LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

(BY AUTHORITY.)

AN ACT

For the relief of the representatives of Samuel Lapsley, deceased.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the Treasury be and they are hereby authorized and directed to settle the account of John Lysle and Margaret his wife, late Margaret Lapsley, widow and administratrix of Samuel Lapsley, deceased, and that she be allowed the amount of two final settlement certificates, No 78,446 for one thousand dollars, and No. 78,447 for one thousand three hundred and sixty dollars, and interest from the twenty second day of March, one thousand seven hundred & eighty three, issued in the name of Samuel Lapsley by the commissioner of army accounts for the United States on the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty four, and that the amount due be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the said John Lysle, and Margaret his wife, administratrix as aforesaid, to be disposed of and distributed according to law.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
March 3, 1813
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

To encourage Vaccination.

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 is hereby authorized to appoint an agent to preserve the genuine matter, and to furnish the same to any citizen of the United States, whenever it may be applied for, through the medium of the post office; and such agent shall, previous to his entering upon the execution of the duties assigned to him by this act, and before he shall be entitled to the privilege of franking any letter or package as herein allowed, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation, before some magistrate, and cause a certificate thereof to be filed in the General Post Office:—"I, A. B. do swear (or affirm as the case may be) that I will faithfully use my best exertions to preserve the genuine Vaccine matter, and to furnish the same to the citizens of the United States; and also, that I will abstain from every thing prohibited in relation to the establishment of the Post Office of the United States." And it shall be the duty of the said agent to transmit to the several post masters in the United States a copy of this act: And he shall also forward to them a public notice, directing how and where all application shall be made to him for Vaccine matter.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all letters or packages not exceeding half an ounce in weight, containing vaccine matter, or relating to the subject of vaccination, and that alone, shall be carried by the United States mail free of any postage, either to or from the agent who may be appointed to carry the provisions of this act into effect: *Provided always*, That the said agent before he delivers any letter for transmission by the mail, shall in his own proper hand writing, on the outside thereof, endorse the word "*Vaccination*," and thereto subscribe his name, and shall previously furnish the post master of the office, where he shall deposit the sames with a specimen of his signature; and if said agent shall frank any letter or package, in which shall be contained any thing relative to any subject other than vaccination, he shall, on conviction of every such offence, forfeit and pay a fine of fifty dollars, to be recovered, in the same manner as other fines for violations of the law establishing the post office: *Provided also*, That the discharge of any agent, and the appointment of another in his stead, be at the discretion of the President of the United States.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
W. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
February 27, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

To encourage the destruction of the armed vessels of war of the enemy.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That during the present war with Great Britain it shall be lawful for any person or persons to burn, sink, or destroy any British armed vessel of war, except vessels coming as cartels or flags of truce; and for that purpose to use torpedoes, submarine instruments, or any other destructive machine whatever: A bounty of one half the value of the armed vessel so burnt, sunk or destroyed, and also one half the value of her guns, cargo, tackle, and apparel, shall be paid out of the Treasury of the United States to such person or persons who shall effect the same, otherwise than by the armed or commissioned vessels of the United States.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

Authorising the discharge of Daniel Updike, from his imprisonment.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Daniel Updike, of North Kingston, in the county of Washington, and State of Rhode Island, now confined in prison in said county, on a judgment obtained against him, in favor of the United States, be discharged from his imprisonment: *Provided however*, That he shall assign and convey all the estate real or 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, for the purpose of satisfying said judgment: *And provided also*, That any estate, real or personal, which the said Daniel Updike may hereafter acquire, shall be liable to be taken in satisfaction of said judgment, in the same manner as if he had not been imprisoned and discharged.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

To revive and continue in force "an act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Georgia, passed the twelfth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, establishing the fees of the harbor master, and health officer of the ports of Savannah and St. Mary's."

