

titled "An act providing for the sale of the tract of land at the British fort of the Miami of the Lake, at the foot of the rapids, and for other purposes." But all such town lots and out lots, or other tract or tracts of land, reserved, or directed to be reserved, as aforesaid, shall be holden subject to the uses and trusts in said acts, and in other acts relating to such reserves, designated or intended. But nothing contained in this act shall prevent the original purchasers of the lots or lands within the limits of the said towns of Perrysburg and Croghansville, and not relinquished to the United States, from paying to the State of Ohio or the General Government for the use of said road or the United States the money with the interest remaining due thereon, on all such lots and lands as may not have heretofore been disposed of by the authorities of the said State for the benefit of said road.

APPROVED, February 20, 1845.

Act of April 27, 1816, ch. 132.

Payments due the U. S. and Ohio not affected.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 20, 1845.

CHAP. XVII. — *An Act to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the naval service, and to extend the term of enlistment of seamen."*

*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 provisions of the second and third sections of the act entitled "An act to provide for the enlistment of boys for the naval service, and to extend the term of the enlistment of seamen," approved March second, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, which authorize and provide for the detention of any person enlisted for the navy, after the expiration of the enlistment, until the return of such person to the United States, shall be understood and construed to authorize and provide for the detention of such person until the arrival of the vessel in which he shall be so detained at a port of the United States, and until he shall have received his regular discharge by order of the Secretary of the Navy: *Provided,* That such detention shall not exceed the term of thirty days from the time of the arrival of the said vessel in a port of the United States.

Seamen to be detained under 2d and 3d secs. act of 2d March 1837, ch. 21, until arrival of vessel in U. S., and until disch'd.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the commanding officer of any vessel, squadron or fleet of the navy of the United States, when upon the high seas or in any foreign port where there is no resident consul of the United States, shall be and is hereby authorized and empowered to exercise all the powers of a consul in relation to mariners of the United States.

Naval officers clothed with powers of consuls in certain cases.

APPROVED, February 20, 1845.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 20, 1845.

CHAP. XVIII. — *An Act to organize a new land district in the southern part of the State of Arkansas.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the section of country in the southern part of the State of Arkansas, south of the base line, and east of the meridian, comprised within the following boundaries, to wit: between the line dividing ranges five and six on the east, the line dividing ranges twenty and twenty-one on the west, the dividing line between townships ten and eleven on the north, and the State line on the South, be made to form a separate district, to be called the Champagnole district, the seat of the land office for which shall be at the town of Champagnole, and be subject to removal by the President of the United States, whenever, in his judgment, it may be proper so to do.

Champagnole land district established.

Office to be in Champagnole.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be a register and receiver of public moneys appointed for said land district, who shall

Register and receiver to be appointed, &c.

give security in the same manner and in the same sums, and whose duties and authority, compensation and emoluments, shall in every respect be the same, in relation to the lands to be disposed of in said district, as are or may be provided by law in relation to the registers and receivers of public money in the several offices established for the sale of the public lands.

Registers, &c.  
at Little Rock  
and Washing-  
ton to transfer  
documents, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the registers and receivers for the districts of land subject to sale at Little Rock and Washington, in the State aforesaid, under the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to transfer to the register and receiver for the district hereby created all the proper evidences, documents, records, and township plats, in relation to lands heretofore sold or subject to sale at those offices, respectively, which fall within the limits of the district hereby created.

Act to take ef-  
fect in 3 months.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the expiration of three calendar months from the date of the passing hereof.

APPROVED, February 20, 1845.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 26, 1845.

Act of Feb.  
20, 1845, ch. 5.

Circuit court  
causes in district  
court for west-  
ern dist. trans-  
ferred to circuit  
court for eastern  
district.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act supplementary to "An act to repeal an act for the better organization of the district court of the United States within the State of Louisiana," and for other purposes, approved February thirteenth, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.* (a)

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all the causes now pending in the district court of the United States for the western district of the State of Louisiana, which appropriately belong to the circuit court jurisdiction, shall be transferred to the circuit court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana, there to be proceeded in according to law, and in the same manner, as if they had originated in that court; and the causes which belong to the jurisdiction of the district court shall be and remain in the district court for the eastern district court, to be proceeded in according to law, and in the same manner as if they had originated therein.

APPROVED, February 26, 1845.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 26, 1845.

In matters of  
contract and  
tort, dist. courts  
to have the  
same jurisdic-  
tion upon the  
lakes as on the  
high seas.  
Act of Sept.  
24, 1789, ch. 20.

CHAP. XX.—*An Act extending the jurisdiction of the district courts to certain cases, upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting the same.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the district courts of the United States shall have, possess, and exercise, the same jurisdiction in matters of contract and tort, arising in, upon, or concerning, steamboats and other vessels of twenty tons burden and upwards, enrolled and licensed for the coasting trade, and at the time employed in business of commerce and navigation between ports and places in different States and Territories upon the lakes and navigable waters connecting said lakes, as is now possessed and exercised by the said courts in cases of the like steamboats and other vessels employed in navigation and commerce upon the high seas, or tide waters, within the admiralty and maritime jurisdiction of the United States; and in all suits brought in such courts in all such matters of contract or tort, the remedies, and the forms of process, and the modes of proceeding, shall be the same as are or may be used by such courts in cases of admiralty and maritime jurisdiction; and the maritime law of the United States, so far as the same is or may be applicable thereto, shall constitute the rule of decision in such suits, in the same manner, and to the same ex-

Modes of pro-  
ceeding, &c.

Decisions, how  
to be made.

(a) See notes of the acts relating to the District Court of Louisiana, vol. 3, 774.