

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect, and be in force from and after the first day of May next ensuing the passage thereof.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

Act to take effect 1st May next.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act making the gold coins of Great Britain, France, Portugal, and Spain, receivable in payments on account of public lands.* March 3, 1823.

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 following gold coins shall be received in all payments on account of public lands, at the several and respective rates following, and not otherwise, viz: the gold coins of Great Britain and Portugal, of their present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-seven grains, or eighty-eight cents and eight-ninths per pennyweight: the gold coins of France, of their present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-seven and a half grains, or eighty-seven and a quarter cents per pennyweight: and the gold coins of Spain of their present standard, at the rate of one hundred cents for every twenty-eight and a half grains, or eighty-four cents per pennyweight.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause assays of the foregoing coins to be made at the mint of the United States, at least once in every year; and to make report of the result thereof to Congress.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

Act of March 3, 1823, ch. 50. Gold coins of Great Britain, Portugal, France, and Spain, to be received in payment on account of lands.

Secretary of the Treasury to cause assays to be made annually at the mint.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LIV.—*An Act for clearing, repairing, and improving, certain roads for the purpose of facilitating the transportation of the United States' Mail.* March 3, 1823.

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 hereby is, authorized to cause to be cleared, repaired, and improved, the United States' mail road, from Nashville in the state of Tennessee, to New Orleans, in the state of Louisiana: *Provided*, He shall not expend more than seven thousand nine hundred and twenty dollars, in clearing, repairing, and improving, the same, and that the said sum shall be expended on that part of the road which may lie within [the] territory occupied by the Indians, and to which their title has not yet been extinguished.

APPROVED, March 3, 1823.

President to cause certain mail-roads to be cleared, repaired, and improved.

Proviso.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LV.—*An Act respecting stamps.*

March 3, 1823.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, whenever any person or persons shall pay to the Secretary of the Treasury, the duty chargeable by the act, entitled "An act to establish a general stamp office," passed on the twenty-third day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred, on any deed, instrument, or writing, on which the said stamp duty chargeable by law shall not have been paid, together with the further sum of ten dollars, and shall obtain a certificate thereof, from the Secretary of the Treasury, such deed, instrument, or writing, shall be, to all intents and purposes, as valid and available, as if the same had been, or

[Expired.] April 23, 1800, ch. 31.

Deeds, &c. not stamped by act of April 23, 1800, on payment of the duty and ten dollars, rendered valid as if stamped.