

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE SEVENTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the seventh day of December, 1801, and ended the third day of May, 1802.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, President; AARON BURR, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; ABRAHAM BALDWIN, President of the Senate pro tempore, on the 14th January, and from the 21st April, 1802; NATHANIEL MACON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. III.—*An Act authorizing the discharge of Lawrence Erb from his confinement.*

Feb. 3, 1802.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the marshal of the district of Pennsylvania be authorized and directed to discharge Lawrence Erb, late a collector of the revenue of the United States, in the county of Northampton, in the district of Pennsylvania, from confinement, upon a judgment obtained against him in favor of the United States: *Provided,* That he take so much of an oath imposed upon persons imprisoned for debt by the second section of the act, entitled, "An act for the relief of persons imprisoned for debt," as relates to his not having transferred his property with an intent to defraud the United States; and that he shall assign and convey all the estate, real and personal, which he may now own, or be entitled to, to some person or persons for the use and benefit of the United States, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided, also,* That the said judgment shall remain in full force against any estate, real or personal, which the said Lawrence Erb may hereafter acquire, and that process may, at any time, be thereupon issued against the same.

To be discharged from confinement.

1800, ch. 4.

APPROVED, February 3, 1802.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act for the relief of Lyon Lehman.*

March 6, 1802.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be refunded and paid to Lyon Lehman, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated by law, the sum of one thousand six hundred and eighty-four dollars; it being the amount of duties paid by the said Lyon Lehman, to the collector of the port of New York, on three thousand five hundred rifles and carabines, which were imported from Hamburgh, by the said Lyon Lehman, into the said port of New York, on board the American brig Acteon, Captain Josiah Wilson, in the month of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine.

Certain duties to be refunded.

APPROVED, March 6, 1802.

STATUTE I.

March 16, 1802.

CHAP. X.—*An Act for the relief of Francis Duchouquet.*

Allowance to him.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be paid to Francis Duchouquet, out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and ninety-one dollars, and eighty-four cents, in full compensation for moneys by him advanced to redeem certain American citizens captured by the Indians.

APPROVED, March 16, 1802.

STATUTE I.

March 30, 1802.

CHAP. XIV.—*An Act to authorize the President of the United States to convey certain parcels of land therein mentioned.*

Lands conveyed to Cornelius Vermule, &c. in New Jersey.

Be it enacted, &c., That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is authorized, to grant and convey, in fee simple, by patent or otherwise, unto Cornelius Vermule and Andrew Codmas, respectively, certain parcels of lands situate in the county of Essex, in the State of New Jersey, which in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-nine, had been purchased for a military cantonment, and which were sold to them in the year following, by order of the secretary at war, and the price received.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That such grant and conveyance, shall vest in the said Cornelius Vermule and Andrew Codmas, respectively, an absolute estate, in fee simple, in the lands respectively purchased by them as aforesaid.

APPROVED, March 30, 1802.

STATUTE I.

April 3, 1802.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act for the relief of Isaac Zane.*

Lands conveyed to Isaac Zane.

Be it enacted, &c., That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to issue letters patent, in the name, and under the seal of the United States, thereby granting and conveying to Isaac Zane, his heirs and assigns, in fee simple, three sections of land, of one square mile each, within the North-Western Territory, of any lands not heretofore granted or reserved, and to which the Indian title has been extinguished; in trust, nevertheless, in respect to two of the said sections, which shall be last mentioned and described in the said letters patent, to, and for the use and benefit of the children of the said Isaac Zane, who shall be living at the time of his death, and of the heirs of any child or children, deceased, and their heirs, respectively, to hold as tenants in common.

How to be located.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Isaac Zane, or his attorney in fact, shall, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to locate the said three sections in one or more tracts, not to exceed three locations of six hundred and forty acres each: *Provided,* the said land is not granted, appropriated or reserved by any act or resolution of the United States, or of Virginia, at the time of location.

To be surveyed and laid off by the Surveyor General.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the surveyor-general of the United States, or one of his deputies, shall, without delay, reasonable notice thereof being first given, survey and lay off the same as the law directs: *Provided,* the same has not, at such time, been surveyed.

APPROVED, April 3, 1802.

STATUTE I.

April 14, 1802.

CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas K. Jones.*

Debentures to be issued to T. K. Jones.

Be it enacted, &c., That the collector for the port of Boston and Charlestown be, and he hereby is authorized to issue to Thomas K. Jones, the debentures for the drawback of the duties on ten pipes of wine imported by said Jones, in the ship Juno, Captain Thomas Ding-

ley, and exported on the fifteenth day of June last, in the ship *Enterprise*, Captain Hearsy, for Havanna, on full and satisfactory proof being made to the said collector, of the actual quantity of wine in the said pipes, at the time of their being shipped, as aforesaid: *Provided*, That every other requisite shall have been pursued, agreeably to law, for the obtaining the said drawback.

