

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.

1841, ch. 16.

Vol. v. p. 453.

Proviso.

APPROVED, June 9, 1858.

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.*

June 11, 1858.

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.

Vol. v. p. 453.