

in accompanying a party of emigrating Cherokees from Bellante to Waterloo, in the state of Alabama.

Appropriation to enable F. M. Gen. to comply with resolutions of 23d June 1840.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Postmaster-General to comply with the resolutions of the House of Representatives passed twenty-third of June eighteen hundred and forty, which were reported on the twenty-fifth of May by the Committee on Post Office and Post Roads.

APPROVED, July 21, 1840.

STATUTE I.

July 21, 1840.

CHAP. C.—*An Act for the relief of Hyacinth Lassel.*

1844, ch. 152.

A certificate authorizing him to enter certain land, to issue.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall issue to Hyacinth Lassel (named in the schedule of grants annexed to the treaty made with the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians, on the seventeenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, near the mouth of the Mississinniwa, upon the Wabash, in the state of Indiana) a certificate under the seal of said land office, authorizing him, the said Hyacinth Lassel, to locate five hundred and sixty acres of land in one tract, at any land office in the state of Indiana; he, the said Lassel, paying the minimum price fixed for such lands, for eighteen acres and forty-six hundredths of an acre, part and parcel of said tract of five hundred and sixty acres.

Such certificate to be receivable for land.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That such certificate of the Commissioner of the General Land Office aforesaid, shall be receivable, from the said Hyacinth Lassel, at any land office in said state of Indiana, at any time prior to the fourth day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, or from the heirs or assigns of the said Hyacinth Lassel, in payment, according to the provisions of the first section of this act: *Provided, however*, That the entry and location hereby authorized, shall not be made on any lands within the limits of the grant made to the state of Indiana for the Wabash and Erie Canal; nor on the alternate sections reserved to the United States in said grant; nor on any lands selected by the state of Indiana for the purposes of said Canal.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 21, 1840.

RESOLUTIONS.

May 16, 1840.

No. 2. *Joint Resolution for the relief of Masterton and Smith, and for other purposes.*

Preamble.

Whereas, the contractors for furnishing the marble, and building the same in the erection of the new building now erecting for the use of the General Post Office Department, are unable to complete the said work within the time specified in their contract, owing to causes not now within their control, and

Whereas the public interest will be promoted by an extension of the time for the fulfilment of the contract by the contractors; therefore,

Certain contracts extended, &c.

*Be it resolved, &c.*, That the contractors aforesaid have the time for completing their contracts extended until the first day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-one; and that all other contractors for material, or work for said Post Office building, have a proportional extension of time if the Postmaster-General shall deem it expedient or necessary:

Proviso.

*Provided*, That all contractors be liable to all penalties, restrictions and reservations provided for, and covenanted to be made and kept in their present contracts, except as to time, anything in this resolution to the contrary notwithstanding.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That all the duties imposed upon, or required to be performed by the President, in the act of Congress approved third March, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled "An act providing for the erection of a fire-proof building for the use of the General Post Office Department," shall, hereafter, be performed by the Postmaster-General.

Duties imposed on the President by act of March 3, 1839, ch. 87, to be performed by P. M. Gen.

APPROVED, May 16, 1840.

No. 6. *A Resolution authorizing an examination and payment of the claims of the stone-cutters and other workmen upon the public buildings.*

July 20, 1840.

*Be it resolved, &c.,* That the commissioners appointed by the President of the United States to superintend the prosecution of the work in the construction of the new Treasury building, and the Patent Office building, be, and they are hereby authorized to examine the claims of the stone-cutters and other workmen to indemnity for the loss of their time during the suspension of the work upon said buildings, by order of the superintendent of public buildings, in consequence of the want of the necessary means to carry on the said work; and that the said commissioners allow to such of said workmen, respectively, as were suspended from labor, under the assurance, that, upon an appropriation being made for the continuation of said work, their labor would again be required by the Government, and who, intermediately, had no opportunity of obtaining employment in the city of Washington, such reasonable indemnity for loss of wages for labor, during the suspension of the work, as, under the circumstances of their respective cases, justice and equity may require, not exceeding, however, in any case, the average rate of the earnings of said workmen in the employment of the Government for a like preceding period of time.

Examination of claims of certain workmen, &c.

APPROVED, July 20, 1840.