

CHAP. LXXXVI.—*An Act for the relief of certain settlers in the state of Illinois who reside within the Vincennes land district.*

STATUTE I.
May 11, 1820.

[Obsolete.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every person, who would have been entitled to the right of pre-emption, according to the provisions of the act, entitled "An act giving the right of pre-emption in the purchase of lands to certain settlers in the Illinois territory," passed February the fifth, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, provided said act had been so construed as to embrace those who were living within the limits of the Vincennes land district, and who became the purchaser, at public sale, of the said land, to which the right of pre-emption would have so attached, at more than two dollars per acre, shall be entitled to a certificate for the amount, so paid or to be paid, exceeding two dollars per acre, from the register of the land office at Vincennes; which certificate shall be receivable in payment of any debt due to the United States on account of the sale of public land: *Provided, however,* That it shall be the duty of every person claiming the benefit of this act, to prove, to the satisfaction of the register and receiver of the land office at Vincennes, that they are entitled thereto, according to its true intent and meaning.

Persons who would have been entitled to right of pre-emption, to be entitled to certificate for the excess paid above 2 dollars per acre, &c.
Act of Feb. 5, 1813, ch. 20.
Certificate receivable in payment of debt to United States for land.
Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every person who would have been entitled to the right of pre-emption in the said Vincennes district, according to the provisions of the said recited act, passed the fifth day of February, eighteen hundred and thirteen, had it been so construed as to embrace them, and who did not become the purchaser of any tract of land to which such right of pre-emption would have attached, shall be allowed till the first day of September next, to prove, to the satisfaction of the register and receiver at Vincennes, that they would have been so entitled; and it shall be the duty of the register, when the satisfaction aforesaid shall be made, to grant a certificate to every such person, or their legal representatives, stating therein that such person would have been entitled to such right of pre-emption, and that he did not become the purchaser thereof, neither at public nor private sale. And every such person, or his legal representatives, shall, upon producing such certificate to the register of any land office in the state of Illinois, be allowed to enter one quarter section of land, each, at the minimum price fixed by the United States, of any land which may be surveyed previous to the first day of September next, whether the same shall have been offered at public sale or not.

Persons who would have been entitled, &c. who were not purchasers, allowed till 1st Sept., 1820, to prove, &c.

Register, on satisfaction, to grant a certificate, &c.

Every person, upon certificate allowed to enter a quarter section, at minimum price, &c.

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CHAP. LXXXVII.—*An Act supplementary to the several acts for the adjustment of land claims in the state of Louisiana.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the claims for lands within the eastern district of the state of Louisiana, described by the register and receiver of the said district, in their report to the commissioner of the general land office, bearing date the twentieth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and recommended in the said report for confirmation, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed against any claim on the part of the United States.

Act of March 3, 1819, ch. 99.
Claims for lands in the eastern district of Louisiana, confirmed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any person or persons, claiming lands within that part of Louisiana lying west of the river Mississippi, including the island of New Orleans, founded upon any Spanish grant, concession, or order of survey, and whose claims have not heretofore

Persons claiming lands west of the Mississippi, founded

upon Spanish grants, &c.

Notices, &c. to be recorded.

Twenty-five cents for every hundred words recorded.

Persons neglecting forfeit their rights, &c.

Registers to report to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Persons claiming lands under Spanish grants, &c.

Evidence to be recorded.

Rights of persons neglecting, barred, &c.

Registers, on the 1st of Jan., 1821, to report claims in which additional evidence has been filed, &c.

Secretary of the Treasury to examine, and report to Congress.

Proviso.

The 5th section of the act of 3d March, 1811, ch. 46, revived and continued until 11th May, 1822.

