

Feb. 14, 1874.

CHAP. 29.—An act to confirm certain land titles in the State of Missouri.

Preamble.

Whereas, the Baron of Carondelet, governor-general of the Territory of Louisiana, did, on the fifteenth day of March, anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, instruct Zeno Trudeau, lieutenant-governor of said Territory, to place Moses Austin in possession of a league square of land at Mine a Breton, in said Territory; and

Whereas the said Moses Austin did, in the year anno Domini seventeen hundred and ninety-eight, take possession of the said land by moving upon it with his family, and did improve the same by building dwelling-house, blacksmith shop, furnace, and other improvements; and

Whereas the said lieutenant-governor did, on the fourteenth day of January, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, order Antone Lulard, surveyor in said Territory, to survey the said land and put the said Austin legally in possession of the same, which survey, numbered fifty-two, containing seven thousand one hundred and fifty-three arpents and three and two-thirds feet, was executed by said Antone Lulard, and a certificate of the same filed by him in November, anno Domini eighteen hundred; and

Whereas Don John Ventara Morales, then governor at New Orleans, did, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and two, in the name of the King of Spain, grant to the said Moses Austin the lands so surveyed and located; Therefore

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States hereby release whatever title they have to said lands now numbered four hundred and thirty on the plat in the surveyor general's office, and in townships thirty-seven and thirty-eight, range two east, in the county of Washington, and State of Missouri, containing seven thousand one hundred and fifty-three and thirty-two one-hundredths arpents (six thousand eighty-five and twenty-nine one-hundredths acres,) to the heirs, legal representatives, or assigns of said Moses Austin, according to their respective interests therein: *Provided, however,* That this act shall not affect nor impair the title which any settler or other person may have acquired adverse to the title of said Moses Austin to any portion of said land.

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Feb. 19, 1874.

CHAP. 30.—An act granting certain swamp-lands in Holt county, Missouri, to said Holt county, for school purposes.

Certain lands granted to Holt County, Missouri, for school purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all the tract of land embraced in what is known as Tarkio Lake, in Congressional Township, numbered sixty, of range thirty-nine, in the county of Holt, State of Missouri, and which was left unsurveyed at the time the Government of the United States had made a survey of the other lands in said township and county, and which was described on the plat of the survey of said lands as a meandering lake, be, and the same is hereby, granted to the said county of Holt, in the State of Missouri, for school purposes.

Survey and patent.

Prior rights of settlers not affected.

County to make title on payment, &c.

SEC. 2. That the Commissionouer of the General Land-Office is hereby directed to have said lands surveyed, and to cause to be executed to the said county of Holt, a patent for the same: *Provided,* That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to affect the rights of any person who may have in good faith gone upon said lands prior to January first, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, with the intent of pre-empting or homesteading the same; and the said county of Holt is hereby required to make a title to any such person to an amount of land not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres upon the payment to the

county of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *And be it further provided*, That all cost of surveying said lands shall be paid by said county of Holt. To pay cost of surveying

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CHAP. 31.—An act authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver to the State authorities of Rhode Island a certain gun. Feb. 13, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to deliver, if the same can be done without detriment to the Government, to the proper authorities of the State of Rhode Island a certain gun, marked "Battery B 1st Regiment Rhode Island Light Artillery Battle of Gettysburg," for the purpose of being placed among the archives of that State. Certain gun to be delivered to State of Rhode Island.

Approved, February 19, 1874.

CHAP. 32.—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to ascertain the amount of expense incurred by the territorial authorities of Dakota for arms, equipments, military stores, supplies, and all other expenses of the volunteer forces of the Indian war of eighteen hundred and sixty-two. Feb. 20, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, authorized and required to ascertain, or cause to be ascertained, the amount of expense necessarily incurred by the territorial authorities of Dakota for arms, equipments, military stores, supplies, and all expenses of the volunteer forces called out to suppress Indian hostilities in the Territory of Dakota in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and report to Congress the names of the persons entitled to relief, together with a statement of the facts and sums upon which such report may be based. Expense of Indian war in Dakota in 1862 to be reported to Congress.

Approved, February 20, 1874.

CHAP. 35.—An act to change the titles of certain naval officers, and for other purposes. Feb. 24, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the title of first assistant engineer shall be changed to passed assistant engineer, and that the title of second assistant engineer shall be changed to assistant engineer: *Provided*, That the regulations of the Navy Department in relation to the examinations and amount of sea-service previous to each examinations be complied with. Title of engineer officers in Navy.
Proviso.

SEC. 2. That from and after the thirtieth day of June eighteen hundred and seventy-four, the course of instruction at the Naval Academy for cadet-engineers shall be four years, instead of two as now provided by law; and this provision shall first apply to the class of cadet-engineers entering the academy in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and to all subsequent classes; and that all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be, and are hereby, repealed. Course of instruction at Naval Academy for cadet-engineers.

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