



POETICAL ASYLUM,

ODE FOR THE VOLUNTEERS.

And shall Imperious Britain now,
Presume to check the Eagle's flight!
And proudly hope that we shall bow
To the stern mandate of her lawless might?

\* Battle of the Cowpens.
† Independence.

(BY AUTHORITY)

AN ACT to incorporate a company for opening the Canal in the City of Washington

(Continued from our last.)

Sec. 14. And be it further enacted, That the said company shall, from time to time, whenever and wherever the mayor and city council shall order and direct, cause bridges to be erected across the canal, and shall suffer the same when erected to be repaired; provided, that every bridge so erected, shall be at least six feet above high water mark.

three feet water, shall annually, in the month of January, lay before the Congress of the United States, a just and true account of their receipts and expenditures, with a statement of the clear profits thereof.

J. B. VARNUM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JN: MILLEDGE,
President of the Senate, pro-tempore.
February 16, 1809.
APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT extending the right of suffrage in the Indiana Territory 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 citizens of the Indiana Territory, entitled to vote for the representatives to the general assembly thereof, shall, at the time of electing their representatives to the said general assembly, also elect one delegate from the said territory to the Congress of the United States, who shall possess the same powers heretofore granted to the delegates from the several territories of the United States: any thing in the ordinance for the government of the said territory to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the sheriffs of the several counties which now are, or may hereafter be established in the said territory respectively, shall, within forty days next after an election for a delegate to Congress, transmit to the secretary of the territory a certified copy of the returns from the several townships in their counties respectively. And it shall be the duty of the governor, for the time being, to give to the person having the greatest number of votes, a certificate of his election.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That so soon as the governor of the said territory shall divide the same into five districts, the citizens thereof, entitled to vote for representatives to the said general assembly, shall, in each of the said districts, elect one member of the legislative council, who shall possess the powers heretofore granted to the legislative council in the said territory, and shall hold their offices four years, and no longer; any thing in the ordinance for the government of the said territory to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That the general assembly of the said territory, shall have power to apportion the representatives of the several counties therein, or which may hereafter be established therein, according to the number of free white male inhabitants above the age of twenty-one years, in such counties; Provided, That there be not more than twelve, nor less than nine, of the whole number of representatives; any act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding, until there shall be six thousand free white male inhabitants, above the age of twenty-one years, in said territory; after which time the number of representatives shall be regulated agreeably to the ordinance for the government thereof.

J. B. VARNUM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JN: MILLEDGE,
President of the Senate, pro-tempore.
February 27, 1809.
APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT freeing from postage all letters and packets to Thomas Jefferson.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all letters and packets to Thomas Jefferson, now President of the United States, after the expiration of his term of office and during his life, shall be carried by the mail, free of postage.

J. B. VARNUM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JN: MILLEDGE,
President of the Senate, pro-tempore.
February 28, 1809.
APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT for the disposal of certain tracts of land in the Mississippi Territory, claimed under Spanish grants, reported by the land commissioners as antedated, and to confirm the claims of Alexander Ellis and Daniel Harregal.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the

several tracts of land, in the Mississippi territory, the titles to which have been derived under Spanish claims and which have been disallowed by the boards of commissioners east and west of Pearl river, on suspicion of the grants, warrants or orders of survey, on which the claims are grounded, being antedated or otherwise fraudulent, and which are embraced in the report of the said boards of commissioners, laid before Congress, agreeable to the third section of an act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled an act regulating the grants of land, and providing for the disposal of the lands of the United States, south of the state of Tennessee," shall be, and the same are hereby directed to be sold, in the same manner, at the same price, and on the same terms and conditions, as have been, or may be by law provided for the sale of the other public lands in the said territory; and any person or persons claiming under a Spanish grant, warrant or order of survey as aforesaid, shall be entitled to institute, in the highest court of law or equity in the said territory, his or their suit or action for the recovery of the tract or tracts so claimed as aforesaid: Provided, such claimant or claimants shall institute his or their suit or action within the term of one year from and after the tract or tracts so claimed shall have been sold by the United States, or in case the same is now inhabited and cultivated, in virtue of a pre-emption right, within one year from and after the passing of this act; and if any person or persons claiming lands as aforesaid, shall fail or neglect to commence or institute his or their suit or action, in the manner and within the time prescribed by this section, or shall be non-suited, or discontinue the same, his or their right to commence such suit or action, in any court whatsoever, shall be forever barred and foreclosed.

