

Act may be altered.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress shall have power at any time to alter, amend, or repea this act.

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CHAP. CXCVI. — *An Act amendatory of "An Act to protect the Rights of actual Settlers upon the public Lands of the United States," approved July 27, 1868, and for other Purposes.*

Agricultural college scrip to be received from actual settlers in payment of pre-emption claims, as, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act to protect the rights of actual settlers upon the public lands of the United States," approved July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto the following proviso, viz.: *Provided*, That all such agricultural college scrip shall be received from actual settlers in payment of pre-emption claims in the same manner and to the same extent as is now authorized by law in case of military bounty-land warrants: *And provided further*, That all locations of such scrip made within thirty days after the date of approval of said act of July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, if otherwise in conformity with law, are hereby legalized and made valid.

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Certain locations of such scrip made valid.

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CHAP. CXCVII. — *An Act to relinquish the Interest of the United States in certain Lands to the City and County of San Francisco.*

The interest of the United States in the Point San José military reservation relinquished to the city and county of San Francisco.
Purpose of release.
Streets.
Remainder to actual settlers, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right and title of the United States to the military reservation in the city and county of San Francisco, in the State of California, known as the Point San José military reservation, be, and the same are hereby, relinquished and granted to the said city and county, and its successors, for the uses and purposes as follows: First. To maintain all streets and alleys as now laid out upon the official map of the city of San Francisco. Second. And then, in trust, to grant and convey the remainder of said lands to the parties severally who are at the date of the passage of this act in the actual bona fide possession thereof, by themselves or their tenants, and in such parcels as the same are so held and possessed by them; or who, if they have not such possession, were deprived thereof by the United States military authorities when they went into the occupancy of said military reservation, or were deprived thereof by intruders or trespassers, against whom possession may be recovered by legal process. Third. To have and to hold all the residue, if any, of said lands, for the use and benefit of said city, there being excepted from this relinquishment and grant all that certain piece or parcel of land, portion of said reservation, and which is bounded and described as follows, viz.: commencing at a point in the mean low-water shore-line of the bay or entrance to the bay of San Francisco, east of the promontory of Point San José, where the same is intersected by the westerly line of Van Ness Avenue; running thence southerly along the said westerly line of Van Ness Avenue to its intersection with the northern line of Bay Street; thence westerly along the north side of Bay Street to its intersection with the eastern line of Laguna Street; thence northerly along the said eastern line of Laguna Street to the westerly shore; thence in a northeasterly, easterly, southeasterly, and southerly direction, following the said shore-line, and including the entire water-front between Laguna Street and Van Ness Avenue, to the point or place of beginning.

Residue for city, except, &c.

Boundaries of reservation.

Valid adverse rights not prejudiced.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall interfere with or prejudice any valid adverse right or claim, if such exist, to said land or any part thereof, whether derived from Spain, Mexico, or the United States, or preclude an examination and adjustment thereof by the courts.