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CHAP. XXII. — *An Act quieting Doubts in Relation to the Validity of certain Locations of Lands in the State of Missouri, made by Virtue of Certificates issued under the Act of Congress of February the seventeenth eighteen hundred and fifteen.*

Certain locations of land in Missouri made valid.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all locations of lands in the State of Missouri, purporting to have been made by virtue of certificates issued under the act of Congress, approved February the seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri Territory, who suffered by earthquakes," which are invalid in consequence of having been made or located after the expiration of the time specified by law for making said locations, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, as valid, and as binding, as if the said locations had been made and fully completed within the time prescribed by law, provided said locations shall be according to law in all other respects; but the foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to, comprehend, include, or extend to any land within township forty-five, north of the base line, in range seven, east of the fifth principal meridian line in said State of Missouri.

Right of the United States in certain lands conveyed to James Y. O'Carroll, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the United States do hereby grant, relinquish, and convey, in fee simple, and in full property, to James Y. O'Carroll, or his legal representatives, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all of the land within survey number two thousand four hundred and ninety-eight, in township forty-five, north of the base line in range seven east of the fifth principal meridian line, in the State of Missouri, being the same land that was located by virtue of certificate number one hundred and fifty, issued to the said James Y. O'Carroll, or his legal representatives, under the act of Congress approved February the seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri Territory, who suffered by earthquakes": *Provided, however,* That nothing in this section shall grant, relinquish, or convey the whole or any part of any lot, tract, piece, or parcel of land in said township, which has been heretofore confirmed by the United States to any person or persons, or to the legal representatives of any person or persons: *And provided further,* That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to invalidate or impair any patent heretofore issued by the United States, or shall in any manner abridge, divest, impair, injure, or prejudice any valid adverse right, title, or interest of any person or persons in or to any portion or part of the aforesaid land which is granted, relinquished, and conveyed by this act.

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CHAP. XXIV. — *An Act more effectually to provide for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States.*

The forging, &c., of any bond, public record, &c., with intent to defraud the United States, or willingly aiding therein, or the knowingly uttering, with such intent, any such bond, &c., &c., made a felony, and how punished.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any person or persons shall falsely make, alter, forge, or counterfeit; or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged, or counterfeited; or willingly aid or assist in the false making, altering, forging, or counterfeiting any bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit, or other writing for the purpose of defrauding the United States; or shall utter or publish as true, or cause to be uttered or published, as true, any such false, forged, altered or counterfeited bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit, or other writing, for the purpose of defrauding the United States, knowing the same to be false, forged, altered, or counterfeited; or shall transmit to, or present at, or cause or procure to be transmitted to, or presented at, the office of any officer of the United States, any such false, forged, altered, or counterfeited bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit, or other

writing, knowing the same to be false, forged, altered, or counterfeited, for the purpose of defrauding the United States ; every such person shall be deemed and adjudged guilty of felony, and being thereof duly convicted, shall be sentenced to be imprisoned, and kept at hard labor, for a period not exceeding ten years, or be fined not exceeding one thousand dollars, or both of said punishments in the discretion of the court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That if any offence shall be committed in any place which has been, or shall hereafter be, ceded to, and under the jurisdiction of the United States, which offence is not prohibited, or the punishment thereof is not specially provided for by any law of the United States, such offence shall, upon conviction in any court of the United States having cognizance thereof, be liable to, and receive the same punishment as the laws of the State in which such place is, or may be situated, now in force, provided for the like offence when committed within the jurisdiction of such State ; and no subsequent repeal of any such State law shall affect any prosecution for such offence in any of the courts of the United States.

Offences committed in places ceded to and within the jurisdiction of the United States, not prohibited, and for which a punishment is not specially provided by any law of the United States, how to be punished.

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CHAP. XXV.—*An Act to provide for the Transfer of the Custody of the Library of the Smithsonian Institution to the Library of Congress.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the library collected by the Smithsonian Institution under the provisions of an act approved August tenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, shall be removed from the building of said institution, with the consent of the regents thereof, to the new fire-proof extension of the library of Congress, upon completion of a sufficient portion thereof for its accommodation, and shall, while there deposited, be subject to the same regulations as the library of Congress, except as hereinafter provided.

The library of the Smithsonian Institution to be transferred to the library of Congress. 1846, ch. 178. Vol. ix. p. 102

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That when such library shall have been so removed and deposited, the Smithsonian Institution shall have the use thereof in like manner as it is now used, and the public shall have access thereto for purposes of consultation on every ordinary week day except during one month of each year, in the recess of Congress, when it may be closed for renovation. All the books, maps, and charts of the Smithsonian library shall be properly cared for and preserved in like manner as are those of the Congressional library, from which the Smithsonian library shall not be removed except on reimbursement by the Smithsonian Institution to the Treasury of the United States of expenses incurred in binding and in taking care of the same, or upon such terms and conditions as shall be mutually agreed upon by Congress and the regents of said Institution.

how to be used.

not to be removed except upon reimbursement, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Smithsonian Institution, through its secretary, shall have the use of the library of Congress, subject to the same regulations as Senators and Representatives.

Smithsonian Institution may use library of Congress.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the librarian of Congress shall be authorized to employ two additional assistants, who shall receive a yearly compensation of eight hundred dollars, and one thousand dollars, respectively, commencing July one, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Additional assistants in library of Congress.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expenses of the removal herein provided for.

Appropriation for expenses of removal.

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