

to allow or direct hearings to be instituted to show that a donation claimant has abandoned the lands described in his notice, or prevent the Commissioner, when it is proven that such a claim is invalid or abandoned, from canceling the same upon the official records and thereafter disposing of the lands as a part of the public domain: *Provided*, That where hearings are allowed contestants shall pay the expenses incident thereto in the same manner that costs are paid in other contested land entries; and this Act shall not be construed to affect any case now pending before the Land Department in which final proof has been furnished.

*Proviso.*  
Payment of ex-  
penses.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioner of the General Land Office, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, shall issue the necessary rules and regulations to give full force and effect to the provisions of this Act. Nothing in this Act contained shall be construed to impair or affect any adverse claims arising under any law of the United States other than said Donation Act, to or in respect of the lands in this Act referred to.

Regulations.

Approved, July 26, 1894.

**CHAP. 164.**—An Act Extending the time for final proof and payment on lands claimed under the public land laws of the United States.

July 26, 1894.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the time for making final proof and payment for all lands located under the homestead and desert land laws of the United States, proof and payment of which has not yet been made, be, and the same is hereby, extended for the period of one year from the time proof and payment would become due under existing laws.

Public lands.  
Time for final proof,  
etc. extended.  
Homestead and des-  
ert land claims.

SEC. 2. That the time of making final payments on entries under the pre-emption Act is hereby extended for one year from the date when the same becomes due in all cases where pre-emption entrymen are unable to make final payments from causes which they can not control, evidence of such inability to be subject to the regulations of the Secretary of the Interior.

Preemption claims.

Approved, July 26, 1894.

**CHAP. 165.**—An Act Making appropriations for the Naval Service for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and for other purposes.

July 26, 1894.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the Naval Service of the Government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and for other purposes:

Naval service appro-  
priations.

PAY OF THE NAVY.

Pay of the Navy.

For the pay of officers on sea duty; officers on shore and other duty; officers on waiting orders; officers on the retired list; clerks to commandants of yards and stations; clerks to paymasters at yards and stations; general storekeepers; receiving ships and other vessels; extra pay to men re-enlisting under honorable discharge; interest on deposits by men; pay of petty officers, seamen, landsmen, and boys, including men in the engineer's force and for the Coast Survey Service and Fish Commission, eight thousand two hundred and fifty men and seven hundred and fifty boys, at the pay prescribed by law; in all, seven million four hundred seventy-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That all officers who have been appointed to any corps of the Navy

*Provisos.*  
Previous service.