

# THE LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

## PUBLIC ACTS OF THE TWENTY-NINTH 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 1st Day of December, 1845, and ended on the 10th Day of August, 1846.*

JAMES K. POLK, President; GEORGE M. DALLAS, Vice-President, and President of the Senate up to the 8th Day of August, 1846; DAVID R. ATCHISON, President of the Senate *pro tempore* on and after August 8th, 1846; JOHN W. DAVIS, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAPTER I. — *An Act to extend the Laws of the United States over the State of Texas, and for other Purposes.*

STATUTE I.

Dec. 29, 1845.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the laws of the United States are hereby declared to extend to and over, and to have full force and effect within, the State of Texas, admitted at the present session of Congress into the Confederacy and Union of the United States.

Laws of the U. S. extended over Texas.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said State of Texas shall constitute one judicial district, to be called the District of Texas, for which one judge shall be appointed, who shall reside therein, and who shall receive a salary of two thousand dollars per annum, and who shall hold the first term of said court at Galveston, on the first Monday of February next, and at such other times and places in said district as may be provided by law, or as said judge may order; and that said court shall have and exercise the same powers and jurisdiction as have been conferred by law on the District Courts of the United States; and, also, shall have and exercise the powers and jurisdiction of a Circuit Court of the United States; and appeals and writs of error shall lie from the decisions of said District and Circuit Courts for the District of Texas to the Supreme Court of the United States, in the same cases as from a Circuit Court of the United States to said Supreme Court, and under the same regulations.

Texas to constitute one judicial district.

Court

Powers and jurisdiction of said court.  
Appeals and error.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be appointed in and for said district a person learned in the law, to act as attorney of the United States for said district, and also a person to act as marshal

District attorney and marshal to be appointed.

Salary and fees. of the United States for said district, each of whom shall receive an annual salary of two hundred dollars, and also such compensation and fees for official services as have been or may be provided by law for United States district attorneys and marshals; and the judge of said court shall appoint a clerk therefor, who shall receive like compensation and fees as have been or may be allowed by law to clerks of the District and Circuit Courts of the United States.

Clerk to be appointed.

APPROVED, December 29, 1845.

Dec. 31, 1845. CHAP. II.—*An Act to establish a Collection District in the State of Texas, and for other Purposes.*

Texas made one collection district and Galveston the port of entry.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the State of Texas shall be one collection district and the city of Galveston the only port of entry, to which shall be annexed Sabine, Velasco, Matagorda, Cavallo, La Vaca, and Corpus Christi, as ports of delivery only.

Ports of delivery.

A collector to be appointed.

Salary of collector.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a collector for the District of Texas aforesaid shall be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States, who shall hold his office upon the terms and for the time prescribed by law for the like offices in other districts. The said collector shall reside at the city of Galveston, and he shall be entitled to a salary not exceeding two thousand dollars, including in that sum the fees allowed by law; and the amount he shall collect in any one year for fees exceeding the said sum of two thousand dollars, shall be accounted for and paid into the treasury of the United States.

Surveyors to be appointed for each of the ports of delivery.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That a surveyor for each of the aforesaid ports of delivery, to wit, Sabine, Velasco, Matagorda, Cavallo, La Vaca, and Corpus Christi, shall be appointed by the President, with the consent of the Senate of the United States, who shall hold their offices respectively upon the terms and for the time prescribed by law for the like offices in other districts. The said surveyors shall be entitled each to a salary not exceeding one thousand dollars, including in that sum the fees allowed by law; and the amount collected by any of said surveyors in any one year for fees, exceeding the said sum of one thousand dollars, shall be accounted for and paid into the treasury of the United States.

Their salaries and fees.

APPROVED, December 31, 1845.

Jan. 12, 1846. CHAP. III.—*An Act to repeal the Act which abolished the Office of one of the Inspectors-General of the Army, and to revive and establish said Office.*

Repeal of act of 1842, ch. 186, § 4, abolishing the office of one of the inspectors general.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the fourth section of an act, approved the twenty-third day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, entitled "An Act respecting the Organization of the Army, and for other Purposes," as directs that the office of one inspector-general of the army shall be abolished, and the inspector discharged, shall be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and all acts and parts of acts so repealed shall be, and the same hereby are, revived and continued in force.

APPROVED, January 12, 1846.