

Docketing in State court not required if clerk keeps open permanent record.

"SEC. 3. That nothing herein shall be construed to require the docketing of a judgment or decree of a United States court, or the filing of a transcript thereof, in any State office within the same county or the same parish in the State of Louisiana in which the judgment or decree is rendered, in order that such judgment or decree may be a lien on any property within such county, if the clerk of the United States court be required by law to have a permanent office and a judgment record open at all times for public inspection in such county or parish."

Approved, March 2, 1895.

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**CHAP. 181.**—An Act To further amend section nine of the Act for the relief of certain volunteer and regular soldiers of the late war and the war with Mexico, passed March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Charges of desertion. Time extended for applying for removing, Volunteers, etc. Vol. 25, p. 871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section nine of the Act for the relief of certain volunteer and regular soldiers of the late war and the war with Mexico, approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to remove the limitation of time within which applications for relief may be received and acted upon under the provisions of said Act.

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**CHAP. 182.**—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Navy to certify to the Secretary of the Interior, for restoration to the public domain, lands in the States of Alabama and Mississippi not needed for naval purposes.

Public lands. Naval reserves Alabama and Mississippi restored to settlement.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be certified to the Secretary of the Interior, for restoration to the public domain, the whole or such portion or portions of the several tracts of land in the States of Alabama and Mississippi heretofore set apart and reserved for naval uses as are no longer required for the purposes for which they were reserved, or for any purposes connected with the naval service; and upon such certification the tracts of land described therein shall be duly restored to and become a part of the public lands of the United States and a preference right of entry for a period of six months from the date of this Act shall be given all bona fide settlers who are qualified to enter under the homestead law and have made improvements and are now residing upon any agricultural lands in said reservations, and for a period of six months from the date of settlement when that shall occur after the date of this Act: *Provided,* That persons who enter under the homestead law shall pay for such lands not less than the value heretofore or hereafter determined by appraisement, nor less than the price of the land at the time of the entry; and such payment may, at the option of the purchaser, be made in five equal installments, at times and at rates of interest to be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided,* That so much of the said lands as are situated on Back Bay, near the city of Biloxi, in the State of Mississippi, shall be disposed of under the town-site law and not as agricultural lands.

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**CHAP. 183.**—An Act To amend the Act to incorporate the American University.

American University, D. C. Vol. 27, p. 476, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act to incorporate the American University, approved February twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, be amended by striking out the following words,