Samuel H. Hempstead to be paid $1,800 for extra services.

dred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay Samuel H. Hempstead, for extra services rendered by him in defending the title of the United States to certain lands situated in the State of Arkansas.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 29, 1854.

CHAP. CLX.—*An Act for the Relief of John S. Jones and William H. Russell, surviving partners of the firm of Brown, Russell, and Company.*

The claims of J. S. Jones and W. H. Russell for transportation of military stores, to be settled and allowed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War cause to be settled and adjusted the claims for losses of oxen and wagons sustained by the above-named John S. Jones and William H. Russell, surviving partners of Brown, Russell, and Company, in the transportation of military stores from Fort Leavenworth to Santa Fe, subsequent to the arrival of the trains containing said stores at the place called San Jose or Big Canon; and also the amounts paid by, or on account of, said persons for forage for the cattle used in said transportation, and for the hire of extra men and teams for the purpose of said transportation, subsequent to the time aforesaid; and that he allow so much of the same as may be satisfactorily proven: *Provided*, the whole amount allowed do not exceed thirty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars. *And provided further*, That, in making the proof of the amount paid out by them, or on their account, for forage for the cattle and for extra men and teams used in the transportation aforesaid, it shall be sufficient for the parties aforesaid to make satisfactory proof of the aggregate amount so paid and expended. And that the said Secretary be authorized to examine the claims of said persons for services rendered in said transportation, and to allow such sum, not exceeding the pay and emoluments of assistant quartermasters, for the time necessarily employed in said business, not exceeding six months; and that the account so allowed be paid to said persons, or their legal representatives, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

APPROVED, July 29, 1854.

July 29, 1854.

CHAP. CLXI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Pine Grove Academy, in Louisiana.*

Said academy's title to certain lands in Louisiana, confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the president, directors, and trustees, of the Pine Grove Academy, in the Parish of Caldwell, Louisiana, be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their title to the lot of forty acres of land on which said academy is situated, near Columbia, donated to them by Hyams, Chew, and McCoy, claiming under the Maison Rouge Grant, in eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, as more particularly described in the act of donation; and that the said president, directors, and trustees, be also, and they are hereby, confirmed in their title to a certain tract or parcel of land, situated in said Parish of Caldwell, with about one mile front on the west bank of the Ouachita River, and running west between five and six miles, and known as lot number twenty-three, in the plat number one, of the Maison Rouge Grant, surveyed by John Dinsmore, a deputy-surveyor of the United States, containing about four thousand acres, donated to them by Daniel W. Coxe, one of the claimants of said grant, in eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and that patents be issued to them for said lands, after a legal survey, under the instructions of the Surveyor-General of Louisiana: *Provided*, That this act shall amount only to a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and that it shall not be construed to interfere in any manner with the rights of settlers on said lands at the date of this act.

When patent to be issued. Proviso.

APPROVED, July 29, 1854.

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