

er ports or custom houses where such officer or clerk may be necessary, a salary each of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum.

Sec. 4. Be it further enacted, That a second class of clerks may be employed, who shall receive each, one thousand six hundred dollars per annum, and a third class, one thousand four hundred dollars per annum; provided the number of clerks of the second class, shall not exceed four at the port of Galveston, and two at any other port or custom house of the Republic, all of which deputy collectors and clerks shall be paid by the collectors quarterly, out of the revenue collected in their respective districts.

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That deputy collectors shall only be employed in such districts as may be designated for that purpose by the Secretary of the Treasury, who will also from time to time, limit the number of clerks to be employed at the several custom houses.

Sec. 6. Be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorised to allow to all collectors of customs for services rendered during the years A. D. one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, whose commissions under former laws amount to less than two thousand dollars per annum, the additional compensation provided in this act.

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall, through instructions to the several collectors prescribe the compensation of such subordinate officers of the customs as are not provided for in this act. This act shall be in force from and after its passage, any thing in the laws or customs of the country to the contrary notwithstanding.

DAVID S. KAUFMAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

DAVID G. BURNET,
President of the Senate.

Approved January 16th, 1840.

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR.

JOINT RESOLUTION

For the Survey and Sale of the Austin Town Tract.

Sec. 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Republic of Texas, in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause

to be surveyed the remaining portion of the tract of land belonging to the government, and adjoining the city of Austin, in lots varying from five to forty acres each, and cause to be laid out such roads and alleys as may be deemed necessary upon a plan to be approved by the President.

Sec. 2. Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall have three plats of said survey made, one of which shall be placed at the capital, one at the general land office, and one at the office of Secretary of the Treasury, and that he shall after giving one months notice in the public newspapers printed at the seat of government, and immediate notice in all the other newspapers printed in the Republic, of the day of sale of said lots, which he shall proceed to offer and sell the same at public auction, to the highest bidder, and should the Secretary of the Treasury deem it advisable, he may cause to be sold one third at the time fixed on only, and then suspend the sale and fix upon a future day for the sale of the balance, and give immediate public notice thereof in the various newspapers printed in this Republic.

Sec. 3. Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury may cause to be sold the balance of the town lots already surveyed and laid off in the city of Austin, as heretofore authorised by law.

Sec. 4. Be it further resolved, That the Secretary of the Treasury may allow to an auctioneer, and deduct from the amount received as first payment, not exceeding one per centum upon the amount so received at the first payment for all said lots so sold.

Sec. 5. Be it further resolved, That the terms and time of payments for the said lots, sold as aforesaid, shall be the same as those heretofore required for lots sold in the city of Austin.

Sec. 6. Be it further resolved, That all persons aliens not excepted, shall be allowed to purchase and hold said lots, and the President of the Republic is hereby authorised to issue patents to the purchasers upon final payment of the purchase money.

Sec. 7. Be it further resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to reserve in the plan fixed on, four hundred acres for such public purposes as Congress may hereafter direct.

DAVID S. KAUFMAN,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
DAVID G. BURNET,
President of the Senate.

Approved 5th January, 1840.

MIRABEAU B. LAMAR.