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AN ACT supplementary to the several acts providing for the settlement and confirmation of private land claims in Florida.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the three claims to land in the district of West Florida, contained in the reports of the Commissioners, and numbered *four*, [4.] *eight*, and [8.] *ten*, [10.] excluding from the latter the land contained in certificate, and in the plats A and C, and the claims contained in the reports of the Commissioners of East Florida; and in the reports of the Receiver and Register, acting as such, made in pursuance of the several acts of Congress providing for the settlement of private land claims in Florida, and recommended for confirmation by said Commissioners, and by the Register and Receiver, be, and the same are hereby confirmed, to the extent of the quantity contained in one league square, to be located by the claimants, or their agents; within the limits of such claims or surveys filed, as aforesaid, before the said Commissioners, or Receiver and Register, which location shall be made within the bounds of the original grant, in quantities of not less than one section, and to be bounded by sectional lines.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That no more than the quantity of acres contained in a league square, shall be confirmed within the bounds of any one grant; and no confirmation shall be effectual until all the parties in interest, under the original grant, shall file with the Register and Receiver of the district where the grant may be situated, a full and final release of all claims to the residue contained in the grant; and where there shall be any minors incapable of acting within said Territory of Florida, a relinquishment by the legal guardian shall be sufficient; and thereafter the excess in said grants, respectively, shall be liable to be sold as other public lands of the United States.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, all the decisions made by the Register and Receiver of the district of East Florida, acting, *ex officio*, as Commissioners, in pursuance of an act of Congress, approved the eighth of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, authorizing them to ascertain and decide claims and titles to lands in the district aforesaid, and those recommended for confirmation under the quantity of three thousand five hundred acres, contained in the reports, abstracts and opinions, of the said Register and Receiver, transmitted to the Secretary of the Treasury, according to law, and referred by him to Congress, on the twenty-ninth January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, be, and the same are hereby confirmed. The confirmations authorized by this act shall operate only as a release of any claim had by the United States, and not to affect the interest of third persons.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*. That the said Register and Receiver shall continue to examine and decide the remaining claims in East Florida, subject to the same limitations and in conformity with the provisions of the several acts in Congress, for the adjustment of private land claims in Florida, until the first Monday in December next, when they shall make a final report of all the claims, aforesaid, in said District, to the Secretary of the Treasury; and it shall never be lawful, after that time, for any of the claimants to exhibit any further evidence in support of said claims. And the said Register and Receiver, and Clerk, shall receive the compensation provided in the act aforesaid, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, that the extra compensation of one thousand dollars each, which is hereby allowed to the Register and Receiver, for services under and by the provisions of this act, shall not be paid until a report of all the claims be made to the Secretary of the Treasury.

