

pancy and improvement of said lands, and paying therefor the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; and, upon such proof and payment being made, a certificate and patent shall issue for said lots as in other cases of sales of public lands. Patent to issue.

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

CHAP. XCIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the "Columbian Harmony Society," of the City of Washington.* Aug. 11, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the association of free persons of color in the City of Washington, commonly known as the "Columbia Harmony Society," be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to sell a certain square of ground, deeded to them on the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, by J. Elgar, Commissioner of Public Buildings, and known in the plat of Washington City as square number four hundred and seventy-five, and to reinvest the proceeds of such sale in other grounds in the District of Columbia, outside of the corporate limits of the City of Washington: *Provided,* That no contract for the sale of said square shall be binding until first approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and that the reinvestment of the funds arising from such sale, shall in like manner be subject to the approval of the Secretary aforesaid.

Columbia Harmony Society authorized to sell a certain square in Washington City and invest proceeds in a lot outside the corporate limits.

Sale and investment to be approved by Secretary of the Interior.

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

CHAP. XCV.—*An Act for the Relief of Daniel Doland.*

Aug. 13, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Daniel Doland, a private in Captain Steele's company of New York volunteers, during the Mexican war, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay him the sum of six dollars and seventy-five cents per month, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, during his natural life.

Daniel Doland to be placed on pension roll at \$6.75 per month for life, from Jan. 1, 1855.

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Charles Stearns.*

Aug. 13, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Charles Stearns, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, to indemnify him for losses sustained and expenses incurred in defending his title to certain lands claimed by the United States; and also in defending two criminal prosecutions brought against him by direction of the Secretary of War.

Charles Stearns to be paid \$5,000.

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

CHAP. XCVII.—*An Act to construe the Act entitled, "An Act for the Relief of James M. Goggin," approved twenty-seventh July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.* Aug. 13, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and is hereby, authorized and required, so to construe the act of Congress, approved twenty-seventh July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the relief of James M. Goggin, late special agent of the Post-Office Department in California, as that he shall be paid the same salary for the time he acted as such agent, as is now paid to his successor in office

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