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ery. which shall be entitled to the same provisions and subject to the same regulations and restrictions as other ports of entry and delivery in the United States.

APPROVED, April 2, 1872.

CHAP. LXXXI. — An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize Protection to be given to Citizens of the United States who may discover Deposits of Guano," approved August 18, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act of Congress approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An act to authorize protection to be given to citizens of the United States who may discover deposits of guano," be, and the same are hereby extended to the widow, heirs, executors, or administrators of such discoverer, where such discoverer shall have died before perfecting proof of discovery or fully complying with the provisions of said act approved as aforesaid, after complying with the requirements of the act of Congress of August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five: Provided, That nothing herein contained shall be held to impair any rights of discovery or any assignment by a discoverer heretofore recognized by the government of the United States.

Sec. 2. That section three of an act approved July twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act to protect the revenue, and for other purposes," amendatory of the act aforesaid, approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the word "five," wherever the same occurs, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "ten."

APPROVED, April 2, 1872.

CHAP. LXXXII. — An Act to provide for the Exchange and Transfer of two small Parcels of Land in the City of St. Louis, Missouri.

PREAMBLE.

A commission to determine a new division line between property of John G. Woerner and the St. Louis marine hospital tract.

Conveyance to John G. Woerner if, &c.

Secretary of the Treasury to approve appraisement and location.

WHEREAS the United States marine hospital grounds, situated in the city of St. Louis, Missouri, lie adjoining lands of John G. Woerner, upon an angular line of division; and whereas it is represented that an alteration and straightening of said division line, and an exchange of certain irregular strips of land, will be conducive to the interest and convenience of both parties: Thereforé,

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 appoint a commission, to consist of two persons, to determine upon a new division line between the property of John G. Woerner, of St. Louis, Missouri, and the St. Louis marine hospital tract, which shall be a continuous straight line; and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized, if he shall be satisfied that the said exchange shall be beneficial to the government of the United States, to convey to John G. Woerner the strip of land that may be found to lie on the south side of the line so determined upon, in exchange for the strip of land that may be found to lie on the north side of said line: Provided, That the said division line shall be so located that the exchange of said strip of land, and the location of said line, shall involve no expense to the government; and upon the further condition that the said John G. Woerner shall pay unto the United States the sum of the difference of value, if any, between the two parcels of land thus exchanged, such sum to be ascertained by the said commissioners, who, in case of disagreement, shall choose an umpire; a majority of the commission thus constituted, to determine the location of said division line, and the difference in value as aforesaid, the appraisement and location to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. And upon the full payment of the sum aforesaid, if any difference in value should be
in favor of the United States, and conveyance by John G. Woerner to the United States of a valid title to the said strip or parcel of land lying north of the said new division line, and adjoining the southeast corner of the said St. Louis marine hospital grounds, and the payment of all expenses that may be incurred in locating said new line, determining the difference in value of the two parcels of land, and the transfer herein provided for, and compliance with the other conditions herein set forth, the Secretary of the Treasury shall execute the necessary deeds for the conveyance to John G. Woerner of the parcel of land lying on the south side of said new division line, and adjoining the southwest corner of the St. Louis marine hospital grounds.

Approved, April 2, 1872.

CHA P. LXXXIII. — An Act authorizing an American Register to the Dutch Bark "Alice Tarlton."

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 and directed to issue an American register to the Dutch bark "Alice Tarlton," owned by John S. Emery and Company, of Boston, Massachusetts.

Approved, April 2, 1872.

CHA P. LXXXV. — An Act to enable honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors, their Widows and orphan Children, to acquire Homesteads on the public Lands of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every private soldier and officer who has served in the army of the United States during the recent rebellion for ninety days, or more, and who was honorably discharged, and has remained loyal to the government, including the troops mustered into the service of the United States by virtue of the third section of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for completing the defences of Washington, and for other purposes," approved February thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and every seaman, marine, and officer who has served in the navy of the United States, or in the marine corps, during the rebellion, for ninety days, and who was honorably discharged, and has remained loyal to the government, shall, on compliance with the provisions of the foregoing act entitled "An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain," and the acts amendatory thereof, as hereinafter modified, be entitled to enter upon and receive patents for a quantity of public lands (not mineral) not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, or one quarter-section, to be taken in compact form according to legal subdivisions, including the alternate reserved sections of public lands along the line of any railroad or other public work, not otherwise reserved or appropriated, and other lands subject to entry under the homestead laws of the United States: Provided, That said homestead settler shall be allowed six months after locating his homestead within which to commence his settlement and improvement: And provided also, That the time which the homestead settler shall have served in the army, navy, or marine corps aforesaid, shall be deducted from the time heretofore required to perfect title, or if discharged on account of wounds received, or disability incurred in the line of duty, then the term of enlistment shall be deducted from the time here- tofore required to perfect title, without reference to the length of time he may have served: Provided, however, That no patent shall issue to any homestead settler who has not resided upon, improved, and cultivated his said homestead for a period of at least one year after he shall commence his improvements as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. That any person entitled under the provisions of the foregoing section to enter a homestead, who may have heretofore entered under the