sales, and to all other preëmption cases or locations, where the law has been substantially complied with, and the error or informality has arisen from ignorance, accident, or mistake, and is satisfactorily explained, and where the rights of no other claimant or preëmptor will be prejudiced or where there is no adverse claim.

APPROVED, June 26, 1856.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act changing the time of holding the District Court of the United States at Wytheville, in the Western District of Virginia.* June 26, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That instead of the times now prescribed by law for holding the courts of the United States in the Western District of Virginia, the said courts shall hereafter be held annually at Clarksburg, on the twenty-fourth days of March and August; at Wheeling on the sixth days of April and September; at Charleston on the nineteenth days of April and September; at Staunton on the first days of May and October; and at Wythe Court-house on the fourth Mondays of May and October; and that all suits, actions, and proceedings of whatever kind now depending in or returnable to said courts respectively shall be taken to be continued or returnable to the terms herein established. Courts for western district of Virginia. 1819, ch. 12. 1835, ch. 36. 1836, ch. 232.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the term of the circuit court of the United States shall be holden annually at Lewisburg, in the said western district of Virginia, commencing, as now, on the first Monday of August. Circuit court.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force from and after the passage thereof.

APPROVED, June 26, 1856.

CHAP. L.—*An Act to change the times of holding the United States Courts in Tennessee.* July 3, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That instead of the times now fixed by law, the circuit and district courts of the United States for the several districts in Tennessee shall hereafter be held at the following times, to wit: at Jackson on the first Mondays in April and October; at Nashville on the third Mondays in April and October; and at Knoxville on the third Mondays in May and fourth Mondays in November; and all writs, processes, recognizances, and other proceedings, shall be returnable to the said times, and shall be heard and tried accordingly. But this act shall not take effect until the next terms of said courts after the passage of this act in the said divisions shall be held. Sessions of courts in Tennessee. 1855, ch. 143. Act when to take effect.

APPROVED, July 3, 1856.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act granting to certain Citizens of the State of Missouri the Right to enter certain Lands in the Plattsburg District, in said State.* July 3, 1856.

Whereas the State of Missouri, under the provisions of the eighth section of the act of Congress of the fourth September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, selected certain lands in the Plattsburg district, in the said State of Missouri, which lands were thereupon withheld from sale by the United States; and whereas the said State of Missouri permitted entries thereof to be made at the state land-office; and whereas, also, the said selections by the State of Missouri were subsequently rejected and not confirmed to the said State; now therefore, Preamble. 1841, ch. 16. Vol. v. p. 453.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where persons purchased such lands from the said State of Missouri, by entry at the State land-office, the title to which lands is still in the United States, such Purchasers from Missouri of certain land in the Plattsburg

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