

CHAP. X. — *An Act giving further Time for Satisfying Claims for Bounty Lands and for other purposes.*

Feb. 8, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act to provide for satisfying claims for bounty lands for military services in the late war with Great Britain, and for other purposes," approved July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and forty-two, and also the two acts approved January twenty-seventh eighteen hundred and thirty-five, therein and thereby revived, shall be and the same are hereby revived and continued in force for five years, to be computed from the twenty-sixth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.*

Acts of 1835, ch. 6, and chap. 7, and 1842, ch. 68, respecting bounty lands, continued in force. 1848, ch. 74.

APPROVED, February 8, 1854.

CHAP. XI. — *An Act to Regulate the Disbursement of the Contingent Fund of the Senate and for other purposes.*

Feb. 10, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the moneys which have been, or may hereafter be, appropriated for the compensation of members and officers, and for the contingent expenses of the Senate, shall be paid at the Treasury on requisition drawn by the Secretary of the Senate, and shall be kept, disbursed, and accounted for by him, according to law: and the said Secretary shall be deemed a disbursing officer.*

Contingent fund of Senate: how paid, drawn out and kept. Secretary made a disbursing officer.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That in lieu of the bond now required by law, to be given by the Secretary of the Senate, he shall give bond to the United States, within ten days after the passage of this act, with one or more sureties, to be approved by the Comptroller of the Treasury, in the penal sum of twenty thousand dollars, with condition for the faithful application and disbursement of such funds as may be drawn from the Treasury under this act, which bond shall be deposited in the Comptroller's office; and it shall be the duty of each and every Secretary of the Senate, who may hereafter be chosen, to give bond, as aforesaid, within thirty days after he enters upon the duties of his office, and before making any requisition as aforesaid.*

Bond of Secretary of Senate.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the said Secretary of the Senate to deposit the moneys aforesaid which may come into his hands with the depository who may be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, for other disbursing officers in the city of Washington, and all payments on account of the pay and mileage of members of the Senate, and all payments of their officers and for the contingent expenses of the Senate shall be by drafts drawn by the Secretary on such depository.*

How the contingent fund of the Senate shall be deposited and drawn out.

APPROVED, February 10, 1854.

CHAP. XII. — *An Act to Indemnify the State of Indiana for the Failure of Title to a Township of Land granted to said State on her admission into the Union in eighteen hundred and sixteen.*

Feb. 23, 1854.

Whereas by a decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, made January twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, the State of Indiana has lost one out of the two townships of land granted to her for the use of a State University by act of April sixteenth [nineteenth] eighteen hundred and sixteen, and has become liable to refund to a private corporation the proceeds of said township heretofore appropriated to the support of the State University of Indiana — for remedy thereof:

14 How. 268.

1816, ch. 57.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the governor of the State of Indiana be authorized to select out of lands of the United States, with-*

19040 acres of land granted to Indiana for a University.

in the said State, now subject to private entry, nineteen thousand and forty acres of land in legal subdivisions, and shall certify the same to the Secretary of the Interior, who shall, forthwith, on receipt of said certificate, issue, to the State of Indiana, patents for said lands: *Provided* The proceeds of said lands, when sold, shall be, and forever remain, a fund for the use of the Indiana University.

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CHAP. XIII. — *An Act to Extend the Limits of the Port of New Orleans.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the port of New Orleans be so extended as to embrace the right bank of the Mississippi river, for the same distance up said bank as it now extends on the left bank.

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CHAP. XIV. — *An Act supplemental to an Act entitled "An Act to ascertain and settle the Private Land Claims in the State of California," approved March third, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-one.*

1851, ch. 41.

Henry C. Boggs and certain others to have additional time to present their claims to the California land commissioner.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following named persons, viz: Henry C. Boggs, Levi W. Hardman, Wiley Sneed, Stephen Broadhurst, Smith and Kristeen, George H. Woodman, Berthald and Lorrin, Fisher and Guildfeldt, and William Clarke, or either of them, or their representatives, may, within six months after the passage of this act, present their claims to the commissioners who were appointed under the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement; and the said commissioners are hereby empowered to hear and dispose of the same as effectually as though the said claims had been presented in due time, under the thirteenth section of the aforesaid act.

Limit of their claims.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons named in this act shall be limited and confined, in their claims, to purchases made of Don Salvador Valligo, a Mexican grantee, for a part of the place known as "Entre Napa," and situate in Napa county, State of California. And the said commissioners shall be satisfied that the said persons named derived title to their respective claims previous to the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

This act only to extend the time.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said persons named shall be entitled to no privilege not conferred on claimants under the original act, but as to an extension of time in which their claims may be respectively made to the said commissioners.

APPROVED, February 23, 1854.

March 1, 1854.

CHAP. XVII. — *An Act for the Extension of the Preemption Privilege in the State of California.*

Part of act of 1853, ch. 145, respecting pre-emption claims in California extended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the act of the fourth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, granting pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands, as modified and made applicable to the State of California by the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, shall be further modified by extending the provisions of the third proviso in the sixth section of the aforesaid act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, to settlements made prior to and within two years after the passage of this act.

APPROVED, March 1, 1854.