

thousand dollars per annum: *Provided, however,* That said officer may be required, in addition to his duties as such deputy collector, to perform the duties of an inspector of the customs, without additional compensation. Such deputy to act as inspector, if, &c.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

JHAP. CCLXXIV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "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," and the Amendments thereto.* March 3, 1873.  
1872, ch. 85.  
Ante, p. 49.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section two of the act entitled "An act to amend an act relating to soldiers' and sailors' homesteads," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, be amended so as to read as follows: That any person entitled under the provisions of the foregoing sections to enter a homestead, who may have heretofore entered under the homestead laws a quantity of land less than one hundred and sixty acres, shall be permitted to enter so much land as, when added to the quantity previously entered, shall not exceed one hundred and sixty acres.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of the State of Connecticut and other States.* March 3, 1873.

*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, directed out of any money appropriated to continue the settlement of accounts presented under the act of July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to pay to the governor of Connecticut, or to his duly-authorized agents, any amounts advanced by the said State in payment of chaplains, extra surgeons, or assistant surgeons employed by said State in said capacities during the late war; the said claims to be settled by the proper accounting officers of the treasury upon vouchers filed: *Provided,* That certificates of actual employment are filed with the accounts.

SEC. 2. That when the vouchers of other States for payments made to chaplains, extra surgeons, or assistant surgeons situated similarly with those of Connecticut are filed, the Treasury Department shall adjust and settle them according to the provisions of the foregoing section.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXVI. — *An Act to authorize the Interment of honorably discharged Soldiers, Sailors and, Marines in the national Cemeteries of the United States.* March 3, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That honorably discharged soldiers sailors or marines who served during the late war either in the regular or volunteer forces, dying subsequent to the passage of this act may be buried in any national cemetery of the United States free of cost and their graves shall receive the same care and attention as the graves of those already buried. The production of the honorable discharge of the deceased shall be authority for the superintendent of the cemetery to permit the interment.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCLXXVII. — *An Act to encourage the Growth of Timber on western Prairies.* March 3, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any person who shall plant, protect, and keep in a healthy, growing condition for ten years forty acres of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each Persons planting, &c., for ten years forty acres of timber on any

quarter-section of land, to have patent for whole quarter-section, on proof, &c.

Proceedings to obtain benefit of this act.

Entry.

Patent not to issue until, &c.

If person fails to keep timber in good condition, land to revert to the United States.

Provisions as to homestead settlers cultivating timber.

1862, ch. 75.  
Vol. xiii. p. 392.

Land acquired by this act not liable for previous debts.

Commissioner to issue rules to carry act into effect.

Pay of registers and receivers.

Perjury in oaths under this act to be punished.

1857, ch. 116, § 5.  
Vol. xi. p. 250.

way on any quarter-section of any of the public lands of the United States shall be entitled to a patent for the whole of said quarter-section at the expiration of said ten years, on making proof of such fact by not less than two credible witnesses; *Provided*, That only one quarter in any section shall be thus granted.

SECTION 2. That the person applying for the benefit of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land-office in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit before said register or receiver that said entry is made for the cultivation of timber, and upon filing said affidavit with said register and receiver, and on payment of ten dollars, he or she shall thereupon be permitted to enter the quantity of land specified: *Provided however*, That no certificate shall be given or patent issue therefor until the expiration of at least ten years from the date of such entry; and if at the expiration of such time, or at any time within three years thereafter, the person making such entry, or if he or she be dead, his or her heirs or legal representatives, shall prove by two credible witnesses that he, she, or they have planted, and for not less than ten years have cultivated and protected such quantity and character of timber as aforesaid, they shall receive the patent for such quarter-section of land.

SECTION 3. That if at any time after the filing of said affidavit, and prior to the issuing of the patent for said land, it shall be proven after due notice to the party making such entry and claiming to cultivate such timber, to the satisfaction of the register of the land-office that such person has abandoned or failed to cultivate, protect and keep in good condition such timber, then, and in that event, said land shall revert to the United States.

SECTION 4. That each and every person who, under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain" approved May twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, or any amendment thereto, having a homestead on said public domain, who, at the end of the third year of his or her residence thereon, shall have had under cultivation, for two years, one acre of timber, the trees thereon not being more than twelve feet apart each way, and in a good, thrifty condition, for each and every sixteen acres of said homestead, shall upon due proof of said fact by two credible witnesses receive his or her patent for said homestead.

SECTION 5. That no land acquired under provisions of this act shall, in any event, become liable to the satisfaction of any debt or debts contracted prior to the issuing of patent therefor

SECTION 6. That the commissioner of the general land-office is hereby required to prepare and issue such rules and regulations, consistent with this act, as shall be necessary and proper to carry its provisions into effect; and that the registers and the receivers of the several land-offices shall be entitled to receive the same compensation for any lands entered under the provisions of this that they are now entitled to receive when the same quantity of land is entered with money.

SECTION 7. That the fifth section of the act entitled "An act in addition to an act to punish crimes against the United States, and for other purposes" approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, shall extend to all oaths, affirmations, and affidavits required or authorized by this act.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCLXXVIII. — *An Act for the Protection of Owners of Saw-mills on the Mississippi River*

Owners of saw-mills on the Mississippi river may

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the owners of saw-mills on the Mississippi river be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered, under the direction of the Secretary of War, to construct or build piers