

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Legislatures of said States be, and they are hereby, authorized to make such laws and needful regulations as may be deemed expedient to secure and protect from injury or waste, the sections reserved by the laws of Congress, for the use of schools, to each township, and to provide by law, if not deemed expedient to sell, for leasing the same for any term not exceeding four years, in such manner as to render them productive, and most conducive to the object for which they were designed.

Authority to make laws for protection of said lands, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if the proceeds accruing to any township or district from said fund, shall be insufficient for the support of schools therein, it shall be lawful for said Legislatures to invest the same in the most secure and productive manner, until the whole proceeds of the fund belonging to such township or district shall be adequate to the permanent maintenance and support of schools within the same: *Provided*, That the Legislatures aforesaid shall, in no case, invest the proceeds of the sale of the lands in any township in manner aforesaid, without the consent of the inhabitants of said township or district, to be obtained as aforesaid.

In case of insufficiency of said proceeds to support schools, authority to invest them until adequate.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That any sales of such lands, reserved as aforesaid, as have been made in pursuance of any of the laws enacted by the Legislatures of said States, and not inconsistent with the principles of this act, are hereby ratified and confirmed so far as the assent of the United States to the same may be necessary to the confirmation thereof.

Such sales as have been made not inconsistent with the principles of this act, confirmed.

APPROVED, February 15, 1843.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act for the relief of the owners of the fund received from the British Government as an indemnity for slaves lost from on board the Comet and Encomium at Nassau, Bahamas.*

Feb. 18, 1843.

[Obsolete.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and sixty-five dollars and twenty-eight cents, a balance of the indemnities received from the British Government for loss of slaves from on board the Comet and the Encomium, at Nassau, paid into the treasury by the late John Forsyth, be paid, on the order of the Secretary of State, to the persons or companies entitled thereto, or to their representatives; and that, for that purpose, the aforesaid sum be, and it is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Balance of indemnities to be paid to persons or companies entitled thereto.

APPROVED, February 18, 1843.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act altering the times of holding the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut.*

Feb. 24, 1843.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the circuit court of the United States for the district of Connecticut, shall hereafter be held on the fourth Tuesday in April, and on the third Tuesday in September in each year, instead of the last Wednesday in April, and the seventeenth day of September, the times heretofore established by law. And all indictments, informations, recognisances, writs, suits, pleas, actions, motions, and all other proceedings, civil and criminal, shall be heard, tried, proceeded with, and determined by the said court, in the same manner as they might and ought to have been done, had the said court been holden at the times heretofore directed by law.

Changed to fourth Tuesday in April, and third Tuesday in September.

All proceedings to go on as heretofore.

APPROVED, February 24, 1843.