Sec. 5 *And be it further enacted*, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby authorized, to adjust and pay the accounts of the Register and Receiver, acting as Commissioners, their contingent expenses, and the Receiver the compensation heretofore allowed for bringing their reports to Washington, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 6 *And be it further enacted*, That all claims to land within the Territory of Florida, embraced by the treaty between Spain and the United States of the twenty-second of February, one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, which shall not be decided and finally settled under the foregoing provisions of this act, containing a greater quantity of land than the Commissioners were authorized to decide, and above the amount confirmed by this act; and which have not been reported, as antedated or forged by said Commissioners, or Register, and Receiver acting as such, shall be received and adjudicated, by the Judge of the Superior Court of the district within which the land lies, upon the petition of the claimant, according to the forms, rules, regulations, conditions, restrictions, and limitations prescribed by the district Judge, and claimants in the State of Missouri, by act of Congress, approved May twenty-six, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, entitled, "an act enabling the claimants to land within the limits of the State of Missouri, and Territory of Arkansas, to institute proceedings to try the validity of their claims:" Provided, that nothing in this section shall be construed to authorize said Judges to take cognisance of any claim annulled by the said treaty, or the decree ratifying the same by the King of Spain, nor any claim not presented to the Commissioners or Register and Receiver, in conformity to the several acts of Congress providing for the settlement of private land claims in Florida.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the claimants to lands, as aforesaid, to take an appeal, as directed in the act aforesaid, from the decision of the Judge of the District, to the Supreme Court of the United States, within four months after the decision shall be pronounced; and the said Judges shall each be entitled to receive the extra compensation given to the District Judge of Missouri, for the performance of the duties required by this act, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the said act, the provisions of which, so far as they are applicable, and are not altered by this act, are hereby extended to the territory of Florida, as subjects the claimants to the payment of costs in any case where the decision may be in favor of their claims, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and the costs shall abide the decision of the cause as in ordinary causes before the said Court. And so much of the said act as requires the claimants to make adverse claimants parties to their suits, or to show the Court what adverse claimants there may be to the land claimed of the United States, be also hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Attorney of the United States for the district in which the suits authorized by this act shall be instituted, in every case where the decision is against the United States, to make out and transmit to the Attorney General of the United States, a statement, containing the facts of the case, and the points of law on which the same was decided; and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General, in all cases where the claim exceeds one league square, and in all other cases, if he shall in such latter cases think the decision of the District Judge is erroneous, to direct an appeal to be made to the Supreme Court of the United States, and to appear for the United States, and prosecute such appeal; which appeal in behalf of the United States may be granted at any time within six months after the rendition of the Judgement appealed from, or at any time before the expiration of the term thereof, which may commence next after the expiration of said six months; and it shall be the further duty of the District Attorney to observe the instruction given to him by the Attorney General in that respect.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the President of the United States to appoint a law agent, whose special duty it shall be to superintend the interests of the United States, in the premises, to continue him in place as long as the public interest requires his continuance; and to allow such pay to the agent as the President may think reasonable. It shall also be the duty of such agent to collect testimony in behalf of the United States, and to attend, on all occasions, when said claimants may take depositions; and no deposition so taken by them shall be read as evidence, unless said agent or district attorney shall have been notified, in writing, of the time and place of taking them, so long previous to said time as to afford to him an opportunity of being present.

Sec. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That, it shall be lawful for the President to employ assistant counsel, if in his opinion the public interest shall require the same; and to allow to such counsel and the District Attorney, such compensation as he may think reasonable.

Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That any claims to lands, tenements, and hereditaments, within the purview of this act, which shall not be brought by petition before said court within one year from the passage of this act, or which, after being brought before said court, shall, on account of the neglect or delay of the claimant, not be prosecuted to a final decision within three years, shall be forever barred, both at law and in equity; and no other action at common law, or proceeding in equity, shall ever thereafter be sustained in any court whatever.

Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the decrees which may be rendered by said District, or the Supreme Court of the United States, shall be conclusive between the United States and the said claimants only, and shall not affect the interests of third persons.

A. STEVENSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. SMITH,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Approved—23rd. May, 1828.
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

[Public—No. 41.]

AN ACT for the relief of Purchasers of the Public Lands, reverted for non-payment of the Purchase Money.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That in all cases where public lands have been purchased, on which a further credit has not been taken under the provisions of the act of the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, and have reverted or are liable to revert to the United States, for failure to pay the purchase money, or have been sold by the United States by reason of such failure to pay, and in all cases where one-twentieth of the purchase money shall have been deposited and forfeited to the United States, it shall be the duty of the Register of the Land Office, where the purchase or deposite was made, to issue, upon application to the person, or persons, legally entitled to the benefit of the payments made previous to such reversion or sale, his, her, or their legal representatives or assigns, a certificate for the amount so paid, and not refunded, which shall be received and credited as cash in payment of any public land that has been heretofore, or may hereafter be sold by the United States, in the State or Territory in which such original purchase or deposite was made.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office to prescribe the form of such certificates, which shall in every case specify the tract or tracts of land so reverted or sold the amount paid, date of payments, and by whom made; and it shall be the duty of the Register issuing such certificates, to keep a record of the same, and to forward to the General Land Office, at the close of each month, an abstract of the certificates issued during the month; & for each certificate, the officer issuing the same shall be entitled to receive, from the applicant the sum of fifty cents.

Sec. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said certificates when received in payment for lands, shall be entered in the books of the Land Office where received & transmitted with the accounts of the Receiver of Public Moneys, to the General Land Office, in such manner as the Commissioner of the said Office shall prescribe; and if, upon comparison of the originals with the returns from the office whence any certificate issued, it shall appear to the satisfaction of the said Commissioner, that such certificate has been issued and duly paid, according to the true intent and meaning of this act the same shall be passed to the credit of the preson paying the same as so much cash.

