

laws, judgments, orders, decrees, journals, correspondence, or other public documents of any foreign government or its agents, relating to the title to lands claimed by or under the United States, on the application of one of the *head* of one of the departments, the Solicitor of the Treasury, or the Commissioner of the General Land Office, to authenticate the same under his hand and seal, and certify the same to be correct and true copies of such laws, judgments, orders, decrees, journals, correspondence, or other public documents; and when the same shall be certified by an American minister or consul under his hand and seal of office, or by a judge of one of the United States courts under his hand and seal, to be true copies of the originals, the same shall be sealed up by him and returned to the Solicitor of the Treasury, who shall file the same in his office, and cause it to be recorded in a book to be kept for that purpose. A copy of said laws, judgments, orders, decrees, journals, correspondence, or other public documents so filed, or of the same so recorded in said book, may be read in evidence in all courts, where the title to land claimed by or under the United States may come into question, equally with the originals thereof.

APPROVED, March 2, 1849.

CHAP. LXXXIII. — *An Act to provide for an Increase of the Medical Staff, and for an additional Number of Chaplains of the Army of the United States.*

March 2, 1849.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of section third of an act entitled "An Act to amend an act entitled An Act supplemental to an act entitled an An Act providing for the prosecution of the existing war between the United States and the republic of Mexico, and for other purposes," approved July nineteen, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, as prevents the filling of vacancies in the medical department of the army until further authorized by law, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Repeal of provision of act of July 19, 1848, ch. 104, prohibiting the filling of vacancies in the medical staff.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the medical staff of the army be increased by the addition of ten assistant surgeons, to be appointed as provided by existing laws, and the regulations made under them.

Medical staff increased.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight be, and hereby are, extended so as to authorize the employment of ten additional chaplains, for military posts of the United States.

Appointment of ten additional chaplains authorized.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a suitable person as judge advocate for the army, to be taken from the captains in the army, who shall have the brevet rank, pay, and emoluments of a major of cavalry, and that so much of the proviso to the third section of the act approved July nineteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, as relates to officers of the Adjutant-General's department, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

1838, ch. 162.
Judge advocate of the army — appointment of, authorized.

1848, ch. 104.

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CHAP. LXXXIV. — *An Act for changing the Location of the Land Office in the Chippewa Land District, and establishing an additional Land District in the State of Wisconsin.*

March 2, 1849.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the thirtieth June next, the land office for the sale of the public lands in the Chippewa land district shall be removed from the Falls of St.

Land office at Falls of St. Croix, Wisconsin, to be

removed to Stillwater.

Croix, to Stillwater, in the county of St. Croix, in the proposed Territory of Minnesota; and sales of the public lands in said district shall thereafter be held at Stillwater, in the county aforesaid.

Additional land office and land district created.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That for the sale of the public lands in the Territory of Wisconsin, an additional land office and land district are hereby created, comprising all the lands not included within the districts of land subject to sale at Green Bay, Milwaukee, or Mineral Point, which shall be called the western land district.

Post, p. 420.

Register and receiver to be appointed; their powers, duties, and compensations.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, 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 of the public moneys for the said district, who shall respectively be required to reside at the site of said office, and who shall have the same powers, perform the same duties, and be entitled to the same compensation as are, or may be, prescribed by law in relation to other land officers of the United States.

Lands in said district to be exposed to sale.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President is authorized to cause the public lands in the said district, with the exemption of sections numbered sixteen, in each township, reserved for the use of schools, or such other lands as may be selected by law in lieu thereof, and of such other tracts as he may select for military or other purposes, to be exposed to sale in the same manner, and upon the same terms and conditions, as the other public lands of the United States.

President to designate the site of land office.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President is hereby authorized to designate the site at which the said office shall be established, and to remove the same to any other place within said district, whenever, in his opinion, it may be deemed expedient.

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CHAP. LXXXVI. — *An Act in relation to the Fox and Wisconsin River Reservation, in the State of Wisconsin.*

Certain entries of land in the Green Bay land district confirmed. 1849, ch. 170.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all land entries made in the Green Bay land district, in the State of Wisconsin, upon the odd-numbered sections of the Fox and Wisconsin River reservation, in said State, subsequent to the passage of an act entitled "An Act to grant a certain quantity of land to aid in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, and connect the same by canal, in the Territory of Wisconsin," approved on the eighth day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-six, be, and the same are hereby, declared to be good and valid as though said act had not been passed: *Provided, nevertheless*, That the governor of said State is hereby authorized to select the same quantity of other lands in lieu thereof; subject, however, to the approval of the President of the United States.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all similar entries made upon the even-numbered sections of said reservations be also declared to be as good and valid as though said reservation had not been made.

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CHAP. LXXXVII. — *An Act to aid the State of Louisiana in draining the Swamp Lands therein.*

Certain swamp lands granted to State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to aid the State of Louisiana in constructing the necessary levees and drains to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands therein, the whole of those swamp and overflowed lands, which may be or are found unfit for cultivation, shall be, and the same are hereby, granted to that State.