

CHAP. CXXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of certain Settlers on the Public Lands in the State of Wisconsin.*

June 9, 1858.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of the even-numbered sections of land selected by the State of Wisconsin in the month of June, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, to satisfy the quantity of land due said State under the act of Congress of August eighth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, granting land in aid of the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin rivers, as *have* been sold, or contracted to be sold, by said State or its assigns, under the laws thereof, *are* hereby confirmed to said State, as parts of said grant, and the title of the purchasers declared to be valid as though the said selections had been made in conformity with law: *Provided,* That nothing contained in this act shall be construed to increase the quantity of land to which the State is entitled under the grant aforesaid: *And provided further,* That a schedule, duly *certify* [certified] by the governor, of the lands sold and contracted for to be sold, prior to the passage of this act, shall be filed in the General Land-Office within six months from the date of this act.

Certain selections of land under act of 1846, ch. 170, confirmed to Wisconsin. Vol. ix. p. 88.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every person being the head of a family, widow, or single man over the age of twenty-one years, who, on the eleventh day of June, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-nine, was, or since that time has become, an actual settler and housekeeper, and has made other improvements on any tract embraced in said even-numbered section selection, which the State of Wisconsin or its assigns *has* not sold or contracted to sell, is hereby entitled to the same right of preëmption, and upon the same terms and conditions, as *is* prescribed by an act entitled "An act to appropriate the proceeds of the sales of the public lands and to grant preëmption rights," approved September fourth, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-one: *Provided,* That this act shall not be construed to convey to Wisconsin any parts or portions of said even-numbered section selections which said State or its assigns have not actually sold or contracted to sell, and the title to which is not confirmed by the first section of this act.

Certain persons entitled to pre-emption.

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Proviso.

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CHAP. CXLV.—*An Act to Repeal the fifth Section of an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Register or Enrollment and License to be issued in the Name of the President or Secretary of any incorporated Company owning a Steamboat or Vessel," approved March third, eighteen hundred and twenty-five.*

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1825, ch. 99, § 5.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the fifth section of "An act to authorize the register or enrollment and license to be issued in the name of the president or secretary of any incorporated company owning a steamboat or vessel," approved March third, eighteen hundred and twenty-five, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Repeal of act of 1825, ch. 99, § 5. Vol. iv. p. 129.

APPROVED, June 11, 1858.

CHAP. CXLVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Settlers on certain Lands in the State of Illinois.*

June 11, 1858.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every settler on any of the public lands heretofore selected by [the] State of Illinois, but which have not been confirmed to said State, under the provisions of the act of fourth September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, who settled thereon in good faith prior to the passage of this act, shall be entitled to preëmpt their respective claims by legal subdivisions, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres in a compact body, at the ordinary minimum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, unless within the six mile limits of any railroad

Settlers *bonâ fide* on public lands selected by, but not confirmed to, the State of Illinois, may preëmpt their claims, &c.

1841, ch. 16.

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grant, and in that case at the usual double minimum of two dollars and fifty cents per acre: *Provided*, Such settlers shall establish their rights according to the rules and regulations prescribed under the provisions of the act of fourth September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, and pay for the same within three months from the date of the publication of this act by the register of the proper district: *Provided*, That no declaratory statement shall be required to be filed by such settlers.

APPROVED, June 11, 1858.

June 11, 1858. CHAP. CXLVII.—*An Act to change the Time of holding the Spring Term of the District Court of the United States for the Western District of the State of Texas.*

Term of District court at Tyler, Texas. *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 term of the district court of the United States for the western district of the State of Texas, held at Tyler, in said district, on the first Monday in March of each year, be, and the same is hereby, changed to the fourth Monday in April of each year.

All writs, &c. issued, or to be issued, to be returnable at the new term. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all writs, recognizances, and process of all kinds already issued, taken, or made, or that may be issued, taken, or made returnable at the time hitherto appointed for the term of the said court, shall be considered, taken, and held as made returnable to the term of said court, as herein provided.

APPROVED, June 11, 1858.

June 11, 1858. CHAP. CXLVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of certain Purchasers of Lands within the Limits of the Choctaw Cession of eighteen hundred and thirty.*

Commissioner of General Land-Office to cause patents to be issued in certain cases. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office be authorized, and he is hereby required, to cause patents to be issued on all certificates for entries made within the limits of the Choctaw cession of eighteen hundred and thirty, at less than the true graduation price, which were issued prior to the reception, by the local land officers, of the true graduation lists, where such certificates and entries are regular in all other respects; any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, June 11, 1858.

June 12, 1858. CHAP. CLIII.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Naval Service for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine.*

Appropriation. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine:

Pay. For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers, and seamen, including the engineer corps of the navy, three million eight hundred and five thousand four hundred and five dollars.

Provisions. For provisions for commission, warrant, and petty officers and seamen, including engineers and marines attached to vessels for sea service, nine hundred and forty-one thousand seven hundred dollars.

Surgeons' necessaries. For surgeons' necessaries and appliances for the sick and hurt of the navy, including the engineer and marine corps, thirty-two thousand one hundred and fifty dollars.

Increase, &c. of navy. For increase, repair, armament, and equipment of the navy, including the wear and tear of vessels in commission, fuel for steamers, and purchase