fourteen, of the Washington land district, is hereby created a collection district, to be called the Vicksburg district, whereof Vicksburg shall be the port of entry, subject to all the regulations and duties prescribed in regard to the district of Mississippi, by an act passed the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An act to establish a port of entry at Natchez, in Mississippi, and creating certain other ports of delivery, and for other purposes;" and that Grand Gulf shall be a port of delivery within said district of which Natchez is the port of entry.

Collection district to be established, &c.

Vicksburg to be a port of entry.

1834, ch. 135.

Grand Gulf to be a port of delivery.

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CHAP. CLXXVI.—*An Act to establish additional land offices in the States of Louisiana and Arkansas.*

STATUTE II.
July 7, 1838.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the disposal of that portion of the lands belonging to the United States in the State of Louisiana, within the following boundaries, to wit: beginning at the point on the Sabine river, where the base line or thirty-first degree of north latitude strikes the same; thence up said river to the point where the boundary line between the United States of Mexico and the aforesaid State of Louisiana shall leave the same; thence with said boundary, when the same shall be finally fixed, to the northern boundary of the State; thence east with said northern boundary to the dividing line between ranges three and four west; thence with said dividing line south to the base line or thirty-first degree of north latitude; thence with said line to the beginning: a land office shall be established and kept in the town of Natchitoches, to be known as the office for the Northwestern land district in the State of Louisiana.

A land office to be established in Natchitoches.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a register and receiver of public moneys shall be appointed for said land district in the manner required by law, who shall reside in the town of Natchitoches; they shall give bond and security in the same manner and in the same sums, as other registers and receivers in said State; and their salaries, emoluments, duties and authority shall in every respect be the same, in relation to the lands in the aforesaid district as are now given or granted to the registers and receivers in the other land offices in said State.

Register and Receiver to be appointed; their bonds, salaries and duties.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That during the continuance of the act entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," approved June twenty-second, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, the register and receiver of the aforesaid land district shall attend at least once in two months if necessary at Shreveport in said district for the purpose of receiving proof of and acting on such claims for pre-emption rights, as may be presented to them under said act, and remain at said place as long as may be necessary not exceeding two weeks at a time, and said register and receiver shall give public notice for at least two weeks of the time they will attend at said place.

During the continuance of act of 22d June, 1838, ch. 119, the register and receiver shall attend at Shreveport, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby invested with authority to direct in what manner and on what conditions the said land office shall be supplied with plats and copies of plats and surveys from the offices now establish-

Commissioners of General Land Office to direct how the office shall be

supplied with plats, &c.

What portion of Fayetteville district shall be called the Western district.

Register and receiver to be appointed. Their compensation.

The necessary books, plats, &c. of the public lands to be filed in said office.

ed at Monroe and Opelousas, and the office of the Surveyor General of Louisiana.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That all that portion of the present Fayetteville district which lies south of the line between townships eleven and twelve north of the principal base line, shall form a separate land district, and be called the Western land district, and the land office for said district shall be established at the county seat of Johnson county or such other place as the President of the United States shall designate.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, under the existing laws, a register and receiver in and for said district, whose compensation shall be the same as provided for other registers and receivers; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, as soon as it can be done, to cause the necessary tract books, plats, maps and surveys of the public lands, in said district, to be filed in said office; and all applications for entries in said district shall be made as heretofore prescribed by law at the land offices now established, until the first day of June next.

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[Expired.]

Act of 18th January, 1837, ch. 3, continued for two years. Act of Feb. 27, 1841, ch. 13.

CHAP. CLXXVII.—*An Act to continue in force the act for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act approved January eighteen, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States," be, and the same is hereby, continued in force for two years from the end of the present session of Congress.

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Captains of steamboats arriving in the U. S. with coal on board, may proceed with the same to foreign ports without paying duty thereon. Acts repealed.

CHAP. CLXXVIII.—*An Act exempting from duty the coal which may be on board of steamboats or vessels propelled by steam on their arrival at any port in the United States.*

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, it shall be lawful for the captain or master of any steamboat or vessel propelled by steam, arriving at any port in the United States, to retain all the coal such boat or vessel may have on board at the time of her arrival, and may proceed with said coal to a foreign port, without being required to land the same in the United States, or to pay any duty thereon; and all acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby repealed.

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[Obsolete.]

CHAP. CLXXIX.—*An Act making appropriation for the compilation of the laws of Florida.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended in compiling the statutes and other laws of the Territory of Florida; the same to be placed for that purpose under the control of the Governor of said Territory.

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