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the act of Congress, passed the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred & eleven, entitled "an act declaring the consent of Congress to an act of the State of Georgia, passed the twelfth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and four, establishing the fees of the harbor master, and health officer, of the ports of Savannah and St. Mary's," be, and the same is hereby revived and continued in force for one year, and from thence to the end of the next session of Congress, and no longer.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
W. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

Rewarding the officers and crew of the frigate Constitution, and the officers & crew of the Wasp.

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 is hereby authorised to have distributed, as prize money, to Captain Isaac Hull, of the frigate Constitution, his officers and crew, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, for the capture and destruction of the British frigate Guerriere: And the like sum in like manner to Captain William Bainbridge, his officers and crew, for the capture and destruction of the British frigate Java: And the like sum of twenty five thousand dollars in like manner to Captain Jacob Jones, of the sloop of war Wasp, his officers & crew, for the capture of the British sloop of war Frolic: And that the sum of one hundred and twenty five thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purposes aforesaid.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said sums be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore,
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

For the relief of Lewis Chacherie

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby authorised and required, to pay to Lewis Chacherie the additional sum of fourteen hundred dollars, in consideration of his services as translator of the French and Spanish languages, to the board of commissioners for the western land district of the Territory of Orleans, now State of Louisiana, which shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

For the relief of Washington Lee.

BE it enacted by the Senate & House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer of the Department of War be, and he is hereby directed to allow to Washington Lee, now a captain in the army of the United States, in the settlement of his account, as judge advocate for the southern department of the army, from the nineteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred & ten, until the sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, the same compensation which is provided for judge advocates, when taken from the line, by an act passed the eleventh day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, entitled "an act to raise an additional military force."

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
February 24, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

Making an appropriation for the alterations and repairs of the Capitol.

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 dollars shall be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be applied under the direction of the President of the United States, in such repairs or alterations in the chamber of the House of Representatives as may be necessary for their accommodation in their future sessions, having in view as well the increased number of the members as the better lighting, ventilating and warming the chamber; which sum shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That five hundred dollars be appropriated to repair the roof of the Capitol, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate protempore.
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

Supplementary to the act for increasing the Navy.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby authorised to have built six sloops of war, and to have the same manned, equipped and commissioned for service; and that the President be authorised to have built or procured such a number of sloops of war, or other armed vessels, to be manned, equipped, and commissioned, as the public service may require, on the Lakes.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be, and he is hereby authorised to appoint such officers & to employ the number of seamen which may be necessary for such vessels as are authorised by law to be put in commission, any law to the contrary nowithstanding.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That for the building or procuring said vessels, and for the payment of two hundred thousand dollars, for vessels already procured on the lakes, by direction of the President, the sum of nine hundred thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same is hereby appropriated.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of establishing a Navy Yard, for repairing the vessels of war in such central and convenient place on the seaboard, as the President of the United States shall designate.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be, and he is hereby authorised to contract for the building any of the six seventy four gun ships authorised by law: *Provided*, That the building be under inspection of an agent appointed by the Secretary of the Navy.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States be authorised to sell or dispose of such and so many of the gun boats belonging to the United States as may have become unfit for service or as in his judgment may no longer be necessary to be retained by the government.

H. CLAY
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM H CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
March 3, 1813
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

