

CHAP. 67.—An act to pay the First National Bank of Saint Albans, in the county of Franklin, and State of Vermont, the value of certain United States Treasury notes held by said bank as financial agent of the United States, and forcibly taken therefrom by raiders from Canada, in October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

April 20, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to the First National Bank of Saint Albans, at Saint Albans, in the county of Franklin, and State of Vermont, late financial agent and designated depository of public moneys of the United States, (under section forty-five of the national-currency act, approved June third, eighteen hundred and sixty-four,) the sum of twenty-eight thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, being the amount of United States seven and three-tenths Treasury notes held by said bank as such financial agent of the United States for delivery to subscribers therefor, and belonging to the United States, and having been forcibly seized and taken away by an armed band of raiders from Canada, acting under the military authority and direction of the so-called Confederate States of America, on the nineteenth day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, without the fault or neglect of the officers of said bank.

Payment to First National Bank of Saint Albans.

1864, ch. 106, 13 Stat., 113.

R. S., 5153, p. 1002.

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Speaker of the House of Representatives

T. W. FERRY

President of the Senate pro tempore

Received by the President April 8, 1876.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 71.—An act for continuing the work of improving the Capitol Grounds.

April 21, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for continuing the work of the improvement of the Capitol Grounds during the present fiscal year, the sum of twenty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol.

Appropriation. Capitol Grounds.

Approved, April 21, 1876.

CHAP. 72.—An act to confirm pre-emption and homestead entries of public lands within the limits of railroad-grants in cases where such entries have been made under the regulations of the Land Department.

April 21, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all pre-emption and homestead entries, or entries in compliance with any law of the United States, of the public lands, made in good faith, by actual settlers, upon tracts of land of not more than one hundred and sixty acres each, within the limits of any land-grant, prior to the time when notice of the withdrawal of the lands embraced in such grant was received at the local land-office of the district in which such lands are situated, or after their restoration to market by order of the General Land-Office, and where the pre-emption and homestead laws have been complied with, and proper proofs thereof have been made by the parties holding such tracts or parcels, they shall be confirmed, and patents for the same shall issue to the parties entitled thereto. SEC. 2. That when at the time of such withdrawal

Entries of lands within limits of land-grant prior to notice of withdrawal of lands.

Claims within land grants re-entered after abandonment.

Claims entered after expiration of land grant.

as aforesaid valid pre-emption or homestead claims existed upon any lands within the limits of any such grants which afterward were abandoned; and, under the decisions and rulings of the Land Department, were re-entered by pre-emption or homestead claimants who have complied with the laws governing pre-emption or homestead entries, and shall make the proper proofs required under such laws, such entries shall be deemed valid, and patents shall issue therefor to the person entitled thereto. SEC. 3. That all such pre-emption and homestead entries which may have been made by permission of the Land Department, or in pursuance of the rules and instructions thereof, within the limits of any land grant at a time subsequent to expiration of such grant, shall be deemed valid, and a compliance with the laws and the making of the proof required shall entitle the holder of such claim to a patent therefor.

Approved, April 21, 1876.

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CHAP. 73.—An act authorizing the transfer of certain causes from the circuit court of the United States for the district of Alabama at Mobile into the circuit court of the United States for the middle and northern districts of Alabama at Montgomery and Huntsville in said State.

Transfer of certain cases from circuit court at Mobile to circuit courts of northern and middle districts of Alabama,

1873, ch. 223,
17 Stat., 484.

1874, ch. 401,
18 Stat., 196.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all civil causes, actions, suits, executions, pleas, process, or other proceedings whatsoever which were transferred by the act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy three, from the district courts of the United States for the northern and middle districts of Alabama into the circuit court of the United States for the district of Alabama at Mobile, Alabama, and which are now pending in said circuit court, be, and the same are hereby, transferred from said circuit court at Mobile into the circuit courts of the United States for said northern and middle districts, respectively; and the circuit courts of the United States in and for said districts shall have jurisdiction to try and determine all such causes and actions so transferred, the same as if such causes or actions had been originally brought in such circuit court; and the clerk of said circuit court at Mobile shall transmit all of the original papers in such causes, together with a complete transcript of all dockets, minutes, judgments, orders, and decrees in such of said causes as are not finally disposed of in said circuit court at Mobile, to the circuit courts for said northern and middle districts, respectively, to each the causes, and so forth, as were originally transferred from the district courts of said districts.

Approved, April 21, 1876.

April 25, 1876.

CHAP. 78.—An act to establish a land-office in the southern part of Utah Territory, to be known as the Beaver district, and for other purposes.

Beaver land district established.

Land-office.

Register and receiver.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the public lands of the United States in the Territory of Utah, begining at the southwestern boundary of said Territory, thence running north on the line between said Territory and the State of Nevada to the Fourth Standard parallel of latitude, thence easterly along said line to the eastern boundary of said Territory, thence southerly to the southern boundary of said Territory, thence westerly to the place of begining, be formed into a land district, to be called the Beaver land district, the land-office for which shall be located at such point as the President may direct, and may be removed from time to time to other points within said district whenever, in his opinion, it may be expedient. SEC. 2. That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register and a receiver for said district,