

How far the confirmation extends.

When patent to be issued. Proviso.

shall only operate as a relinquishment on the part of the United States, and shall not affect the right of adverse claimants to the same lands, nor prevent a judicial decision in regard to the same; and upon the rendition to the General Land-Office of a proper plat of survey, duly approved by the Surveyor-General, for any confirmation by this act, the Commissioner shall cause a patent to be issued, if satisfied that the same is confirmed and surveyed according to the true intent of this act: *Provided*, That if in any case a claim confirmed by this act was not actually located prior to the third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, no location of the same shall be made to the prejudice of any actual settler, but such floating claim may be located on any public lands in the Ouachita District, to which there may be no existing preëmption or other valid claim, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

APPROVED, June 29, 1854.

June 29, 1854. CHAP. LXIX. — *An Act to Reimburse to the Common Council of New York City, Expenditures made for the First Regiment of New York Volunteers.*

Expenditures made by city of New York for first regiment of New York volunteers to be paid. Act of June 2, 1848, ch. 60.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War, in the settlement and adjustment (under the act of Congress of June second, eighteen hundred and forty-eight,) of the claims of the Common Council of New York, for expenditures made in organizing, transporting, clothing, and subsisting the first regiment of New York Volunteers, commanded by Colonel Ward B. Burnett, prior to the mustering of said regiment into the service of the United States, shall be authorized and required to allow such of those claims as may be supported by satisfactory vouchers, showing that such expenditure had been fairly made, and was necessary and proper for the service, notwithstanding that such vouchers may be informal and defective for want of particularity: *Provided*, That the amount allowed shall not exceed three thousand six hundred and seventy-two dollars and ninety cents.

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June 29, 1854. CHAP. LXX. — *An Act to authorize the Issue of Registers to Vessels owned by the "Accessory Transit Company."*

Registers to be issued by Secretary of the Treasury for steamboats and vessels passing over a certain route.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause registers to be issued in the name of the President of the "Accessory Transit Company," incorporated under a charter from the State of Nicaragua, for the steamboats or vessels owned by said company, and employed in the transportation of merchandise and passengers between the Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States, through or over the territory of the State aforesaid: *Provided*, That before the granting of a register for any steamboat or vessel owned by said company, to be employed as aforesaid, the president of said company shall swear or affirm that the said steamboat or vessel is owned by said company; that all the officers, and at least two-thirds of the crew, are citizens of the United States, or persons not the subjects of any foreign prince or State; that all the officers, and directors of said company are citizens of the United States, and that two thirds of the stock of said company is owned by citizens of the United States; which oath or affirmation shall be deemed sufficient, without requiring the oath or affirmation of any other person interested or concerned in said steamboat or vessel: *And provided further*, That a register issued under this act shall continue in force one year and no longer, unless the president of the company aforesaid shall, within one

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Oath to be made by president before register is granted.

Further proviso. How long register continues in force.