Provided, That to any postmaster of a distributing office at which the commissions, allowances, and emoluments, since the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, have been insufficient to defray actual and necessary expenses, and afford the postmaster the annual compensation derived from commissions at the office before said thirty-first of March, the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, allow quarterly, from the date aforesaid, out of the postages collected at any such office, an amount sufficient to supply such deficiency: *Provided further*, That to any postmaster of a separating office whose commissions, allowances and emoluments may be found insufficient to provide the extra labor necessary to a prompt and efficient performance of the duties of separating and despatching the mails passing through his office, the Postmaster-General may make such quarterly allowance, out of the postages collected at such office, as he may deem sufficient to compensate such extra labor: *Provided further*, That the commissions and allowances authorized by this act shall be subject to the provisions of the forty-first section of the act entitled "An act to reduce into one the several acts establishing and regulating the Post-Office Department;" *And provided further*, That the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, dispose of any quarterly returns of mails sent or received, which were made up previous to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty, preserving the accounts current, and all vouchers accompanying such accounts, and use such portion of the proceeds thereof as may be necessary to defray the cost of separating and disposing of the same. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the commencement of the next fiscal quarter after its passage.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Provided further.

1825, ch. 64.

Provided further.

APPROVED, June 22, 1854.

CHAP. LXII. — *An Act to authorize the Selection of School Districts in lieu of the Sixteenth Sections within the Twelve Miles Square Reservation, State of Alabama.*

June 22, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the school commissioners of township six south, range one east, townships five and six south, range two east, and townships five and six south, range three east, Huntsville District, Alabama, be, and the same are hereby, authorized to select, respectively, by legal subdivisions, from any of the surveyed public lands, the quantity as near as may be, contained in the sixteenth sections of said townships, within the Twelve Miles Square Reservation; which selections, upon being approved by the Secretary of the Interior, shall be holden by the same tenure, and upon the same terms, for the support of schools in such townships, as the sections numbered sixteen, within the said reservation would have been, had not treaty stipulation made other disposition thereof.

School Commissioners of certain townships in Huntsville district authorized to select school districts in Twelve Miles Square Reservation.

1845, ch. 25.

How held.

APPROVED, June 22, 1854.

CHAP. LXVIII. — *An Act confirming certain Land Claims in Louisiana, in the Bastrop Grant.*

June 29, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That such of the claims entered in the report dated thirtieth of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, of the register and receiver at Monroe, Louisiana, as in their opinion ought to be confirmed, according to the principles recognized in the act of Congress of the third March, eighteen hundred and forty-one, pursuant to which the said report was made, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed for the extent and under the limitations referred to in the opinions of the said officers.

The confirmation of such land claims as in the opinion of the register and receiver at Monroe ought to be confirmed.

Act of March 3, 1841, ch. 26.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the confirmation by this act

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