

CHAP. 289.—An Act To validate certain deeds executed by members of the Five Civilized Tribes, and for other purposes.

August 24, 1922.

[H. R. 11054.]

[Public, No. 290.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any conveyance of allotted or inherited Indian lands by any member of the Five Civilized Tribes, or his or her heirs, which may have been heretofore approved by the Secretary of the Interior, or any order heretofore issued by the Secretary of the Interior authorizing the removal of restrictions from lands belonging to such Indians under and in accordance with, or purporting to be under and in accordance with, the Acts of March 1, 1901 (Thirty-first Statutes at Large, page 863), June 30, 1902 (Thirty-second Statutes at Large, page 503), March 3, 1903 (Thirty-second Statutes at Large, page 996), April 21, 1904 (Thirty-third Statutes at Large, page 204), April 26, 1906 (Thirty-fourth Statutes at Large, page 145), June 21, 1906 (Thirty-fourth Statutes at Large, page 373), and May 27, 1908 (Thirty-fifth Statutes at Large, page 312), or under any of said Acts, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed, approved, and declared valid from the date of such conveyance or order: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to confirm, approve, validate, or affect any conveyance, order, or action procured through fraud or duress.

Five Civilized Tribes. Conveyances by, validated, of lands from which alienation restrictions were removed.

Vol. 31, p. 863; Vol. 32, pp. 503, 996; Vol. 33, p. 204; Vol. 34, pp. 145, 373; Vol. 35, p. 312.

Provido.
Fraudulent conveyances excepted.

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CHAP. 290.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the reappointment of Frederick Mears as a commissioned officer of the Regular Army and making him available, when so reappointed, for service as chairman and chief engineer of the Alaskan Engineering Commission.

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[H. J. Res. 316.]

[Pub. Res., No. 68.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, in his discretion and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to reappoint Frederick Mears to the Regular Army in the grade and with the date of rank to which he would have been entitled at the time of such reappointment had he remained an officer of the Regular Army continuously from the time he first became an officer thereof: *Provided*, That after such reappointment said Frederick Mears shall be regarded as having in contemplation of law the same status, rights, and privileges as an officer of the Regular Army that he would have had if he had remained a commissioned officer of the Regular Army continuously, under the various commissions in the Regular Army, issued to and accepted by him from the date of his first appointment therein.

Army. Reappointment of Frederick Mears to specified grade, etc.

Providos.
Status thereafter.

SEC. 2. That notwithstanding the provisions of sections 1222, 1224 (as amended by the Act of February 28, 1877, Nineteenth Statutes, page 243), 1763, 1764, and 1765, Revised Statutes, the provisions of section 2 of the Act of July 31, 1894 (Twenty-eighth Statutes, page 205), and the provisions of section 6 of the Act of May 10, 1916 (Thirty-ninth Statutes, page 120), as amended by the Act of August 29, 1916 (Thirty-ninth Statutes, page 582), or the provisions of other existing statutes of like import, the said Frederick Mears may, after having been reappointed an officer of the Regular Army under the provisions of the preceding section, continue in office under an existing commission as chairman and chief engineer of the Alaskan Engineering Commission or accept a new appointment as such, and may exercise the functions of said civil office without prejudice to his commission as an officer of the Regular Army or to his standing as such, and may receive the compensation duly prescribed from time to time for the incumbent of said civil office, less the pay and allowances to which he may be entitled as an officer of the Regular Army.

Continuance on Alaskan Engineering Commission, authorized.
R. S. secs. 1222, 1224, 1763-1765, pp. 205.
Vol. 19, p. 243; Vol. 28, p. 205; Vol. 39, pp. 120, 582.

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