

inhabitants to be set up in public places by the assistants in their divisions or districts.

Penalty.

Secretary of State to send to the assistants regulations and instructions pursuant to this act.

Where there is no secretary in a territory the governor to perform the duties prescribed by this act.

may be) shall cause a correct copy, signed by himself, of the schedule containing the number of inhabitants within his division, to be set up at two of the most public places within the same, there to remain for the inspection of all concerned; for each of which copies the said assistant shall be entitled to receive two dollars, provided proof of the schedule having been so set up and suffered to remain, shall be transmitted to the marshal or secretary, (as the case may be) with the return of the number of persons; and in case any assistant shall fail to make such proof to the marshal or secretary, as aforesaid, he shall forfeit the compensation by this act allowed him.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of State shall be and hereby is authorized and required to transmit to the marshals of the several states, and to the secretaries aforesaid, regulations and instructions pursuant to this act, for carrying the same into effect, and also, the forms contained therein of the schedule to be returned, and proper interrogatories to be administered by the several persons to be employed therein.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That in case there shall be no secretary in either of the territories of the United States, the duties directed by this act to be performed by the secretary may be performed by the governor of such territory, who shall receive the same compensation to which the secretary would be entitled for the performance of said duties, and be subject to the same penalties.

APPROVED, March 26, 1810.

STATUTE II.

March 26, 1810.

Act of Feb. 24, 1807, ch. 16, sec. 4.

Terms of the district court at Chillicothe changed.

Returns, &c. to correspond with the change.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act for altering the time for holding the District Court in Ohio.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sessions of the district court for the district of Ohio, by law appointed to be holden at Chillicothe, in the said district, on the first Mondays in February, June and October, shall hereafter be holden at Chillicothe, on the second Mondays of September and January annually.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all writs, process, and recognizances which may have been made returnable, and all suits, causes, process and proceedings, which may have been continued to the first Monday of June next, shall be and hereby are made returnable and continued over to the session of said court, which shall be holden on the second Monday of September next, and shall be as valid and proceeded on in the same manner, at said September session of said court, as if such writs, process, recognizances, suits, causes and proceedings had been originally made returnable to, and continued to said September session of said court.

APPROVED, March 26, 1810.

STATUTE II.

March 26, 1810.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act to prevent the issuing of sea letters except to certain vessels.*

To what vessels sea letters, &c. &c. may be granted, after June 30, 1810.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the thirtieth of June next, no sea letter or other document certifying or proving any ship or vessel to be the property of a citizen or citizens of the United States, shall be issued except to ships or vessels duly registered, or enrolled and licensed as ships or vessels of the United States, or to vessels which at that time shall be wholly owned by citizens of the United States, and furnished with or entitled to sea letters or other custom-house documents, any law or laws heretofore passed to the contrary

notwithstanding: *Provided nevertheless*, that no sea letter shall be issued to any vessel which shall not at this time be furnished or entitled to a sea letter, unless such vessel shall return to some port or place in the United States or territories thereof on or before the said thirtieth day of June next: *Provided nevertheless*, that no sea letter or other document, certifying or proving any ship or vessel to be the property of a citizen or citizens of the United States, shall be issued to any vessel now abroad, which shall not at this time be furnished or entitled to a sea letter, unless such vessel shall arrive at some port or place in the United States or territories thereof, on or before the said thirtieth day of June next; and provided that nothing herein contained shall be construed to operate against any such vessel or vessels that now are, or may be, prior to the said thirtieth of June, detained abroad by the authority of any foreign power.

APPROVED, March 26, 1810.

No sea letter to issue to any vessel unless such vessel return to the U. States before 30th June next.

Proviso in favour of vessels detained abroad by any foreign power.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XX.—*An Act making an appropriation for the purpose of trying the practical use of the Torpedo or Submarine Explosion.*

March 30, 1810.

[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a sum not exceeding five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, payable out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense which shall be incurred in any actual experiments, when the President of the United States shall deem it expedient to cause such experiments to be made, which shall be made under the immediate direction of the Secretary of the Navy, for the purpose of ascertaining with precision how far the torpedo or submarine explosions may be usefully employed as engines of war, who is hereby directed to report to Congress the result of the experiment with his opinion thereon.

Appropriation to defray the expenses of experiments with the torpedo as an engine of war.

APPROVED, March 30, 1810.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XXI.—*An Act to make public a Road in Washington County, in the District of Columbia.*

March 30, 1810.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the road heretofore opened by the consent of the owners of the land over which the same passed, from the line of the district of Columbia, through the land of John Masters and John L. Naylor, to the lower bridge over the eastern branch of Potomac river, shall be, and is hereby declared to be a public highway; and shall be kept in repair, as other public roads in Washington county, in the district of Columbia, are kept in repair.

Road to the lower eastern branch bridge to be opened and kept in repair.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That three commissioners to be mutually appointed by the levy court of the county of Washington, in the district of Columbia, and the proprietors of the land over which the said road does or may pass or be laid out, be, and they are hereby appointed commissioners, and they, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to review the said road, and to cause the same to be surveyed and laid out, not exceeding thirty feet in width, and to cause a plot to be made thereof, and return the same, under their hands and seals, to the clerk of Washington county, to be by him recorded among the land records of said county.

Commissioners to be appointed by the levy court of Washington to lay out the road, and make return to the clerk of Washington county.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said commissioners, or a majority of them, shall ascertain and value the damage which any person, through whose land the said road passes, may sustain, by making the said road a public highway, and shall return to the levy court of Washington county a certificate of such valuation, the amount of which shall

Damages to be ascertained by them to be paid by the county.