

sixty-four, said affidavits be, and the same are hereby, legalized and confirmed, so as to have the same force and validity as if the provisions of said last-named act had been strictly complied with: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall have the effect or be construed to impair the valid and paramount adverse rights of any person or corporation to any of such lands, except in so far as the right of Congress to protect the claims or rights of homestead settlers upon lands within the limits of grants of lands to any railroad company may have been reserved in the acts making such grants and be now lawfully existing.

Adverse rights not impaired, except.

Approved, June 22, 1874.

CHAP. 395.—An act to amend an act entitled “An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost or destroyed in the military service of the United States,” approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

June 22, 1874.
1849, ch. 129, vol. ix, p. 414.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the first section of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, providing for the payment for horses and equipments lost by officers or enlisted men in the military service shall not be construed to deny payment to such officers or enlisted men, for horses which may have been purchased by them in States in insurrection; and payment in any case shall not be refused where the loss resulted from any exigency or necessity of the military service, unless it was caused by the fault or negligence of such officers or enlisted men.

Payment for horses lost in the military service.

Act of 1849, ch. 129, § 1, vol. ix, p. 414, not to be construed to deny payment for horses purchased in insurrectionary States, &c.

SEC. 2. That no claims under said section or this amendment thereto shall be considered unless presented prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-six.

Claims to be presented prior to Jan. 1, 1876.

Approved, June 22, 1874.

CHAP. 396.—An act conferring jurisdiction upon the criminal court of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

June 22, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the criminal court of the District of Columbia shall have jurisdiction of all crimes and misdemeanors committed in said District, not lawfully triable in any other court, and which are required by law to be prosecuted by indictment or information.

Jurisdiction of criminal court, District of Columbia.

Additional powers conferred upon courts of District.

SEC. 2. That the provisions of the thirty-third section of the judiciary act of seventeen hundred and eighty-nine shall apply to courts created by act of Congress in the District of Columbia.

1789, ch. 20, § 33, vol. i, p. 91.

R. S., 1014-1016, p. 189.

Approved, June 22, 1874.

CHAP. 397.—An act to amend the act entitled “An act to establish a western judicial district of North Carolina”.

June 22, 1874.
1872, ch. 282, § 8, vol. xvii, p. 217.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight of the act of June fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two entitled “An act to establish a western judicial district of North Carolina”, be amended by adding thereto the following: “There shall also be appointed a marshal of the United States for said western district of North Carolina, who shall be entitled to a salary of two hundred dollars per annum; payment to be made quarterly out of the Treasury of the United States, and in addition thereto the fees of office affixed by law.”

Marshal for western district of North Carolina.

Approved, June 22, 1874.