Giving further time to purchasers of public lands to complete their payments.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every person who, prior to the first day of April one thousand eight hundred and nine, had purchased any tracts of lands of the United States, not exceeding in the whole one hundred and forty acres, unless the tract purchased be a fractional section or sections of fractional sections classed with an entire section, at any of the land offices established for the disposal of the public lands, and whose land have not already been actually sold, or reverted to the United States, for non payment of the part of the purchase money, shall be allowed the further term of three years, from and after the expiration of the period already given by law, for completing the payment of the said purchase money, which further term of three years shall be allowed only on condition, First: That all arrears of interest on the purchase money shall have been paid on or before the time shall have been expired according to former laws for completing the payment of the purchase money: *Provided*, That in all cases in which the time for completing the payment of the purchase money may have expired or shall expire before the first day of June next, the interest may be paid on or before that day. Second, That the residue of the sum due on account of the principal of such purchase, shall be paid with interest thereon, in three annual payments, viz: One third of the said residue, with interest which may then be due thereon, within one year: another third of said residue, with interest within two years, and the remaining third of said residue with interest within three years after the expiration of the time for completing the payment on account of such purchase, according to former laws; and in case of failure, in paying either the arrears or interests, or any of three instalments of principal with the accruing interest, at the time and times above mentioned, the tract of land shall be forthwith advertised and offered forsale, in the manner, and on the terms directed, by law, in case of lands not paid for within the limited term, and shall revert in like manner, if the sum due with interest be not at such sale bidden and paid: *Provided*, That the benefit of this act shall not extend to any person or persons on account of any purchase of any tract or tracts of land made at any of the land offices north west of the river Ohio, prior to the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
WM H CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the support of the Military Establishment, and of the Volunteer Militia in the actual service of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That for defraying the expenses of the Military Establishment of the United States, including the Volunteers and Militia, in their actual service, for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, for the Indian Department, and for the expense of fortifications, arsenals and armories, the following sums, including the sum of one million of dollars already appropriated by the first section of the act, entitled "an act making certain partial appropriations for the year one thousand eight hundred & thirteen," be, and the same are hereby respectively appropriated, that is to say:

For the pay of the Army of the United States, including the pay of the artificers and laborers in the quarter master general's and ordnance departments, and of the private servants kept by officers, and for the pay of the volunteers and militia in the actual service of the United States, five millions one hundred and sixty eight thousand eight hundred and three dollars.

For forage to officers, one hundred and nine thousand two hundred and twenty four dollars.

For the subsistence of the army, and volunteers and militia, two millions nine hundred & seventy seven thousand five hundred and thirty one dollars

For clothing, two millions fifteen thousand eight hundred and eighty four dollars.

For bounties and premiums, five hundred and fifty seven thousand seven hundred and forty dollars.

For camp and field equippage, two hundred and seventy thousand dollars

For the medical and hospital department, two hundred thousand dollars.

For ordnance, and ordnance stores, nine hundred and twenty eight thousand dollars.

For fortifications, four hundred and ninety seven thousand dollars.

For arsenals, magazines, and armories, three hundred and fifty two thousand two hundred and eight dollars.

For the quarter master general's department, icluding fuel straw, barrels, quarters, tools, and all expenses incident to transportation, two millions three hundred thousand dollars.

For contingencies, three hundred and five thousand three hundred and seventeen dollars.

For purchasing books, maps and plans, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For the salary of the commissary general of purchases, three thousand dollars.

For the salary of the clerks employed in the offices of the adjutant general, of the commissary general, and of the quarter master general, eight thousand dollars.

For the purchase of books and apparatus for the military academy, twelve thousand dollars.

For the Indian Department, one hundred and sixty four thousand five hundred dollars.

For the repayment of the sum of five hundred and twenty seven dollars, being a balance due the State of Maryland of monies paid by that State to the United States, as the purchase money of public arms, which had not been fully supplied.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several sums specifically appropriated by this act shall be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY,
Speaker of the House of Representatives
WM H CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

Making appropriations for the support of the Navy of the United States, for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That for defraying the expences of the Navy during the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, the following sums be, and the same hereby are respectively appropriated, that is to say:

For the pay and subsistence of the officers, and pay of the seamen, one million six hundred and sixty eight thousand dollars, and for pay due to the officers and crews of the public ships other vessels in commission for the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, three hundred and sixty five thousand dollars.

For provisions, seven hundred and seventy five thousand dollars.

For medicines, instruments, hospital stores, and all expenses on account of the sick, one hundred thousand dollars.

For repair of vessels, six hundred and forty thousand dollars.

For freight, store rent and all other contingent expences, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

For expenses of navy yards, comprising docks and other improvements, pay of superintendants, store keepers, clerks, and labourers, ninety thousand dollars.

