

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.

year from the date of the register, make anew the oath or affirmation aforesaid, and the collector of the customs shall certify the date of said renewed oath or affirmation on the back of said register, which shall continue in force for one year from said date, and the oath or affirmation may be so renewed and the indorsement so made once in each and every year thereafter, and the register shall continue in force accordingly.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That before granting a register to any steamboat or vessel, owned by the company aforesaid, the president thereof shall, together with one or more sureties, to the satisfaction of the collector of the customs, by whom, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, the register may be issued, become bound to the United States in the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, with condition that the steamboat or vessel shall be solely employed in the transportation of merchandise and passengers between the Atlantic and Pacific ports of the United States as aforesaid; that the register shall be solely used for said steamboat or vessel; that it shall not be sold, lent, or otherwise disposed of to any other company, person, or persons; and that in case such steamboat or vessel shall be sold, lost, or otherwise prevented from returning to the United States, the said register shall, within six months thereafter, if preserved, be returned to the collector of the customs who issued it or to the register of the treasury for cancellation; and on failure to comply with any of the conditions aforesaid, a forfeiture shall accrue to the United States of the entire penal sum named in said bond, to be enforced in any court of competent jurisdiction, and the outstanding register shall be null and void.

Bond to be given for the employment of the vessel.

Conditions.

Penalty of not complying with the conditions of bond.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever the officer to whom said register had been issued shall cease to be the president of said company, any register which may have been issued in his name shall be void, and a new register must be issued, in compliance with the provisions of this act.

New register to be issued when a new person becomes president of the company.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That before issuing any register as aforesaid, it shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the steamboat or vessel for which the register is to issue shall have been built and equipped wholly in the United States; and said steamboats and vessels shall, in all respects, be subject to the laws of the United States in the same manner as vessels built wholly and registered by American citizens.

Vessel must be built in the U. S. and be subject to U. S. laws.

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CHAP. LXXI. — *An Act to enable the President of the United States to fulfil the third article of the Treaty between the United States and the Mexican Republic, of the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, as amended by the Senate of the United States.* June 29, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of ten millions of dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the President of the United States to fulfil the stipulation in the third article of the treaty between the United States and the Mexican Republic, of the thirtieth of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, as subsequently amended by the Senate of the United States; of which said sum of ten millions of dollars, seven millions are to be paid on the exchange of the ratifications of said treaty, and the remaining three millions as soon as the boundary line shall be surveyed, marked, and established.

Appropriation of ten millions of dollars to fulfil third article of treaty with Mexico.

When to be paid.

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