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1815, ch. 45. Vol. iii. p. 211.

CHAP. XXII.—*An Act quieting Doubts in Relation to the Validity of certain Locations of Lands in the State of Missouri, made by Virtue of Certificates issued under the Act of Congress of February the seventeenth eighteen hundred and fifteen.*

Certain locations of land in Missouri made valid. Vol. iii. p. 211.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all locations of lands in the State of Missouri, purporting to have been made by virtue of certificates issued under the act of Congress, approved February the seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri Territory, who suffered by earthquakes," which are invalid in consequence of having been made or located after the expiration of the time specified by law for making said locations, shall be, and the same are hereby declared to be, as valid, and as binding, as if the said locations had been made and fully completed within the time prescribed by law, provided said locations shall be according to law in all other respects; but the foregoing provisions of this section shall not apply to, comprehend, include, or extend to any land within township forty-five, north of the base line, in range seven, east of the fifth principal meridian line in said State of Missouri.

Right of the United States in certain lands conveyed to James Y. O'Carroll, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the United States do hereby grant, relinquish, and convey, in fee simple, and in full property, to James Y. O'Carroll, or his legal representatives, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all of the land within survey number two thousand four hundred and ninety-eight, in township forty-five, north of the base line in range seven east of the fifth principal meridian line, in the State of Missouri, being the same land that was located by virtue of certificate number one hundred and fifty, issued to the said James Y. O'Carroll, or his legal representatives, under the act of Congress approved February the seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri Territory, who suffered by earthquakes": *Provided, however*, That nothing in this section shall grant, relinquish, or convey the whole or any part of any lot, tract, piece, or parcel of land in said township, which has been heretofore confirmed by the United States to any person or persons, or to the legal representatives of any person or persons: *And provided further*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to invalidate or impair any patent heretofore issued by the United States, or shall in any manner abridge, divest, impair, injure, or prejudice any valid adverse right, title, or interest of any person or persons in or to any portion or part of the aforesaid land which is granted, relinquished, and conveyed by this act.

Provisos.

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CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act more effectually to provide for the Punishment of certain Crimes against the United States.*

The forging, &c., of any bond, public record, &c., with intent to defraud the United States, or willingly aiding therein, or the knowingly uttering, with such intent, any such bond, &c., &c., made a felony, and how punished.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if any person or persons shall falsely make, alter, forge, or counterfeit; or cause or procure to be falsely made, altered, forged, or counterfeited; or willingly aid or assist in the false making, altering, forging, or counterfeiting any bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit, or other writing for the purpose of defrauding the United States; or shall utter or publish as true, or cause to be uttered or published, as true, any such false, forged, altered or counterfeited bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit, or other writing, for the purpose of defrauding the United States, knowing the same to be false, forged, altered, or counterfeited; or shall transmit to, or present at, or cause or procure to be transmitted to, or presented at, the office of any officer of the United States, any such false, forged, altered, or counterfeited bond, bid, proposal, guarantee, security, official bond, public record, affidavit, or other

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