numbers seventy-four and five hundred and twenty-nine;—and to have the same determined judicially in the same manner as though the land on which they are settled had been surveyed as public land, and they had been permitted to enter the same by way of preëmption, it being the true intent and meaning of this act that no person who would be now entitled to a right of preëmption to any part of the said land, if the same were the property of the United States, shall be deprived of the same, unless it is judicially decided that the said surveys were made in conformity with the legal right of the said Ambrose Lanfear, under the said confirmation.

Preëmption as on said surveys.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

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CHAP. CLIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Hannibal Faulk and Eliza S. Collier, (formerly Widow Scriber,) and the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Benjamin Scriber, deceased.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Hannibal Faulk and Eliza S. Collier, (formerly widow Scriber,) and Abraham H. Scriber, Mary Ann Scriber, and William J. C. Scriber, heirs at law of Benjamin Scriber, deceased, according to their respective interests, be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their title to a certain tract of land, lying within the Baron de Bastrop grant, in the State of Louisiana, being a remainder of twenty-two hundred and fifty arpens of a tract of three thousand arpens, reported on by the register and receiver of the land-office at Monroe, Louisiana, under date of July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and numbered in said report as number one, of the first class; and being, also, that portion of said tract of land which was rejected by the said register and receiver, but recommended to the discretion and liberality of the Government. The confirmation hereby made, together with the confirmation under the act of Congress, approved June twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, shall be construed to confirm the title to the entire tract of land containing three thousand arpens, claimed by the said parties before the said register and receiver, and more particularly described in the deed from John McBride to Abraham Scriber, dated the fifteenth June, eighteen hundred and eighteen, a copy of which accompanies the said report of the thirtieth July, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

H. Faulk and others, heirs of Benj. Scriber, confirmed in their title to certain land in La.

Confirmation, how, to operate.

1854, ch. 68.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, upon the receipt of a plat and survey of the said tract of land, executed by the proper officer, shall cause a patent to be issued ther for: *Provided, however*, That such patent shall only operate as a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and shall not affect the right of any third person, whether entitled to a preëmption under the laws of the United States, or having other valid claim to any part of said land.

Patent, how issued.

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