been filed in the proper office, may, from and after the first day of July next, and until the thirty-first day of December thereafter, deliver notices, in writing, and the written evidences, of their claims, to the register of the land district within which such lands may be situate, within the said state, and the said notices and evidences, so delivered, within the time limited by this act, shall, by the said registers, be recorded, in books to be kept for that purpose; for which service a compensation shall be received, from such claimants at the rate of twenty-five cents for every hundred words. And the rights of such persons as shall neglect so doing, within the time limited by this act, shall, so far as they are derived from, or founded on, any act of Congress, ever after be barred, and become void, and the evidences of their claims never after admitted as evidence in any court of the United States, against any grant derived from the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said registers shall on the first day of January next, make, to the Secretary of the Treasury, a report of all the claims filed in their respective offices, in pursuance of the provisions of this act, together with the substance of the evidence in support thereof, with their opinion of the credit to which such evidence is entitled.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That every person or persons, claiming lands within that part of Louisiana described in the preceding section, founded upon any Spanish grant, concession, or order of survey, who had filed their notices of claims in the proper office, according to former laws, and whose claims have not been confirmed, may, at any time before the thirty-first day of December next, deliver additional written evidence, or other testimony, in support of their claims, the notice of which had been filed as aforesaid, to the said registers; and the evidence, so delivered, or offered, shall be recorded in books to be kept for that purpose; for which service a compensation shall be received, from such claimants, at the rate of twenty-five cents for every hundred words. And the rights of such persons as shall neglect so doing within the time limited by this act, shall, so far as they are derived from, or founded on, any act of Congress, ever after be barred, and become void, and the evidences of their claims never after admitted as evidence in any court of the United States, against any grant derived from the United States.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the said registers shall, on the first day of January next, make, to the Secretary of the Treasury, a report of the claims in which additional evidences shall have been filed in their respective offices, together with the substance of the evidence so filed, with their opinion of the credit to which such evidence is entitled, and such other information as the examination of such cases, under any former law, may have placed in their power or possession.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, as soon as the reports of the said registers shall be received, to proceed to the examination of the claims aforesaid, and to report to the two houses of Congress a list of the cases, which, in his opinion, ought to be confirmed, together with the reasons upon which his opinion may be founded: *Provided, nevertheless*, That no claim shall be so recommended for confirmation, which contains more than the quantity contained in a league square.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the fifth section of the act of the third day of March, eighteen hundred and eleven, entitled "An act providing for the final adjustment of claims to lands, and for the sale of the public lands, in the territories of Orleans and Louisiana, and to repeal the act passed for the same purpose, and approved February sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eleven," be, and the same is hereby revived and continued, for the term of two years, from and after the passing of this act.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the said registers, in addition to the compensation herein prescribed, shall receive, in full for the services required of them, respectively, by this act, the sum of six hundred dollars, which shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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Additional compensation to the registers, in full, &c.

CHAP. LXXXVIII.—*An Act extending the time allowed for the redemption of land sold for direct taxes, in certain cases.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the time allowed for the redemption of lands which have been, or may be sold for the payment of taxes, under the act passed the ninth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, so far as the same regards the direct tax of six millions of dollars, laid in that year, or under the act passed the fifth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, so far as the same regards the direct tax of three millions of dollars, laid in that year, and purchased on behalf of the United States, be extended three years beyond the time heretofore allowed: *Provided*, That such extension of time shall not be beyond the first of June, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and that on such redemption interest be paid at the rate of twenty per centum per annum, on the taxes aforesaid, and additions of twenty per centum chargeable thereon; and the right to redeem shall enure as well to persons holding an equitable or reversionary interest in lands so purchased on behalf of the United States, as to the original owners thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That where any person or persons, who has or have purchased lands or tenements sold for the non-payment of the direct tax, shall be entitled to have a deed for the same, but, from the death or removal of the collector, or from any other cause, there is no officer who, by the existing laws, is authorized to make a deed, it shall be lawful for such person or persons to apply, by petition, to the district judge of the district in which such lands or tenements are situate, setting forth the circumstances of the case, and upon due proof being made, to the satisfaction of such judge, that such person or persons, is or are a purchaser, or purchasers as aforesaid, and has or have fully complied with all the conditions of sale, and is or are entitled to have a deed, and that there is no officer who, by the existing laws, is authorized to make such deed, it shall be lawful for such judge, and he is hereby authorized and required, to order and direct the marshal of the district to make a deed to the purchaser or purchasers, which deed, being acknowledged in open court, and entered of record, shall have the same effect as if it had been made by the collector or other officer authorized by the laws heretofore or now in force.

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CHAP. LXXXIX.—*An Act authorizing the sale of thirteen sections of land, lying within the land district of Canton, in the state of Ohio.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the thirteen sections of land lying within the land district of Canton, in the state of Ohio, which were reserved for the use of certain persons of the Delaware tribe of Indians, by an act of Congress, passed on the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seven, and were subsequently ceded to the

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Act of May 16, 1826, ch. 59. The time allowed for redemption under acts of 9th Jan. 1815, and 5th March, 1816, extended three years.

Act of Jan. 9, 1815, ch. 21.

Act of March 5, 1816, ch. 24. Proviso.

Rights to redeem equitable and reversionary interests.

Where the collector is dead or has been removed, on petition to the district judge, he is required to direct the marshal to make a deed, &c.

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Land in the district of Canton, reserved by act of March 3d, 1807, and subsequently ceded, &c. to be offered for sale