

lands subject to private entry in the State of Mississippi.

districts in said State, in the same manner that said warrants are now authorized to be located in the Augusta land district.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

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CHAP. CXLI.—*An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to license Yachts, and for other Purposes.*

Yachts used as pleasure vessels, &c., to be licensed on terms that will allow them to proceed from port to port in the United States without clearance.

Proviso: such vessels not to be allowed to transport merchandise.

Owners of such vessels to give bonds.

Such vessels to be subject in all respects to the laws of the United States.

Shall use signals, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to cause yachts used and employed exclusively as pleasure vessels, and designed as models of naval architecture, and now entitled to be enrolled as American vessels, to be licensed on terms which will authorize them to proceed from port to port of the United States without entering or clearing at the customhouse. Such license shall be in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *Provided,* Such vessels so enrolled and licensed shall not be allowed to transport merchandise or carry passengers for pay: *And provided further,* That the owner of any such vessel, before taking out such license, shall give a bond, in such form and for such amount as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe, conditional that the said vessel shall not engage in any unlawful trade, nor in any way violate the revenue laws of the United States, and shall comply with the laws in all other respects.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all such vessels shall, in all respects, except as above, be subject to the laws of the United States, and shall be liable to seizure and forfeiture for any violation of the provisions of this act.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all such licensed yachts shall use a signal of the form, size, and colors prescribed by the Secretary of the Navy, and the owners thereof shall at all times permit the naval architects in the employ of the United States to examine and copy the models of said yachts.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

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CHAP. CXLIII.—*An Act to change the Place of holding the District Court of the United States for the Middle District of Alabama, and for other Purposes.*

State of Alabama divided into three judicial districts.

Southern district.

Middle district.

Northern district.

Terms of the District Court for the middle district to be hereafter held at Montgomery.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the State of Alabama shall be, and the same is hereby, divided into three districts in manner following, to wit:

The counties of Mobile, Washington, Baldwin, Sumpter, Clarke, Marengo, Green, Pickens, Wilcox, Monroe, Conecuh, shall compose one district, to be called the southern district, and a court shall be held for the said district, as heretofore, at Mobile.

The counties of Montgomery, Autauga, Coosa, Tallapoosa, Chambers, Talladega, Randolph, Macon, Russell, Barbour, Pike, Henry, Dale, Coffee, Covington, Lowndes, Dallas, Perry, Bibb, Shelby, and Tuscaloosa, shall hereafter compose one district, to be called the middle district, and a court shall be held for the said district at Montgomery. And the residue of the counties of said State shall hereafter compose the northern district of Alabama, and a court shall be held for the same, as heretofore, at Huntsville.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the next term of the District Court for the said middle district, and every term thereafter, shall be held at Montgomery; and the clerk and marshal of said middle district are hereby required, forthwith, to remove all the books, and papers, and records, belonging to their respective offices from Tuscaloosa to Montgomery.