Sec. 4. And be it further enacted, That for any moneys forfeited on lands sold at New York or Pittsburgh the certificate shall be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury; which certificate shall be received in payment for lands at any of the Land Offices of the United States, as the certificate issued in conformity to the foregoing provisions of this act are made receivable.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That in no case shall a certificate be issued to any person, except to the person who originally forfeited the lands, or to his heir or heirs; nor shall a grant issue, or the lands purchased with any scrip be transferred, until six months after the certificate shall have been deposited in the office.

Sec. 6 And be it further enacted, That if any tract of land, returned as sold to the General Land Office, shall have been paid for in forged or altered certificates, such sale shall be void and the land subject to be sold again, at public or private sale, as the case may be; and in case any such forged or altered certificate shall be received upon any debt for land heretofore sold or in part payment of any tract of land that may be hereafter sold, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, by advertisement, or in such other manner as he shall direct, to give notice thereof to the person making such payment; and if, within six months after notice, such person shall not pay into the proper Land Office the amount so falsely paid, the tract of land upon which such payment was made, shall, with all money actually paid thereon, be forfeited to the United States.

Sec. 7. And be it further enacted, That, where two or more persons have become purchasers of a section or fractional section the Register of the Land Office for the district in which the lands lie, shall on application of the parties and a surrender of the original certificate, issue separate certificates, of the same date with the original, to each of the purchasers, or their assignees, in conformity with the division agreed on by them: Provided, That, in no case shall the fractions so purchased be divided by other than North and South, or East and West lines; nor shall any certificate issue for less than eighty acres.

A. STEVENSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. SMITH,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Approved—23rd. May, 1828.
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

[Public No. 42]

AN ACT to provide for extending the term of certain Pensions, chargeable on the Navy and Privateer Pension Fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where provision has been made, by law, for the five years' half pay to the widows and children of officers, seamen and marines, who were killed in battle, or who died in the naval service of the United States during the last war; and also, in all cases where provision has been made for extending the term for five years in addition to any term of five years, the said provision shall be further extended for an additional term of five years, to commence at the end of the current or last expired term of five years in each case, respectively; making the provision equal to twenty years half pay; which shall be paid out of the fund heretofore provided by law; and the said pensions shall cease for the causes mentioned in the laws providing the same respectively.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the pensions of all widows, who now are, or who at any time within one year past, have been in the receipt thereof, under the provision of the following laws of the U. States, or either of them, to wit: An act passed March the fourth, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "and act giving pensions to the orphans and widows of the persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States;" and an act passed April the sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, entitled "an act in addition to an act giving pensions to the orphans and widows of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the U. States, so far as regards persons receiving pensions from the fund arising from captures & salvage, made by the private armed vessels of the U. States, be and the same are hereby continued, under the restrictions and regulations in the said acts contained, for and during the additional term of five years, from and after the period of the expiration of the said pensions, respectively; Provided, however, that the said pensions shall be be paid from the proceeds of the Privateer Pension Fund alone, and without recourse to the United States for any deficiency, should such occur, which may hereafter arise thereon; and provided further, That no such pension shall be paid to any such widow after her intermarriage had, or to be had, after she shall have become such widow:

A. STEVENSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
S. SMITH,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Approved—23d May, 1828.
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

[Public—No. 43.]

AN ACT to authorize the improving of certain Harbors, the building of Piers, and for other purposes.

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 the same are hereby, respectively appropriated, to be applied under the direction of the President of the U. States, to accomplish the objects hereinafter mentioned that is to say:

For removing the sand bar at or near the mouth of Merrimack river, in the State of Massachusetts, by erecting piers or other works, thirty-two thousand one hundred dollars.

For the preservation of Deer Island, in Boston harbor, in the State of Massachusetts, eighty-seven thousand dollars.

For erecting piers, or other works, at or near Stonington harbor, in the State of Connecticut, for the purpose of making the same a good and secure harbor, twenty thousand dollars.

For repairing the public piers at Port Penn, Marcus Hook, and Fort Mifflin, four thousand four hundred and thirteen dollars.

For purchasing a dredging machine to be worked by steam, and employing the same for the removal of the shoals forming obstructions to the navigation near Ocracock Inlet, in the State of North Carolina, twenty thousand dollars.

