

in the same manner and to the same extent as is now authorized by law in the case of military bounty-land warrants: *Provided*, That said locations do not interfere with prior pre-emption or homestead rights. And patents may issue therefor the same as provided for military bounty land warrants or lands sold for cash.

Proviso.

Approved, June 1, 1878.

CHAP. 153.—An act for the relief of Milton B. Cushing paymaster United States Navy.

June 3, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers in the Treasury Department of the United States are hereby authorized and directed to cancel a charge of ten thousand dollars now upon the books of said Department against Milton B. Cushing, a paymaster in the United States Navy, which is based upon a certain requisition and receipt purporting to be made by him on and to Paymaster Henry H. Paugborn, and bearing date May second, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, said requisition being a fraud and forgery against the said Cushing.

Milton B. Cushing.
Charge in accounts of, to be canceled.

Approved, June 3, 1878.

CHAP. 157.—An act to confirm the title of Benjamin E. Edwards, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, to a certain tract of land in the Territory of New Mexico.

June 6, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Benjamin E. Edwards, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, be, and are hereby, confirmed in the title to six hundred and forty acres of land, situate in the Territory of New Mexico, being the tract of land located by virtue of a certificate numbered four hundred and forty-four, of the second class, issued by the board of land-commissioners for the county of Bexar and State of Texas, to one Andrew Flores, and dated the sixteenth day of August, anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and the same tract of land for which a patent was authorized to be issued by the act of the legislature of the State of Texas, entitled "An act to require the commissioner of the general land-office to issue patents for lands therein named", approved December second, eighteen hundred and fifty, and which is more particularly described in the plat and field-notes accompanying the survey thereof, executed by R. S. Howard, deputy surveyor, and approved of by the district surveyor for the district of Bexar, on the thirtieth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, which said survey is numbered thirty-eight, in section numbered fifteen, in what was then known as the Bexar land district for the State of Texas, and which is now of record in the office of the commissioner of the general land-office in the State of Texas.

Benjamin E. Edwards.
Title to land in New Mexico confirmed.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioner of the General Land Office, upon the receipt of the proper plat and survey, shall cause a patent to be issued to said Benjamin E. Edwards, his heirs, assigns, or legal representatives, for the lands hereby confirmed: *Provided, however*, That such patent shall be construed as a relinquishment only of title on the part of the United States, and shall not affect the right of any third person.

Issue of patent.

Proviso.

Approved, June 6, 1878.

CHAP. 158.—An act for the relief of John Clinton, postmaster at Brownsville, Tennessee.

June 6, 1878.

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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to place to the credit of the Post-Office fund on money-order account the sum of two

John Clinton.
Credit in money-order account.

hundred and sixty-five dollars and thirty-seven cents; and that the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department is hereby directed to credit John Clinton, of Brownsville, Tennessee, in his account as postmaster, with the said sum of two hundred and sixty-five dollars and thirty-seven cents, being for money-order funds stolen from the post-office at Brownsville, Tennessee, while said John Clinton was postmaster, but without fault or negligence on his part.

Approved, June 6, 1878.

June 6, 1878.

CHAP. 159.—An act granting an increase of pension to Mattie McTaggart, widow of the late First Lieutenant McTaggart, Seventeenth United States Infantry.

Mattie McTaggart.
Pension increased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to increase the pension of Mrs. Mattie McTaggart, widow of First Lieutenant Calvin P. McTaggart, late of the Seventeenth United States Infantry, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension-laws, to seventeen dollars per month; said increase to commence from and after the passage of this act.

Approved, June 6, 1878.

June 7, 1878.

CHAP. 163.—An act granting a pension to James Newcomb.

James Newcomb.
Pension to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension-roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension-laws, the name of James Newcomb, formerly a private in Company H, First Battalion, Seventeenth United States Infantry.

Approved, June 7, 1878.

June 7, 1878.

CHAP. 164.—An act granting a pension to Alfred Richardson, late of Company A, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers.

Alfred Richardson.
Pension to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place on the pension-roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension-laws, the name of Alfred Richardson, late of Company A, Twelfth Indiana Volunteers.

Approved, June 7, 1878.

June 7, 1878.

CHAP. 165.—An act for the relief of Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy.

Robert Platt.
To be master in Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is hereby authorized to appoint Acting Master Robert Platt, United States Navy, for long and meritorious services, a master in the regular Navy of the United States, not in the line of promotion.

Approved, June 7, 1878.

June 7, 1878.

CHAP. 166.—An act for the relief of Nannie Hall

Nannie Hall.
Claim referred to Court of Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of Nannie Hall, formerly widow of Lieutenant Frederick J. Denman, of the United States Army, for the proceeds of cotton alleged to have been seized and sold by agents of the United States, be referred to the Court of