APPROVED, April 14, 1802.

On what condition.

CHAP. XXVII.—*An Act for the relief of Paolo Paoly.*

Be it enacted, &c., That there be allowed and paid to Paolo Paoly, a subject of his Danish majesty, or to his lawful attorney, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seven thousand and forty dollars and fifty-five cents, being the amount of damages and costs of suit, awarded by the circuit court of Pennsylvania, in favour of the said Paoly, as owner of the schooner *Amphitheatre*, against William Maley, commander of the public armed vessel the *Experiment*, belonging to the United States, for the capture and detention of the said schooner: on condition that the said Paoly, or his lawful attorney, shall cause to be entered on the records of the said circuit court, an acknowledgment of his receipt of the sum aforesaid, in full satisfaction of the judgment rendered against the said Maley in the premises.

APPROVED, April 14, 1802.

STATUTE I.

April 14, 1802.

Specific appropriation.

CHAP. XXIX.—*An Act for the relief of Lewis Tousard.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to pay to Lewis Tousard, late lieutenant-colonel, commandant of the second regiment of artillerists and engineers, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six hundred and seventy-five dollars and fifty-five cents, being in full payment and adjustment, and to be considered as a final settlement of all accounts between the United States and the said Lewis Tousard, except only the pay and emoluments due to him by the paymaster of the regiment lately under his command: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to sanction the conduct of any person who has made advances of money not authorized by law.

APPROVED, April 21, 1802.

STATUTE I.

April 21, 1802.

Allowance to Lewis Tousard.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act for the relief of Theodosius Fowler.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the comptroller of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and required to cause to be discontinued the suit now pending in the circuit court of the district of New York, in the name of the United States, against Theodosius Fowler, for moneys charged to him on the books of the treasury as advanced or paid on account or in consequence of a contract entered into by him with the Secretary of the Treasury on the twenty-eighth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety, and that the said Theodosius Fowler be, and hereby is, discharged from the said demand.

APPROVED, April 29, 1802.

STATUTE I.

April 29, 1802.

Suit against Theodosius Fowler to be discontinued.

CHAP. XLII.—*An Act to empower John James Dufour, and his associates, to purchase certain lands.*

Be it enacted, &c., That to encourage the introduction, and to promote the culture of the vine within the territory of the United States, north-west of the river Ohio, it shall be lawful for John James Dufour, and his associates, to purchase any quantity not exceeding four sections of the lands of the United States, lying between the Great Miami river

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May 1, 1802.

Terms upon which John J. Dufour and his associates may purchase certain lands.

and the Indian boundary line, at the rate of two dollars per acre, payable without interest, on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Duty of the register, &c. upon the application of Dufour and his associates.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the register of the land office, established at Cincinnati, to receive and to enter on his entry-book, the applications of the said Dufour, and his associates, for any unappropriated sections with the adjoining fractions, if any, not to exceed in the whole four sections, and lying within the district aforesaid; stating in each entry the date of the application and the number of the section or fraction, township and range applied for; and it shall also be the duty of the said register to deliver to the said Dufour and his associates, a copy of each entry thus made; also a copy of the description or field notes, and of the plat of each tract, with a certificate stating that the same has been purchased under the authority of this act, at the rate of two dollars per acre, payable without interest, on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Act of Aug. 2, 1813, ch. 60.

Payment, where to be made.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That payment for said land may be made at the treasury of the United States, or to the receiver of the land office at Cincinnati, either in specie, or in the evidences of the public debt of the United States, at the rates prescribed by an act entitled "An act to authorize the receipt of evidences of the public debt in payment for the lands of the United States," and a discount at the rate of six per cent. a year shall be allowed on any payments, which shall be made before the same shall become due.

Act of March 3, 1797, ch. 14.

Patents to be issued, on certain evidence being produced.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That on producing to the secretary of the treasury copies of the entries aforesaid, and of the plats of the tracts applied for, also the certificate of the register of the land office established at Cincinnati, that the same have been purchased in conformity to the provisions of this act, the President of the United States shall be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered to issue letters patent in the usual form, unto the said Dufour, his associates, and their heirs, for the said lands; with condition expressed in the said letters patent, that on failure to pay the purchase money when the same shall become due the lands therein described, with the improvements thereon, shall be deemed forfeited, and shall revert in the United States.

APPROVED, May 1, 1802.

STATUTE I.

May 3, 1802.

CHAP. L.—*An Act for the relief of Fulwar Skipwith.*

Specific appropriation.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be paid unto Fulwar Skipwith, out of any money in the public treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four thousand five hundred and fifty dollars, advanced by him for the use of the United States, with an interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the first day of November, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, at which time the advance was made.

APPROVED, May 3, 1802.