LAWS

OF THE

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI,

PASSED AT A REGULAR SESSION

OF THE

Mississippi Legislature,

HELD IN THE CITY OF JACKSON,

JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 1856.

JACKSON:

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scribed by law in relation to representatives in Congress: and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of State to lay all such returns before the next succeeding legislature, with a digested vote of each county for and against said amendment, and also the aggregate vote of each county cast for members of the legislature; and if it shall appear that a majority of the qualified electors voting for members of the legislature, shall have voted for said amendment, then the same shall be inserted by the said legislature, as a part of the constitution of this State.

SEC. 4. *Be it further enacted*, That the auditor of public accounts shall issue a warrant or warrants on the treasurer for the expenses of the publication of this act, in favor of any person or persons to whom the same may be due, on the certificate of the Secretary of State that the account is correct.

Approved March 11, 1856.

CHAPTER 12.

AN ACT relating to the Levee Tax on lands sold or forfeited to the State for taxes.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi*, That so much of section 36 of an act entitled "an act amendatory of the revenue laws of this State, and for other purposes," approved March 2d, 1854, or of any other laws as requires the auditor of public accounts to pay into the State treasury the moneys received by him for levee taxes due on lands redeemed or purchased from the State, and heretofore or hereafter delinquent for State taxes, be, and the same is hereby repealed as to such levee tax; and the said moneys shall be paid over by the auditor to the levee treasurer, or collector of the county in which said lands are respectively situated, in the same manner as other levee taxes received by him; and in case of sale, by the auditor, of any such lands, the State shall not be liable to refund to the purchaser or others the said levee tax, or any part thereof.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That all moneys heretofore paid into the treasury of the State by the auditor, since the first day of April, 1853, col-

lected by him for levee taxes on lands in the counties of Bolivar and Washington, shall be paid by the State treasurer to the levee treasurer or collector of the county in which the said lands are situated, upon the warrant of the auditor of public accounts, which warrant the auditor shall issue to the levee treasurer or collector on demand therefor.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved February 25, 1856.

CHAPTER 13.

AN ACT in relation to Chancery Courts.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Mississippi, to wit:

SECTION I.

Organization and terms of Courts.

ARTICLE 1. Chancery courts shall be held in each judicial district of this State by the judge of the circuit court of such district, at the same times and places appointed, or hereafter to be appointed by law for the holding of the circuit court of each county respectively, and may continue for the length of time allowed for the holding of said circuit court. At least one week of every term shall be given to the business of the chancery court, if so long a time shall be necessary; and the judge shall make a fair division of the term between the business of the circuit court and the chancery court, in proportion to the length of time required by each.

SECTION II.

Jurisdiction of the Court, and powers of the Judge.

ART. 2. The said chancery courts shall have full jurisdiction in all matters of equity, and of all matters properly cognizable in a court of equity, and in such other cases as may be provided for by law; *Provided*, The amount or value of the thing in controversy shall exceed fifty dollars; and may sustain

Injunction.