cer, and A. Hebert, who were clerks in the United States commissary department, for services rendered by them as auctioneers in the sales of certain damaged and surplus subsistence stores at Brazos Island, Texas, and at Monterey, Mexico, in the years eighteen hundred and forty-seven and eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

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CHAP. CV.—*An Act for the Relief of Betsey Whipple.*

Betsey Whipple to be placed on the pension roll at $96 per year, from June 28, 1853, during widowhood.

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 Betsey Whipple, widow of Stephen Whipple, late a pensioner of the United States, upon the roll of pensioners, and pay to her annually, during her widowhood, the sum of ninety-six dollars, to commence on the twenty-eighth day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. CVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Levi C. Harris.*

Levi C. Harris to be placed on the pension roll for life at $96 per annum, from Dec. 1, 1854.

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, instructed to place the name of Levi C. Harris, of the State of Mississippi, upon the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay him a pension at the rate of ninety-six dollars per annum, from the first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. CVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Cezaire Wallace, of the Parish of Bossier, and State of Louisiana.*

Claim of Cezaire Wallace to land in the "Neutral Territory," Louisiana, confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Cezaire Wallace be, and he is hereby, confirmed in his claim to the two tracts of land, each containing six hundred and forty acres, lying in the State of Louisiana, and within the limits of the late "Neutral Territory," which said claims were founded on inhabitation and cultivation, and reported for confirmation by the register and receiver of the southwestern district of Louisiana, in their report, dated November first, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, in conformity to the provisions of the act of Congress, approved March third, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, and the act supplementary thereto, approved May twenty-six, eighteen hundred and twenty-four; which said claims are numbered, respectively, "thirty-four" and "fifty-six," and embraced in the "third class" of the said report.

1823, ch. 30. Vol. iii. p. 756. 1824, ch. 182. Vol. iv. p. 65.

Confirmation to operate only as a relinquishment of title.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the confirmation made by this act shall not be construed to extend further than to a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States; and the claims hereby confirmed shall be located under the direction of the register and receiver of the proper land-office, in conformity with the legal subdivisions of the public surveys, so far as practicable, and shall include the improvements of the claimant.

Location of said claims.

Patents to issue.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the location, as herein provided, such register shall forward certificates thereof to the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, who, upon the receipt thereof, shall cause patents to be issued to the said Cezaire Wallace for the lands so located: *Provided*, The same does not exceed the quantity hereby confirmed. And if its location as herein confirmed should interfere with any

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