

and the same is hereby, confirmed and declared valid, notwithstanding said tract of land was at the time of entry reserved from sale as mineral lands. And the Commissioner of the General Land-Office is hereby authorized and required to issue to said Gabriel J. Johnston a patent for said tract, as in ordinary cases of the entry of public lands subject to sale at private entry.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall not be construed to interfere with any existing rights of third persons, but shall only operate as a relinquishment of the title of the United States.

Title of the United States only released.

APPROVED, February 5, 1861.

CHAP. XXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of F. M. Beauchamp and Betsy D. Townsend.* February 5, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That F. M. Beauchamp and Betsy D. Townsend be, and they are hereby, released from the payment of the sum of four thousand dollars, and all interest thereon, being the principal of a replevin bond executed by said Beauchamp, as principal, and said Townsend, his security, on the twenty-first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty, payable to the United States of America; and the same is not to be collected by any officer of the United States.

Bond of F. M. Beauchamp and Betsy D. Townsend not to be paid.

APPROVED, February 5, 1861.

CHAP. XXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Mary K. Guthrie, Widow of Presley N. Guthrie.* February 8, 1861.

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 Mary K. Guthrie, widow of Presley N. Guthrie, on the pension roll, at the rate of thirty dollars per month, from the twenty-ninth day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, to continue during widowhood.

Pension to Mary K. Guthrie during widowhood.

APPROVED, February 8, 1861.

CHAP. XXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Moses Meeker.*

February 8, 1861.

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 instructed to ascertain, as in the case of John P. B. and Henry Gratiot, what amount, if any, of rent was exacted by the United States agents of lead mines from Moses Meeker for lead mined and smelted upon the lands of the Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Chippewa, Winnebago, or other tribes of Indians, prior to the purchase thereof by the United States, and pay such amount as may be legally proved to have been actually paid by the said Moses Meeker to such agents of the United States, to Moses Meeker, or his legal representatives, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Payment to Moses Meeker.

APPROVED, February 8, 1861.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Aaron H. Palmer.*

February 13, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to Aaron H. Palmer, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand dollars, in full compensation for his labor and research in collecting information, and preparing the same for the use of the government, relative to the Oriental nations, and particularly Japan.

\$3,000 to be paid Aaron H. Palmer.

APPROVED, February 13, 1861.