

Until final judgment, and after discharge, proceedings in State courts null and void.

terms and under such regulations and orders as well for the custody and appearance of the prisoner or prisoners as for sending up to the appellate tribunal a transcript of the petition, writ of habeas corpus returned thereto, and other proceedings, as the judge hearing the said cause may prescribe; and pending such proceedings or appeal, and until final judgment be rendered therein, and after final judgment of discharge in the same, any proceeding against said prisoner or prisoners, in any State court, or by or under the authority of any State, for any matter or thing so heard and determined, or in process of being heard and determined, under and by virtue of such writ of habeas corpus, shall be deemed null and void.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

STATUTE II.

Aug. 29, 1842.

CHAP. CCLVIII.—*An Act in relation to lands sold in the Greensburgh, late St. Helena, land district, in the State of Louisiana, and authorizing the resurvey of certain lands in said district.*

In cases where the U. S. cannot issue patents, the certificates of purchase may be surrendered to be cancelled.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in all cases where lands shall have been entered at the land office in the Greensburgh, late St. Helena, land district, in the State of Louisiana, where the United States cannot issue patents therefor, owing to the errors and imperfections of the public surveys, or to conflicting claims, it shall be lawful for the person having made such entries, or his or her heirs or legal representatives, or grantees, or their heirs or legal representatives, who may [be] legally and equitably entitled to the same, after a demand of the patent, and a refusal to issue the same, to surrender his or her certificate of purchase to the Secretary of the Treasury to be cancelled; and, upon such surrender, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to refund, without interest, the purchase-money for said lands to the person entitled to receive the same, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

President may cause a resurvey of the unsold lands, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States, if he shall deem it expedient, to cause a resurvey of all or any part of the lands lying in said district remaining unsold, or the certificates for which may be surrendered in virtue of this or any other act of Congress, thereby correcting the surveys, and designating the lands covered by private claims under Spanish or French grants; and so soon as said resurveys shall have been returned and confirmed by the Secretary of the Treasury, the unreserved public lands therein specified shall be subject to the laws for the disposal of the public lands, and patents therefor shall issue as in other cases: *Provided,* That purchasers aforesaid may retain their certificates of purchase, and the surveys of said tracts shall be corrected, and when said surveys are corrected, may receive their patents from the United States for the land so purchased by them.

Proviso.

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STATUTE II.

Aug. 29, 1842.

[Obsolete.]

CHAP. CCLIX.—*An Act to provide for the settlement of certain accounts for the support of Government in the Territory of Wisconsin, and for other purposes.*

Accounts of the Legislative Assembly to be settled.

No extra compensation to any member, except the presiding officer, &c.

*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 Department be directed to audit and settle the accounts for the expenses of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin, including the printing of the laws and other incidental expenses which have not heretofore been closed and settled at the Treasury Department; but no allowance shall be made for extra compensation to any member of the Legislative Assembly of said Ter-

ritory for extra services, except to the presiding officers of the two Houses of said Assembly, nor for extra compensation to the Secretary of said Territory, nor to the Clerk of either House of said Legislative Assembly for the performance of duties required by law, nor for any other purpose not authorized by the eleventh section of the act of Congress, approved April twenty, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An act establishing the Territorial Government of Wisconsin;" and the incidental expenses therein authorized shall be construed to be the ordinary and necessary expenses of the sessions of said Legislative Assembly, and no other.

1836, ch. 54.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all accounts for disbursements in the Territories of the United States, of money appropriated by Congress for the support of Government therein, shall be settled and adjusted at the Treasury Department; and no act, resolution, or order, of the Legislature of any Territory, directing the expenditure of the sum, shall be deemed a sufficient authority for such disbursement, but sufficient vouchers and proof for the same shall be required by said accounting officers. And no payment shall be made or allowed, unless the Secretary of the Treasury shall have estimated therefor, and the object been approved by Congress. No session of the Legislature of a Territory shall be held until the appropriation for its expenses shall have been made. In the adjustment of said accounts, no charge for the services of a greater number of officers and attendants shall be allowed than for one secretary and assistant secretary, or clerk, one sergeant-at-arms, or doorkeeper, one messenger, and one foreman for each House of the Legislature, to neither of whom shall a greater compensation than three dollars per day be paid. And it shall be the duty of the Secretary of each Territory to prepare the acts passed by the Legislature for publication, and to furnish a copy thereof to the public printer of the Territory within ten days after the passage of each act.

Accounts of territories to be adjusted at the Treasury.

No payment to be made, unless approved by Congress.

What officers allowed, and their pay.

Secretaries of territories to prepare the acts for publication.

Amount found due to be paid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That whatever sum of money shall be found due, upon such auditing and settlement, beyond the amount of former appropriations, whether the same have been expended or not, be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said accounting officers of the Treasury be directed to audit and settle the accounts for expenses of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Florida, not heretofore audited and settled, in the same manner and upon the same principles herein prescribed for the settlement of the accounts of the Territory of Wisconsin; and whatever sum of money shall be found due, upon such auditing, be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Accounts of the Legislative Assembly of Florida to be settled in the same manner, &c.

APPROVED, August 29, 1842.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. CCLX.—*An Act supplementary to "An act to provide for the adjustment of titles to land in the town of Detroit, and Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes," passed April twenty-one, eighteen hundred and six.*

Aug. 29, 1842.

Act of April 21, 1806, ch. 43.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the mayor, recorder, and aldermen of the city of Detroit, in the State of Michigan, be, and they, or a quorum of them in council assembled, are hereby, authorized to hear, examine, and finally adjust, all claims arising under the act to which this is supplementary, against the governor and judges of the late Territory of Michigan, and receive all moneys, or other rights to property to which the said governor and judges were entitled, or became entitled under said act.

Mayor, &c. of Detroit authorized to adjust claims under the act to which this is supplementary.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said mayor, recorder,