Sec. 2. And be it further ordained, That if the person or persons claiming under such grant, warrant or order of survey, shall make it appear to the satisfaction of the court, before whom such suit or action shall be pending, that the tract of land therein specified, was actually surveyed prior to the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, then, and in that case, the same shall be deemed and held to be good and valid, to all intents and purposes, any thing in this act to the contrary notwithstanding; But in case the claimant or claimants shall fail to prove the tract or tracts of land so claimed, to have been actually surveyed prior to the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, or in case the same shall appear to be otherwise fraudulent or illegal, the grant, warrant or order of survey, granted by the Spanish government, as aforesaid, by virtue of which such tract or tracts of land may be claimed, shall be, and the same is hereby declared null and void, to all intents and purposes, and shall not be read in evidence against any claim or certificate of pre-emption, derived from the United States.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That it shall be lawful, in the trial of such suit or action, for either party to introduce parol evidence for the purpose of supporting or invalidating the grant, warrant or order of survey as aforesaid; and the judgment, sentence or decree of the said highest court of law or equity, in the case aforesaid, shall be final and conclusive between the parties, and may be pleaded in bar to any subsequent suit or action brought in the same or any other court, for the recovery of the same land or any part thereof.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That Abraham Ellis be and he is hereby confirmed in a tract of land granted by the British government of West Florida to Stephen Jordan, containing the quantity of two hundred acres, lying and being on the waters and bounds of said tract of land set forth in the plat thereof made by the surveyor general of said province of West Florida; and that the amount of money which the said Ellis may have been compelled to pay to the receiver of public monies west of Pearl river, in the Mississippi territory, for said tract of land, be refunded to him by the receiver aforesaid.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That Daniel Harregal be and he is hereby confirmed in his title in fee simple to the tract of land whereon he resides, containing the quantity of five hundred and fifty acres, agreeably to a plat thereof filed with the

register of the land office, west of Pearl river, in the Mississippi territory.

J. B. VARNUM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JN: MILLEDGE,
President of the Senate, pro-tempore.
February 28, 1809.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT for the relief of Daniel Cotton.
Sec. 1. 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 be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to settle the account of Daniel Cotton, and allow him for the detention and use of his ship, called the Anna Maria, from the twenty-third day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred, when she was arrested by the Bey of Tunis until the twenty-third day of May following, when she discharged her Tunisian cargo at Merfeilles, allowing him while in port the usual rate of demurrage, and while on the voyage the usual rate of freight, agreeably to the burthen of the said ship; and after deducting from the whole sum allowed for such detention, demurrage and freight, five thousand dollars paid to the master of said ship by William Eaton, then consul for the United States at Tunis, they pay the balance with interest to said Daniel Cotton out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

J. B. VARNUM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JN: MILLEDGE,
President of the Senate, pro-tempore.
February 28, 1809.

APPROVED,
TH: JEFFERSON.

AN ACT for the relief of certain Alabama and Wyandott Indians.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized to cause to be surveyed and designated by proper metes and bounds, a tract of land, not exceeding two thousand five hundred acres, out of the lands of the United States, lying in the territory of Orleans, and west of the river Mississippi, and by lease vest the said tract of land in a certain tribe of Alabama Indians and their descendants, for the term of fifty years; Provided nevertheless, That it shall not be lawful for the said tribe of Indians to transfer or assign their interest in the said land, and every suit, transfer, or assignment, shall be null and void: And provided also, That if the said tribe of Indians shall remove from the said tract of land, their interest in, and to, the same shall thenceforth cease and determine.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That there shall be designated, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, two tracts of land in the Michigan territory, one including the village called Brown's town, and the other the village called Maguaga in the possession of the Wyandott tribe of Indians, containing in the whole not more than five thousand acres; which two tracts of land shall be reserved for the use of the said Wyandotts, and their descendants, and be secured to them in the same manner, and on the same terms and conditions as is provided in relation to the Alabama Indians, by the first section of this act.

J. B. VARNUM,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JN: MILLEDGE,
President of the Senate, pro-tempore.
February 28, 1809.
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NOTICE.

I intend to apply to the next November term of the court of Common Pleas for the county of Knox, and Indiana Territory, to establish a ferry on White river below the mouth of Prides creek, at a place known by the name of the Rock ford.

William Coleman,
May 4th, 1809. 22-3w

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THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.