For ordnance, and for ordnance and military stores, one hundred thousand dollars.

For pay and subsistence of the marine corps, including provisions for those on shore, and forage for the staff, two hundred and forty five thousand three hundred and ninety one dollars and seventy cents.

For clothing for the same, seventy one thousand seven hundred and eighty eight dollars and ten cents.

For military stores for the same, twenty seven thousand six hundred and eight dollars seventy five cents.

For medicines, medical services, hospital stores, and all other expences on account of the sick belonging to the marine corps, twenty thousand dollars.

For quarter masters' and barrack masters' stores, officers' travelling expenses, armorers' and carpenters' bills, fuel, premiums for enlisting men, musical instruments, bounty to music, and other contingent expenses of the marine corps, forty six thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the several sums specifically appropriated by this act shall be paid out of any monies in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
WM. H CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT

To authorise the Secretary of the Treasury to provide new certificates of registry.

BE it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be provided blank certificates of registry, and such other papers as may be necessary, executed in such manner, and with such marks as he may direct; and from and after the thirty first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, no certificate of registry shall be issued, except such as shall have been provided and marked as aforesaid; and the ships or vessels of the United States, which shall have been duly registered as such, shall be entitled to new certificates of registry (gratis) in exchange for their old certificates of registry. And it shall be the duty of the respective collectors, on departure of any such ship or vessel after the said thirty first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, from any district to which such ship or vessel shall belong, to issue a new certificate accordingly, and to retain and deface the former certificate.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry this act into effect.

H. CLAY, *Speaker of the House of Representatives.*
WM. H. CRAWFORD,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.
March 3, 1813.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

THE SEA MAMMOTH.

City of New York, sc.

On the 28th of April, 1813, before me, the undersigned Notary Public personally came and appeared, Samuel G Bailey, late master of the ship Amsterdam Packet, Wm. R. Handy late master of the ship Lydia, and Adam Knox, late master of the schooner Augusta, all belonging to New York; and the said deponents being duly sworn according to law, severally and solemnly deposed and declared that they were passengers on board the ship Niagara, which arrived at this port from Lisbon on Saturday last; and that on the 8th of April inst. being in lat. 43. 49. long .65 at meridian, saw a large lump on the horizon, bearing N. W. distant 6 or 8 miles, which they supposed to be the hull of a large ship bottom upwards.—When within gun shot of it discovered it had motion, and on a nearer approach found it to be a fish apparently 260 feet in length, about 30 broad, and from 17 to 18 feet high in the centre, covered with a shell, formed similar to the plank on a clinker built vessel. Near the head, on the right side, was a large hole or archway, covered occasionally with a fin, which was about 8 or 10 feet out of water. Intended to have sent the boat to make for her discoveries, but was deterred from the dreadful appearance of the monster, having approached within 30 yards of it.

WM. R. HANDY,
ADAM KNOX,
SAML. G. BAILEY.

Sworn before me,
WM. BLEECKER, Notary Public.

WASHINGTON, May 4.

AMERICAN VICTORIES.

We are pleased to find it is proposed to celebrate in a proper manner, at the seat of government, the glorious victories achieved by our arms on the ocean; and we trust all our citizens will unite heart and hand in this object, and shew to the world that in this District the American cause is cherished in our hearts' core, unalloyed by foreign feelings or partialities.

PROMOTION IN THE ARMY.

Extract from Rules and Regulations for the Army.

RULES WITH REGARD TO PROMOTION.

1. Original vacancies will be supplied by SELECTION; ACCIDENTAL vacancies by SENIORITY, excepting in extraordinary cases.

2. Promotions to the rank of Captain, will be made REGIMENTALLY—to that of Field appointments, by LINE—the Light Artillery, Dragoons, Artillery, Infantry and Riflemen, being kept always distinct.

3. No Officer shall be entitled to the pay, rations, or emoluments annexed to any office, until he shall have notice of his appointment thereto from the War Department; or from a general officer, with respect to the appointments in the gift of Generals.