

in favor of the United States, and conveyance by John G. Woerner to the United States of a valid title to the said strip or parcel of land lying north of the said new division line, and adjoining the southeast corner of the said St. Louis marine hospital grounds, and the payment of all expenses that may be incurred in locating said new line, determining the difference in value of the two parcels of land, and the transfer herein provided for, and compliance with the other conditions herein set forth, the Secretary of the Treasury shall execute the necessary deeds for the conveyance to John G. Woerner of the parcel of land lying on the south side of said new division line, and adjoining the southwest corner of the St. Louis marine hospital grounds.

Secretary of the Treasury to execute the necessary deeds.

APPROVED, April 2, 1872.

CHAP. LXXXIII. — *An Act authorizing an American Register to the Dutch Bark "Alice Tarlton."*

April 2, 1872.

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 issue an American register to the Dutch bark "Alice Tarlton," owned by John S. Emery and Company, of Boston, Massachusetts.

Register to issue to the bark "Alice Tarlton."

APPROVED, April 2, 1872.

CHAP. LXXXV. — *An Act to enable honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors, their Widows and orphan Children, to acquire Homesteads on the public Lands of the United States.*

April 4, 1872.

[Amended. 1872, ch. 338. Post, p. 333. 1873, ch. 274. Post, p. 605.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every private soldier and officer who has served in the army of the United States during the recent rebellion for ninety days, or more, and who was honorably discharged, and has remained loyal to the government, including the troops mustered into the service of the United States by virtue of the third section of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for completing the defences of Washington, and for other purposes," approved February thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and every seaman, marine, and officer who has served in the navy of the United States, or in the marine corps, during the rebellion, for ninety days, and who was honorably discharged, and has remained loyal to the government, shall, on compliance with the provisions of an act entitled "An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts amendatory thereof, as herein-after modified, be entitled to enter upon and receive patents for a quantity of public lands (not mineral) not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, or one quarter-section, to be taken in compact form according to legal subdivisions, including the alternate reserved sections of public lands along the line of any railroad or other public work, not otherwise reserved or appropriated, and other lands subject to entry under the homestead laws of the United States: *Provided*, That said homestead settler shall be allowed six months after locating his homestead within which to commence his settlement and improvement: *And provided also*, That the time which the homestead settler shall have served in the army, navy, or marine corps aforesaid, shall be deducted from the time heretofore required to perfect title, or if discharged on account of wounds received, or disability incurred in the line of duty, then the term of enlistment shall be deducted from the time heretofore required to perfect title, without reference to the length of time he may have served: *Provided, however*, That no patent shall issue to any homestead settler who has not resided upon, improved, and cultivated his said homestead for a period of at least one year after he shall commence his improvements as aforesaid.

Certain honorably discharged soldiers, sailors, and marines, may enter upon, &c., not over one-quarter section of certain public lands as a homestead. 1862, ch. 25, § 3. Vol. xii. p. 339. 1862, ch. 75. Vol. xii. p. 392.

Settlement, &c., may be commenced within, &c.

Certain time to be deducted.

Patent not to issue until, &c.

SEC. 2. That any person entitled under the provisions of the foregoing section to enter a homestead, who may have heretofore entered under the

Persons entitled under this act to a homestead, who have hereto