

supreme court of the District of Columbia shall be in any manner prejudiced by the provisions of this act.

Approved, June 16, 1880.

CHAP. 244.—An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands, and to provide for the repayment of certain fees, purchase money and commissions paid on void entries of public lands.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where it shall, upon due proof being made, appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior that innocent parties have paid the fees and commissions and excess payments required upon the location of claims under the act entitled "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 amendments thereto", approved March third eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and now incorporated in section twenty-three hundred and six of the Revised Statutes of the United States, which said claims were, after such location, found to be fraudulent and void, and the entries or locations made thereon canceled, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to repay to such innocent parties the fees and commissions, and excess payments paid by them, upon the surrender of the receipts issued therefor by the receivers of public moneys, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and shall be payable out of the appropriation to refund purchase-money on lands erroneously sold by the United States.

Certain settlers on public lands.

R. S. 2306.

Repayment to innocent parties of fees, commissions, and excess payments made upon fraudulent and void entries.

Appropriation, permanent.

SEC. 2. In all cases where homestead or timber-culture or desert-land entries or other entries of public lands have heretofore or shall hereafter be canceled for conflict, or where, from any cause, the entry has been erroneously allowed and cannot be confirmed, the Secretary of the Interior shall cause to be repaid to the person who made such entry, or to his heirs or assigns, the fees and commissions, amount of purchase money, and excesses paid upon the same upon the surrender of the duplicate receipt and the execution of a proper relinquishment of all claims to said land, whenever such entry shall have been duly canceled by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and in all cases where parties have paid double-minimum price for land which has afterwards been found not to be within the limits of a railroad land grant, the excess of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre shall in like manner be repaid to the purchaser thereof, or to his heirs or assigns.

Entries canceled or not confirmed; repayment to be made in all cases.

Excess of \$1.25 per acre, double-minimum price for land not within railroad grant, to be repaid to purchaser, heirs, or assigns.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of the Interior is authorized to make the payments herein provided for, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation, permanent.

SEC. 4. The Commissioner of the General Land Office shall make all necessary rules, and issue all necessary instructions, to carry the provisions of this act into effect; and for the repayment of the purchase money and fees herein provided for the Secretary of the Interior shall draw his warrant on the Treasury and the same shall be paid without regard to the date of the cancellation of the entries.

Rules and regulations to be made by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

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CHAP. 245.—An act to grant the State of Nevada lands in lieu of the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections in said State.

June 16, 1880.

Whereas, the legislature of the State of Nevada on March eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, passed an act accepting from the United States a grant of two millions or more acres of land in lieu of the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections therein, and relinquishing to the United States all such sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections in said State

Preamble.

as have not been heretofore sold or disposed of by said State, and which act of said State is in words as follows, to wit:

"An act accepting from the United States a grant of two millions or more acres of land in lieu of the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections, and relinquishing to the United States all such sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections as have not been sold or disposed of by the State.

"The people of the State of Nevada represented in Senate and assembly do enact as follows:

SECTION. 1. The State of Nevada hereby accepts from the United States not less than two millions of acres of land in the State of Nevada in lieu of the sixteenth and thirty sixth sections heretofore granted to the State of Nevada by the United States: *Provided*, That the title of the State and its grantees to such sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections as may have been sold or disposed of by the State prior to the enactment of any such law of Congress granting such two millions or more acres of land to the State shall not be changed or vitiated in consequence of or by virtue of such act of Congress granting such two millions or more acres of land, or in consequence of or by virtue of this act surrendering and relinquishing to the United States the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections unsold or undisposed of at the time such grant is made by the United States.

"SEC. 2. The State of Nevada, in consideration of such grant of two millions or more acres of land by the United States, hereby relinquishes and surrenders to the United States all its claim and title to such sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections in the State of Nevada heretofore granted by the United States as shall not have been sold or disposed of subsequent to the passage of any act of Congress that may hereafter be made granting such two millions or more acres of land to the State of Nevada: *Provided*, That the State of Nevada shall have the right to select the two millions or more acres of land mentioned in the act": Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and are hereby, granted to the State of Nevada two million acres of land in said State in lieu of the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections of land heretofore granted to the State of Nevada by the United States: *Provided*, That the title of the State and its grantees to such sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections as may have been sold or disposed of by said State prior to the passage of this act shall not be changed or vitiated in consequence of or by virtue of this act.

Two million acres of land granted the State of Nevada in lieu of the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections.

Proviso.

Lands granted to be selected by the State.

SEC. 2. The lands herein granted shall be selected by the State authorities of said State from any unappropriated, non-mineral, public land in said State, in quantities not less than the smallest legal subdivision; and when selected in conformity with the terms of this act the same shall be duly certified to said State by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Lands granted to be disposed of as may be prescribed by legislature of the State of Nevada.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. The lands herein granted shall be disposed of under such laws, rules, and regulations as may be prescribed by the legislature of the State of Nevada: *Provided*, That the proceeds of the sale thereof shall be dedicated to the same purposes as heretofore provided in the grant of the sixteenth and thirty-sixth sections made to said State.

SEC. 4. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

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CHAP. 246.—An act for the establishment of titles in Hot Springs, and for other purposes.

Land titles at Hot Springs adjudicated by the commissioners.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any person, his heirs or legal representatives, in whose favor the commissioners appointed under the acts of Congress of eighteen hundred and seventy-seven and eight-