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No.	DATE	Acts of	Page	Act or Res.	SUBJECT MATTER.
....	18th March, 1818	1818	158	Act.	Providing a Surveyor General and prescribing his powers, duties and compensation; directing him to take from Secretary of State, and keep the Trudeau books and papers.
....	27th January, 1820	1820	114	Res.	Requesting Congress not to abolish the credit system and adopt cash system, nor to divide quarter sections into eighths, and on other subjects.
....	31st January, 1821	1821	130	Res.	Requesting survey and selection of school and seminary lands, under acts of Congress of 21st April, 1805, Sec. 11, and 3d March, 1811, Sec. 7, before public sales.
....	25th March, 1824	1824	80	Res.	Requesting Congress to confirm Rio Hondo claims in Neutral Territory as a means of peopling and defending that exposed frontier.
1	2d December, 1829	1828	4	Res.	Requesting that the 5 per cent fund under act of Congress of 25th February, 1811, Sec. 5, be ascertained and paid to the State.
9	22d December, 1828	1829	14	Res.	Requesting cession to the State of all public and unoccupied lands of the United States, and stating reasons.
....	27th March, 1832	1832	124	Res.	Requesting Governor to write about and claim the 5 Per cent fund under act of 25th February, 1811, Sec. 5.
....	19th December, 1842	1834	5	Res.	In favor of measures to settle conflicting claims in County of Feliciana between claimants under the United States and those under Spain, France, or England.
....	10th March, 1834	1834	104	Res.	Praying Congress to renew the law (probably act of 4th July, 1832,) for filing and settling private land claims.
....	21st January, 1835	1835	5	Res.	Praying a grant of land for education and stating the grounds for the claim.
....	4th February, 1835	1835	21	Res.	Praying grant of lands proportioned to benefit to be derived by United States, by the State's removing raft in the Atchafalaya.
....	27th March, 1835	1835	155	Res.	Asking money to leave the Atchafalaya and Lacourcort to reclaim inundated lands of the United States.
....	27th March, 1835	1835	158	Res.	Governor to ask Secretary of the Treasury to locate the two townships granted by acts of 3d March, 1827; 21st April, 1806, Sec. 11, and 3d March, 1811, Sec. 7; and providing mode of and compensation for locations if State makes them.

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29	April, 1835	1835	225	Act.	Authorizing trustees in parishes of Carroll and Natchitoches to lease the school lands therein.
31	25th February, 1837	1837	26	Res.	Requesting grants of six sections of land for Red River Railroad Company, and the same for the Baton Rouge and Clinton Railroad Company, and one township for the New Orleans and Nashville Railroad Company.
33	9th March, 1837	1837	47	Res.	Asking a grant of land between Natchitoches and Sabine River, and right to cut timber in aid of the Sabine Railroad Company.
34	18th January, 1838	1838	8	Res.	Asking extension of the pre-emption law to 1837, and revival of the law granting back concessions.
9	15th March, 1839	1839	230	Res.	Asking passage of a law for the judicial adjustment of claims in Louisiana with reasons therefor, and thanking the Senate for such laws, postponed by the House.
11	16th March, 1839	1839	234	Res.	Asking a law authorizing Louisiana to protect her school lands, lease the same, and the Governor to make indemnity selection in lieu of those sold, etc.
43	18th March, 1839	1839	108	Act.	Paying H. T. Williams \$2000 for locating seminary lands under resolution of 27th March, 1835.
44	17th March, 1839	1840	39	Res.	Asking passage of a law authorizing Legislature to lease or sell 16th sections, and Governor to select lieu lands when same is deficient.
123	28th March, 1840	1840	138	Res.	Paying H. T. Williams for selecting the seminary lands, at \$128 per section.
5	22d January, 1841	1841	4	Res.	Asking passage of a motion law to quiet titles to lands in Louisiana surveyed, placed on the maps, and held under certificates of confirmation.
34	8th February, 1842	1842	78	Res.	Asking passage of laws to settle private land claims in the State, and relating to surveys of public lands and private claims in the Greensburg District.
15	10th February, 1842	1842	108	Res.	Asking an appropriation for survey of public lands in Louisiana, and that they be brought into market as soon as possible.
43	16th February, 1842	1842	112	Res.	Asking passage of a law authorizing indemnity school land selections when 16th sections are worthless or in conflict with prior rights, and to allow Legislature to sell or lease school lands.



