the patents so issued shall operate only as a quit-claim on the part of the verse rights, but United States, and shall not affect the valid adverse rights of any person only to quit-should such hereafter be found to exist; and such patents and decrees shall have no effect upon or in respect to such adverse rights.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCXCIX. — An Act to aid in the Erection of a Monument to the Memory of Major-General George H. Thomas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, Bronze cannon and he hereby is, authorized and directed to deliver to the Society of equestrian the Army of the Cumberland, eighty-eight pieces of condemned bronze cannon, if the same can be spared without serious detriment to the government, to aid in the erection of an equestrian statue to the memory of Major-General George H. Thomas.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCC. — An Act to change the Name of Schooner “Andrew Stewart” and Steamer “Sleepy Hollow.”

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to change the name of the schooner “Andrew Stewart” to “Barnett Jones” and the steamer “Sleepy Hollow” to that of “Long Branch” and grant new registers to the same.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCI. — An Act authorizing the Transfer of Safes from the War Department to the Post-office Department for Use in the Transportation of registered Mails.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, Certain safes and paymasters and paymasters' chests transferred as may be on hand in his department, to the Post-office Department for use in the transportation of registered mails, with a view to promote the security of such mails.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.