For removing the sand bar at or near the mouth of Black river, in the State of Ohio, by the erection of piers, or other works, seven thousand five hundred dollars.

For removing obstructions in the Apalachichola river, in the Territory of Florida, three thousand dollars.

For improving the navigation of Red river, through or around that part of it called the Rap situated in Louisiana and Arkansas, twenty-five thousand dollars, three thousand dollars in addition to a former appropriation for clearing out and deepening the harbor of Sackett's Harbor.

For making a survey of the harbor of Nantucket, and the passage leading to it, and an estimate of the cost of improving and making the harbor a good and secure one, three hundred dollars.

For making a survey of Gennessee river and harbor in the state of New York, and estimates of the cost for improving the same three hundred dollars.

For surveying the mouth of Sandy Creek, which discharges itself into Mexico Bay, on Lake Ontario, in the state of New York, for the purpose of constructing a harbor at that place, and ascertaining the cost of the same, three hundred dollars.

For making a survey and examination of the southern shore of Lake Ontario in the state of New York, between Gennessee and Oswego rivers, with a view to the improvement of the most accessible and commodious harbors on the frontier, by erecting piers or other works, and estimates of the costs of the same, four hundred dollars.

For deepening the channel through the *pass au Heron*, near the Bay of Mobile, eighteen thousand dollars.

For deepening the channel at the mouth of Pascagoula river, seventeen thousand five hundred dollars, in addition to the sum before appropriated for that object.

For surveying the obstructions to the navigation of the Wabash river, between its mouth and Eel river, five hundred dollars.

Towards improving the navigation of the Mississippi and Ohio rivers, the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

For removing obstructions in the Berwick branch of the Piscataqua river, eight thousand dollars.

For deepening the inland passage, or present channel, for navigation between the St. John's river, in Florida, and St. Mary's harbor in Georgia, the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars.

For a survey of the river and harbor of St. Marks, in Florida, with a view to the practicability and expense of deepening the same, the sum of five hundred dollars.

For erecting a pier and a beacon thereon, at or near a ledge of rocks called Allen's rocks, in Warren river, the sum of four thousand dollars.

A. STEVENSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. SMITH,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Approved—23rd. May, 1828.
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

[Public—No. 44]

AN ACT making an appropriation to extinguish the Indian title to a reserve allowed to Peter Lynch, of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, within the limits of the state of Georgia, by the treaty of one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, between the United States and said tribe of Indians.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be extinguished, the title of Peter Lynch, formerly of the Cherokee tribe of Indians, to a lot of land, lying within the limits of the state of Georgia, which was reserved to the said Peter Lynch, by the treaty of eighteen hundred and nineteen, entered into between the United States and said tribe of Indians.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That a sum of money, not exceeding three thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry the foregoing section into effect.

A. STEVENSON,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
S. SMITH,
President of the Senate pro tempore.
Approved—23rd. May. 1828.
JOHN QUINCY ADAMS.

NOTICE.

THE CITIZENS of Talbot, friendly to the re-election of JOHN QUINCY ADAMS as President of the United States, are requested to meet in the several Election Districts of this county on the third Saturday (19th) of July next, for the purpose of electing five citizens from each District, who shall meet in Committee at Easton, on Tuesday 22d July, and recommend four respectable and competent Citizens, decided advocates for the re-election of JOHN Q. ADAMS, to the freemen of Talbot as Candidates for the next General Assembly of Maryland.

It is suggested that the meetings in the Districts be held at 3 o'clock P. M. and the meeting at Easton on the Tuesday following be held at the same hour.

It is also respectfully suggested that Committees of Vigilance be appointed in each election District, to consist of such number as the Citizens of each District may think proper.

Many Friends of the Administration.
june 24 4w

Notice.

THE Levy Court of Talbot county will meet on TUESDAY the 8th day of July next, to receive and levy accounts and appoint a Collector of the County Tax for the present year.