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61	24th February, 1842	1842	156	Res.	Asking the United States to institute suit against D. W. Coxé to settle title to the Malson Rouge claim on the Ouachita River. (United States vs. Coxé, 17 How. 41; and United States vs. King, 3 How. 773).
160	26th March, 1842	1842	462	Act.	Authorizing Governor to select, through not more than five agents, the 500,000 acres internal improvement lands granted by act of 4th September, 1841, at rates of compensation not exceeding three cents per acre, etc.
1	12th January, 1844	1844	8	Res.	Requesting the speedy adjustment of all private land claims in the State.
91	25th March, 1844	1844	61	Act.	Creating State Land Office and authorizing railroads (State Treasurer) to sell located and unlocated internal improvement and seminary lands at not less than \$2 per acre, and Governor to issue patents for same.
	Constitution of 1845	Art. No.	135	.....	Appropriating forever, for support of schools, proceeds of all lands granted by the United States for schools, and all lands to be granted or bequeathed, and of estates of deceased persons devolving upon the State.
	Constitution of 1845	Art. No.	135	.....	Pledging proceeds of seminary lands, and of lands to be donated as seminary lands, for the exclusive support of a seminary of learning, forever, and for no other purpose.
53	6th March, 1845	1845	27	Act.	Appropriating \$7,437.60 to pay for advertising Governor's proclamation of sales of seminary and internal improvement lands.
54	7th March, 1845	1845	28	Res.	Asking Congress to so amend act of February 15th, 1843, as to allow Louisiana to apportion its school fund as Legislature might direct, and that United States Department Surveyors make indemnity school selections in lieu of 15th sections valueless, or nearly so.
28	20th April, 1846	1846	13	Res.	Asking Secretary of Treasury to make the indemnity school land selections under act of 20th May, 1826, to state his construction of the same upon certain points stated, and questions submitted.
54	12th May, 1846	1846	39	Res.	Asking that act of 24th May, 1828, be applied to Louisiana as if it had been included in act of 17th June, 1844. (Resolution must have intended 26th May, 1824).

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140	1st June, 1846	1846	118	Act.	Authorizing transfer of \$2,671.44 from seminary to internal improvement fund; and issue by Register and Receiver of two internal improvement warrants in lieu of two seminary warrants, to be cancelled.
6	20th January, 1847	1847	5	Res.	Asking Congress to grant bounty lands to soldiers, their widows and orphans, who defended Louisiana in 1814 and 1815.
45	17th February, 1847	1847	37	Res.	Asking sufficient appropriations to complete quickly the re-survey of Green- lough District.
51	18th February, 1847	1847	44	Res.	Asking authorities in Cuba to help James Strawbridge find and get ancient documents relating to early history of Louisiana.
57	25th February, 1847	1847	47	Act.	To authorize pre-emptions on located internal improvement lands of 160 acres, sale of internal improvement warrants to actual settlers for 320 acres, providing means of proceeding; and extending relief to settlers on State land in Madison Rouge and De Bastrop grants, etc.
64	27th February, 1847	1847	52	Res.	Sending memorial to Congress asking, in order to enforce Arts. 134 and 135 of State Constitution about free schools, that State be allowed, under act of Congress of 20th May, 1826, to select lieu lands when 16th section is worthless, and for power to sell all school lands.
249	4th May, 1847	1847	205	Act.	To provide a Branch Land Office at Winneshoro, and Register and Receiver for same, and for sale of located State lands. See Williams vs. Robinson; E. A. 110; 3 Hen. Dig. 1334, No. 68.
267	4th May, 1847	1847	223	Res.	Asking passage of a law authorizing Louisiana to select indemnity school lands when 4th section is worthless, to conflict with valid rights, or wanting by reason of radiating lot surveys, and for power to use school funds as a common fund, and not as confined to particular township.
6	24th February, 1848	1848	6	Act.	Amending 4th section of act of 23d February, 1847, granting pre-emption right on internal improvement lands.
24	29th February, 1848	1848	14	Act.	Authorizing the purchase for \$1000 of the records, surveys, etc., of Francis Goussolin, Spanish Survey of Atakapas District; same to be deposited with Recorder of St. Martin parish, etc.

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36	6th March, 1848	1848	23	Res.	Asking Congress to refund the price to be paid by parishes of St. Mary, St. Martin, Lafayette and Vermilion, not exceeding \$1,000 for the Consolida records and surveys.
156	16th March, 1848	1848	193	Act.	Appropriating \$208 for State Land Office at Winnaboro.
171	16th March, 1848	1848	109	Res.	Authorizing Governor to appoint agent to revise account with United States for 5 per cent proceeds of sales of public lands and to collect amount due State for a fee of 20 per cent of same.
186	16th March, 1848	1848	122	Act.	Authorizing State Treasurer to use internal improvement fund for general purposes, so a loan, to be returned out of collections for taxes.
220	16th March, 1848	1848	146	Act.	Authorizing Past and future purchasers of State lands, "located by the State," to relinquish by deed and receive back money paid for the same, in all cases where State's title fails. See act of 12th July, 1858, No. 104.
9	18th December, 1848	1848, Ex. Ses.	6	Act.	Authorizing State Register to sell to boards of free school directors, internal improvement or seminary lands.
61	20th December, 1848	1848, Ex. Ses.	40	Act.	Repealing 14th and 31st sections of act of ---, and re-enacting and modifying sections 5, 10 and 13. Also providing, in section 5 for sale on school lands by elections of the voters of each township, etc.
85	20th December, 1848	1848, Ex. Ses.	57	Act.	Authorizing State Register to ascertain what townships have no, or deficient school lands, and to obtain indemnity sections, or to issue and sell scrip in lieu of such sections.
336	21st March, 1850	1850	269	Act.	Authorizing Governor to contract with one or more persons to select the swamp lands granted by act of March 2, 1849, to get from United States money or lieu lands for swamp lands disposed of by United States after act of 1849.
	Constitution of 1852	Art. No.	123	Act.	Declaring that none of the lands granted by Congress under the swamp land grants of 1849 and 1850 shall be diverted from the purposes for which they were granted, (not repealed by Constitution of 1879, Arts. 257 and 258).
5	2d February, 1852	1852	4	Act.	Authorizing inhabitants of township 5, north range, 3 East, Concordia parish, to sell school lands therein.