district allowed to enter the same.

persons so having purchased the same, or their assignees, in case the same shall have been sold and conveyed, shall be permitted to enter the same at the proper land-office of the United States, at the price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *Provided*, That in all cases where entries of such lands have been permitted to be made at the proper United States land-office, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, by persons who had purchased the same from the State of Missouri, or their assignees, such entries or sales shall be, and the same are hereby, confirmed: *Provided, further*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed so as to interfere with the rights of third parties.

Where entry has been already made, it is to be confirmed.

Proviso.

Approved, July 3, 1856.

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July 8, 1856.

Chap. LIV. — *An Act to remove Obstructions to Navigation in the Mouth of the Mississippi River, at the Southwest Pass and Pass a l'Outre.*

Appropriation to remove obstructions in the Mississippi at the S. West Pass and Pass a l'Outre.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That for the opening and keeping open ship channels of sufficient capacity to accommodate the wants of commerce through the Southwest Pass and Pass a l'Outre, leading from the Mississippi River into the Gulf of Mexico, the sum of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be expended under the superintendence of the Secretary of War.

Contract to be made.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to apply said moneys to the opening and keeping open of the aforesaid ship channel by contract, and at an early day in the next session of Congress to report the progress of the work, the amount necessary to complete it, and an estimate of the annual cost of keeping said channels open; and any contract made shall be limited to the amount hereby appropriated.

Report thereon.

*In the Senate of the United States, July 7th*, 1856.

Assent of Senate.

The President of the United States having returned to the Senate, in which it originated, the bill entitled "An act to remove obstructions to navigation in the mouth of the Mississippi River, at the Southwest Pass and the Pass a l'Outre," with his objections thereto, the Senate proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the same; and

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, two thirds of the Senate agreeing to pass the same.

Attest: ASBURY DICKINS.
*Secretary of the Senate.*

*In the House of Representatives of the United States, July 8th*, 1856.

Assent of House.

The House of Representatives having been notified by the Senate that the bill entitled "An act to remove obstructions to navigation in the mouth of the Mississippi River, at the Southwest Pass and the Pass a l'Outre," had been returned by the President with his objections to the Senate, in which it originated, and that the Senate having proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the same, had "Resolved, that the said bill do pass, two thirds of the Senate agreeing to pass the same," the House of Representatives proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution, to reconsider the said bill; and

*Resolved*, That the said bill do pass, two thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

Attest: WM. CULLOM,
*Clerk House of Reps.*

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