THIRTY-SECOND CONGRESS. Sess. I. Ch. 114, 115. 1852.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all unsatisfied outstanding military land-warrants or parts of warrants issued or allowed prior to the first day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, by the proper authorities of the Commonwealth of Virginia, for military services performed by the officers and soldiers, seamen or marines, of the Virginia State and continental lines in the Army or Navy of the Revolution, may be surrendered to the Secretary of the Interior, who, upon being satisfied, by a revision of the proofs or by additional testimony, that any warrant thus surrendered was fairly and justly issued in pursuance of the laws of said Commonwealth, for military services so rendered, shall issue land scrip in favor of the present proprietors of any warrant thus surrendered, for the whole or any portion thereof yet unsatisfied, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents for each acre mentioned in the warrant thus surrendered and which remains unsatisfied, which scrip shall be receivable in payment for any lands owned by the United States subject to sale at private entry; and said scrip shall, moreover, be assignable by indorsement attested by two witnesses. In issuing such scrip, the said Secretary is authorized, when there are more persons than one interested in the same warrant to issue to each person scrip for his or her portion of the warrant; and where infants or feme coverts may be entitled to any scrip, the guardian of the infant and the husband of the feme covert may receive and sell or locate the same. Provided, that no less than a legal subdivision shall be entered and paid for by the scrip issued in virtue of this act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this act shall be taken as a full and final adjustment of all bounty-land claims to the officers and soldiers, seamen and marines of the State of Virginia, for services in the war of the Revolution: Provided, That the State of Virginia shall by proper act of the legislature thereof relinquish all claim to the lands in the Virginia military land district in the State of Ohio.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That in settling the claims of the State of Ohio, under the acts of March second, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, and May twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, granting lands to said State for canal purposes, the same principles shall be acted upon as have been applied under the provisions of the act of May the ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An act in addition to an act therein mentioned," for the settlement of the claims of the State of Indiana, accruing under the said act of March the second, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven.

Approved, August 31, 1852.

CHAP. CXV. — An Act to constitute Alton, in the State of Illinois, a Port of Delivery.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Alton, in the State of Illinois, shall be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery, and shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of delivery in the United States; and there shall be appointed a surveyor of customs to reside at said port, who shall, in addition to his own duties, perform the duties and receive the salary and emoluments of surveyor, prescribed by the act of Congress, approved on the second of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, providing for the payment of duties on imported goods, at certain ports therein mentioned, entitled "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, performed by the officers and soldiers, seamen or marines, of the Virginia State and continental lines in the Army or Navy of the Revolution, may be surrendered to the Secretary of the Interior, who, upon being satisfied, by a revision of the proofs or by additional testimony, that any warrant thus surrendered was fairly and justly issued in pursuance of the laws of said Commonwealth, for military services so rendered, shall issue land scrip in favor of the present proprietors of any warrant thus surrendered, for the whole or any portion thereof yet unsatisfied, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents for each acre mentioned in the warrant thus surrendered and which remains unsatisfied, which scrip shall be receivable in payment for any lands owned by the United States subject to sale at private entry; and said scrip shall, moreover, be assignable by indorsement attested by two witnesses. In issuing such scrip, the said Secretary is authorized, when there are more persons than one interested in the same warrant to issue to each person scrip for his or her portion of the warrant; and where infants or feme coverts may be entitled to any scrip, the guardian of the infant and the husband of the feme covert may receive and sell or locate the same. Provided, that no less than a legal subdivision shall be entered and paid for by the scrip issued in virtue of this act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this act shall be taken as a full and final adjustment of all bounty-land claims to the officers and soldiers, seamen and marines of the State of Virginia, for services in the war of the Revolution: Provided, That the State of Virginia shall by proper act of the legislature thereof relinquish all claim to the lands in the Virginia military land district in the State of Ohio.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That in settling the claims of the State of Ohio, under the acts of March second, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, and May twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, granting lands to said State for canal purposes, the same principles shall be acted upon as have been applied under the provisions of the act of May the ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An act in addition to an act therein mentioned," for the settlement of the claims of the State of Indiana, accruing under the said act of March the second, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven.

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Alton made to be secured and paid at those places;" and the said town of Alton and the said port of delivery be, and is hereby, annexed to and made a part of the collection district of New Orleans, and all the facilities and privileges afforded by the said act of Congress of the second of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, be and are hereby extended to the said port of Alton.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That Burlington, in the State of Iowa, Galena, Illinois, and Knoxville, in the State of Tennessee, shall be ports of delivery, and shall be subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of delivery in the United States; and there shall be appointed a surveyor of the customs to reside at each of said ports, who shall, in addition to his own duties, also perform the duties and receive the salary and emoluments of surveyors prescribed by the act of Congress passed on the second day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, providing for the payment of duties on imported goods at certain ports therein mentioned, the same being entitled "An act allowing the duties on foreign merchandise imported into Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, to be secured and paid at those places;" and said Burlington, Galena, and Knoxville the said ports of delivery, be, and the same are hereby, annexed to and made part of the collection district of New Orleans; and all the privileges and facilities afforded to Pittsburg, Wheeling, Cincinnati, Louisville, St. Louis, Nashville, and Natchez, by the act of Congress last aforesaid, be, and the same are hereby, extended to said ports of Burlington, Galena, and Knoxville.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That from and after the passage of this act, Port Jefferson, on the north side of Long Island, in the State of New York, be, and the same is hereby, made a port of delivery within the collection district of the port of New York, and that a surveyor be appointed by the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, to reside at the said port of Port Jefferson, who shall have power to enroll and license vessels to be employed in the coasting and fisheries, and to enter and clear, and grant registers and other usual papers to vessels employed in the whale fisheries, under such restrictions and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem necessary, and who shall give the usual bond, perform the usual duties in the manner prescribed, and be entitled to receive the fees allowed by law to surveyors and collectors, for the same duties, and no more. But all cargoes chargeable with duties shall be entered, and the duties paid, at the port of New York, before permission shall be granted to discharge the same at Port Jefferson.

APPROVED, August 31, 1852.