By order:—J. LOOCKERMAN, Clk.
june 24 3w

SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of a writ of fieri facias, issued out of Talbot county Court and to me directed, against Ann McDaniel, at the suit of James M. McDaniel, will be sold at Public Sale on TUESDAY the 15th day of July next, at the front door of the Court-House in the town of Easton, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 5 o'clock, P. M. the following property, to wit: All the estate, right, title, interest and claim, of her the said Ann McDaniel, of, in and to the FARM on which Ruth Lowe and William Lowe at present resides, situate in the Bay-Side, called "Rich Neck," and "Haddaway's Lott," and said to contain 302 acres of Land, more or less—taken and will be sold to pay and satisfy the aforessid fi. fa. Attendance by WM. TOWNSEND, Sh'ff.
june 24 4w

Lands in Caroline County *FOR SALE.*

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, That by virtue of a decree of the Judges of Caroline county Court, passed on the twelfth day of March last, will be exposed to sale, and sold on THURSDAY the twenty-first day of August next, between the hours of eleven o'clock in the morning and five o'clock in the afternoon of that day, at the DWELLING HOUSE on the premises, all and singular that tract or parcel of Land called Bennett's Purchase, and also, that other tract or parcel of Land called Haskins' Addition to Bennett's Purchase, adjoining to each other; and situate, lying and being on the branches of Marshy Creek, and on the road leading from Dover to Hunting Creek Mills in Caroline county in the State of Maryland; and containing together the quantity of 617 acres of Land more or less, according to the description, metes and bounds expressed in the respective patents thereof.—On these Lands is a LARGE PLANTATION distant about one mile from the upper Mill and village on Hunting Creek, whose soil is kindly and of easy cultivation with a considerable quantity of Timber Land, and Branch Grounds belonging thereto abounding in Cranberries.—The Buildings and Improvements are out of repair—The Orchard and Fruit Trees have been often very productive and valuable:—This Estate belonged to the late Mr. Joseph Haskins and has been decreed to be sold to satisfy a mortgage. It will be sold on a credit of one year for a third part of the purchase money, of two years for another third part thereof, and of three years for the remaining third part, with interest on the respective Instalments from the day of sale. The purchase money to be secured, in such Instalments with Interest, by Bond with good and approved security. On the purchase money being paid and satisfied, and the Sales ratified by the Court, the Lands will be conveyed by the Trustee to the Purchaser or Purchasers thereof in fee. The Lands shall be surveyed and laid off, and a Plot prepared for the inspection of persons disposed to purchase as soon as this can be conveniently done, and lodged with the Trustee.

And Notice is further given, That by virtue of a sufficient power contained in the covenant of a deed executed by the said Joseph Haskins to the President, Directors and Company of the Farmers' Bank of Maryland, will be exposed to sale, and sold *on the same day and at the same place*, and *between the hours aforesaid*, all and singular that part of a tract of Land called Laing's Discovery, containing 130 acres of Land, more or less: and also that part of another tract of Land called Painter's Range, containing 72 acres of Land, more or less: situate, lying and being near the said village at Hunting Creek Mill, and in the neighbourhood of the Plantation and Lands herein before first mentioned; which said Lands will also be offered and sold on the like credit of one, two and three years, for the respective third parts of the purchase money, to be secured by bond or note with approved security; and on the payment thereof the said Lands will be conveyed by the said President, Directors and Company, to the purchaser or purchasers thereof, in fee. Other particulars and terms will be made known, and attendance given by the subscriber.

WILLIAM K. LAMBDIN,
Trustee and Agent.
Easton, june 10 11w

Houses & Lots for Sale.

BY virtue of an order of Talbot county Court, at May Term 1828, the undersigned Commissioners will offer at Public Sale on the 22d day of 7th mo. (July) next, TWO LOTS OF GROUND, situated at the upper end of Dover street, in the town of Easton, on one of which is erected a convenient and comfortable *two story* FRAME DWELLING, with Kitchen attached.

This property will be sold on a credit of 12 months, the purchaser giving bonds to the several heirs for their respective portions, bearing interest from the day of sale.

The sale will take place on the premises, at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

J. M. G. EMORY,
WM. W. MOORE,
WM. JENKINS,
WM. H. GROOME,
LAMB'T. REARDON,
} *Commissioners.*
Easton, june 17 4w

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Easton, may 20 eo6w

NOTICE.

THE subscriber earnestly requests all those indebted to him on book account, of more than a year's standing, to call and liquidate them, or close them in some manner satisfactory; otherwise they will be put into proper officers hands for collection, which a speedy settlement might prevent—he returns his grateful acknowledgments for past favours, and hopes to merit a continuance of them.

The public's obedient servant.
SOLOMON LOWE.
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