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Approved, July 1, 1864.

July 1, 1864. CHAP. CXCII. — An Act to authorize the Corporation of Washington to levy and collect the Direct Tax imposed by Act approved August five, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

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July 1, 1864. CHAP. CXCIV. — An Act to expedite the Settlement of Titles to Lands in the State of California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever the surveyor-general of California shall, in compliance with the thirteenth section of an act entitled "An act to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, have caused any private land claim to be surveyed and a plat to be made thereof, he shall give notice that the same has been done by a publication, once a week for four consecutive weeks, in two newspapers, one published in the city of San Francisco, and one published near the land surveyed; and shall retain in his office, for public inspection, the survey and plat until ninety days from the date of the first publication in San Francisco shall have expired; and if no objections are made to said survey, he shall approve the same, and transmit a copy of the survey and plat thereof to the commissioner of the general land-office at Washington, for his examination and approval; but if objections are made to said survey, he shall approve the same, and transmit a copy of the survey and plat thereof to the commissioner of the general land-office at Washington, for his examination and approval; but if objections are made to said survey within the said ninety days, by any party claiming to have an interest in the tract embraced by the survey, or in any part thereof, such objections shall be reduced to writing, stating distinctly the interest of the objector, and signed by him or his attorney, and filed with the surveyor-general, together with such affidavits or other proofs as he may produce in support of the objections. At the expiration of said ninety days the surveyor-general shall transmit to the commissioner of the general land-office at Washington a copy of the survey and plat, and objections, and proofs filed with him in support of the objections, and also of any proofs produced by the claimant and filed with him in support of the survey, together with his opinion thereon; and if the survey and plat are approved by the said commissioner he shall indorse thereon a certificate of his approval. If disapproved by him, or if, in his opinion, the ends of justice would be subserved thereby, he may require a further report from the

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