

any party claiming title or the right to acquire title to any part of said lands under the provisions of the so-called homestead or pre-empted laws of the United States, or claiming any part thereof as swamp lands.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXX. — *An Act to create Ports of Delivery at Eureka and Wilmington, in California, and provide for Appointment of Deputy Collector of Vallejo, California, and to abolish the Office of Surveyor of said Port.* March 3, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Eureka, in the county of Humboldt, and Wilmington, in the county of Los Angeles, State of California, shall be, and are hereby, respectively, constituted ports of delivery, within the collection district of San Francisco; and there may be appointed a deputy collector of customs for each of said ports, who shall perform the duties of such office and receive the compensation of one thousand five hundred dollars per annum as salary.

Eureka and Wilmington, in California, made ports of delivery. Deputy collector, duties, pay, &c.

SEC. 2. That any vessel of one hundred tons, or over, coming from or going to sea, may proceed directly to or from Eureka or Wilmington, and report, through the deputy collector of said port, to the collector of customs at San Francisco.

Certain vessels may proceed directly, &c.

SEC. 3. That the office of surveyor of customs, created by act of Congress July one, eighteen hundred and seventy, for the port of Vallejo, in California, is abolished, and in lieu of such surveyor of customs a deputy collector of customs is hereby authorized to perform the same services and receive the same rate of compensation as is provided in this act for the deputy collector at the port of Eureka or the port of Wilmington.

Office of surveyor of customs at Vallejo abolished. Deputy collector authorized.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXI. — *An Act to extend the Benefits of the Donation Law of September twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty, to certain Persons.* March 3, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all persons who, at the time of settlement, possessed the qualifications prescribed in the fourth and fifth sections of "An act to create the office of surveyor-general of the public lands in Oregon, and to provide for the survey, and to make donations to settlers of the said public lands," approved September twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty, and who made bona fide settlement upon the lands claimed by the Puget Sound Agricultural Company, in Washington Territory, within the time limited for settlement by said act and the amendments thereto, shall be, and are hereby declared to be, entitled to all the privileges and benefits of said act and amendments.

1850, ch. 76. Vol. ix. p. 496.

Bona fide settlers upon the lands of Puget Sound Agricultural Company entitled to benefit of act.

SEC. 2. That the rights and privileges of heirs and assigns under the said donation law, and the amendments thereto, shall be, and are hereby, extended to the heirs and assigns of the settlers named in the first section of this act.

Privileges extended to their heirs and assigns.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXII. — *An Act to amend an Act to revise, consolidate, and amend the Statutes relating to Patents and Copyrights.* March 3, 1871.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That that part of section thirty-three of an act entitled "An act to revise, consolidate, and amend the statutes relating to patents and copyrights," approved July eight, eighteen hundred and seventy, which requires that, in case of application by assignee or assignees for reissue of letters-patent, the application shall be

In applications by assignees for reissues of letters-patent issued, &c. prior to July 8, 1870, the inventor, &c.

need not make application or swear to specification. 1870, ch. 230, §33. *Ante*, p. 202.

made and the specification sworn to by the inventor or discoverer, if living, shall not be construed to apply to patents issued and assigned prior to July eight, eighteen hundred and seventy.

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CHAP. CXXXIII.—*An Act to authorize the Restoration of James Belger to the Rank of Major and Quartermaster in the Army.*

James Belger may be restored to the rank of major, &c. in the army.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to restore James Belger to the rank of major and quartermaster in the army, to date from the day of his restoration to his said rank under this act.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

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CHAP. CXXXIV.—*An Act to restore Robert Boyd, junior, to the active List of the Navy of the United States.*

Robert Boyd, junior, may be restored to the active list of the navy as commander.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States be authorized to nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Robert Boyd, junior, now on the retired list, as a commander on the active list of the navy.

APPROVED, March 3, 1871.

March 3, 1871.

CHAP. CXXXV.—*An Act to amend an Act for the Relief of Jearum Atkins, approved July fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy.*

Commissioner of patents may entertain a petition of Jearum Atkins for extension of patent.

*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 for the relief of Jearum Atkins," approved July fifteen, eighteen hundred and seventy, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: "That the commissioner of patents be, and he hereby is, authorized to entertain and exercise jurisdiction over a petition of Jearum Atkins for the extension of letters-patent granted to him on the twenty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, for a further term of seven years from the day on which such extension may be granted, and to hear and determine upon the said petition in the same manner and with the same effect as if the original term of said patent had not expired, and to grant or refuse such extension upon the same principles that govern his decisions upon such applications when made in due course of law: *Provided*, That before granting any extension upon such petition, the commissioner shall be satisfied that the same will inure to the sole benefit of said Atkins: *And provided further*, That no person shall be held liable for the infringement of said patent, if extended, for making use of said invention since the expiration of the original term of said patent, and prior to the date of its extension."

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CHAP. CXXXVI.—*An Act to adjust and fix the Compensation of the Assistants employed in the Library of Congress.*

Pay of assistants in the library of Congress established.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the assistants employed in the office of the librarian of Congress shall receive the rates of compensation hereinafter provided, commencing with the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-one: Three assistant librarians, at two thousand five hundred dollars each; two assistants, at one thousand eight hundred dollars each; one assistant, at one thousand six hundred dollars; two assistants, at one thousand four hundred and forty dollars