

authorize the people of Missouri Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and to prohibit slavery in certain Territories," were prescribed or intended in relation to sections numbered sixteen.

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CHAP. CCLXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph Campau.*

Patent to be
issued to J. Campau
for certain
land in Michigan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office cause a patent to be issued to Joseph Campau, for that tract of land lying in township number six north, of range seventeen east, in the State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: sixteen arpens by forty French measure, commencing at a point on the south border of the river Au Delude, about two miles from its confluence with the river St. Clair, and thence up stream, upon said river Delude, sixteen arpens; thence at right angles with the said river Delude, to the distance of forty arpens; thence in rear sixteen arpens; thence to the place of beginning by a line of forty arpens in length.

When to be
surveyed.
Patent to issue.
Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if the above description be not sufficiently definite, as to determine the precise boundaries of the said lands, the said commissioner shall cause the said tract of land to be surveyed without delay, and upon the filing of the said survey, together with a plat thereof, in the proper office, the said commissioner shall cause to be issued to the said Joseph Campau a patent for the lands so described in such survey: *Provided,* That this act shall only be construed to be a relinquishment on the part of the United States, and shall not interfere with the rights of third persons.

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