

CHAP. XLV.—*An Act for the Relief of Isaac Drew and other Settlers upon the Public Lands in the State of Wisconsin.* May 24, 1858.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Isaac Drew, and such other persons as may have settled, in good faith, in the State of Wisconsin, since the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty, upon any portion of the lands that were erroneously selected by said State as a part of the five hundred thousand acre grant, which selections were not confirmed, and who were at that date, or since that time have become, an actual settler and housekeeper, and made improvements on any tract embraced among said erroneous selections, are hereby entitled to the same right of preëmption, and upon the same terms and conditions, as are prescribed by an act entitled, “An Act to appropriate the Proceeds of the Sales of the Public Lands and grant Preëmption Rights,” approved September fourteenth, [fourth,] eighteen hundred and forty-one: *Provided,* such lands shall be paid for by such settlers at the minimum price.

Settlers, &c. since July 1, 1850, on lands wrongly selected by State, entitled to pre-emption.

1841, ch. 16.
Vol. v. p. 453.
Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That where persons have erroneously entered any of the lands named in the first section of this act, and shall satisfactorily show to the register and receiver that, prior to, or within three months after, the passage of this act, they have made an actual settlement on the lands mentioned in the first section, the Commissioner of the General Land-Office is hereby authorized to issue patents therefor: *Provided,* That it shall be satisfactorily made to appear to him that the entry of the tract or tracts sought to be patented does not interfere with the rights or occupancy of any actual settler.

Persons who have wrongly entered, &c. and actual settlers, to have patents.

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APPROVED, May 24, 1858.

CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act to prevent the inconvenient Accumulation in the Post-Office Department of Postmasters' Quarterly Returns.* May 24, 1858.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General may, from time to time, in his discretion, dispose of any quarterly returns of mails sent or received, preserving the accounts current, and all vouchers accompanying such accounts, and use such portions of the proceeds thereof as may be necessary to defray the cost of separating and disposing of the same: *Provided,* That the accounts shall be preserved entire, at least two years.

Postmaster-General may dispose of quarterly returns when kept two years.

APPROVED, May 24, 1858.

CHAP. LVIII.—*An Act for extending the Land Laws east of the Cascade Mountains, in Oregon and Washington Territories.* May 29, 1858.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the existing laws relating to the survey and disposal of the public lands in the Territories of Oregon and Washington, west of the Cascade Mountains, be, and the same are hereby, extended and made applicable also to the lands lying east of said mountains within said Territories.

Existing land laws applied to lands in Oregon and Washington, east of Cascade Mountains.

APPROVED, May 29, 1858.

CHAP. LIX.—*An Act to amend the “Act to incorporate the Columbia Institution for the Instruction of the Deaf and Dumb and the Blind,” approved February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.* May 29, 1858.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in addition to the provision made in the above-recited act for the maintenance and tuition of pupils in the said institution, the sum of three thousand dollars per annum, payable quarterly, shall be allowed, for five years, for the payment of salaries and incidental expenses of said institution, and that three thousand dollars be,

1857, ch. 46.
Ante, p. 161.

\$3,000 a year, for five years, allowed for salaries and incidental expenses.

and is hereby, appropriated for the present fiscal year, payable out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Deaf and dumb and blind children of persons in U. S. military and naval service entitled to instruction.

Receipts, &c. to be reported to Secretary of Interior.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the deaf and dumb and the blind children of all persons in the military and naval service of the United States, while such persons are actually in such service, shall be entitled to instruction in said institution, on the same terms as deaf and dumb and blind children belonging to the District of Columbia.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all receipts and disbursements under this act shall be reported to the Secretary of the Interior, as required in the sixth section of the act to which this is an amendment.

APPROVED, May 29, 1858.

June 2, 1858.

CHAP. LXXXI.—*An Act to provide for the Location of certain confirmed Private Land Claims in the State of Missouri, and for other Purposes.*

Decisions of recorder, &c. as to certain private land claims in Missouri confirmed.

1832, ch. 180.

Vol. iv. p. 565.

1833, ch. 84.

Vol. jv. p. 661.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the decisions in favor of certain land claimants herein made by the recorder of land titles in the State of Missouri and the two commissioners associated with him, by virtue of an act entitled "An Act for the final adjustment of Private Land Claims in Missouri," approved July nine, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, and an act supplemental thereto, approved second March, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, as entered in the transcript of decisions transmitted by the said recorder and commissioners to the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, which said claims are named and numbered as follows: Manuel de Liza, number thirty-three; John Coontz and Hempstead, number forty-four; Matthew Saucier, number fifty-seven; Charles Tayou, number sixty-seven; the sons of Joseph M. Pepin, number seventy-four; Louis Lorimier, number eighty-seven; Bartholomew Cousin, number eighty-nine; Manuel Gonzales Moro, number ninety-five; Seneca Rawlins, number one hundred and four; William L. Long, number one hundred and six; Joachim Liza, number one hundred and thirty-three; Francis Lacombe, number thirty-four; Israel Dodge, number three hundred and thirty-eight; Joseph Silvain, number two hundred and ninety-three; John P. Cabanis, number two hundred and ninety-eight; William Hartley, number three hundred and one; Andrew Chevalier, number two hundred and ninety-two; William Morrison, number three hundred and seven; Solomon Bellew, number three hundred and eight; Paschal Detchemendez, number three hundred and nine; Baptiste Amure, number three hundred and ten; Alexander Maurice, number three hundred and twenty-three; John Baptiste Vallee, number three hundred and thirty-four; said decisions above named being in the first class of claims, acted upon by said board; also the claim of Regis Loisel, number six, in the second class, acted on by said board, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed to the respective claimants or their legal representatives.

Decisions in favor of other claims confirmed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the decisions in favor of land claimants made by P. Grimes, Joshua Lewis, and Thomas B. Robertson, commissioners appointed to adjust private land claims in the eastern district of the Territory of Orleans, communicated to the House of Representatives by the Secretary of the Treasury, on the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and which *is* [are] found in the American State Papers, Public Lands, (Duff Green's edition,) volume two, from page two hundred and twenty-four to three hundred and sixty-seven, inclusive, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed, saving and reserving, however, to all adverse claimants the right to assert the validity of their claims in a court or courts of justice: *Provided, however*, That any claim so recommended for confirmation, but which may have been rejected, in whole or in part, by any subsequent board of commissioners, be, and the same is hereby, specially excepted from confirmation.

Post, p. 442.

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