G. Flood, since, &c. declared legally recorded, &c.

cates authorized by law, filed, recorded, made, and certified by William G. Flood, as acting register of deeds for said District since the death of Edward C. Eddie, late register, up to the date of the appointment and qualification of his successor shall be, and are hereby, declared to be legally performed, the same as if the said William G. Flood had been legally appointed and qualified as register of deeds. And the said

Flood entitled to fees.

William G. Flood is hereby declared to be entitled to all the legal fees and emoluments of said office for his said services which have been hitherto allowed the register of deeds, and which accrued during said period.

Warden of jail of the District of Columbia, appointment, removal, &c. of.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act the supreme court of the District of Columbia shall have authority to appoint a suitable person to act as warden of the jail of said District, and to remove said officer whenever in the opinion of said court the public interests may require it, and to fill all vacancies which may occur.

Warden to appoint subordinate officers, &c. subject to approval, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the warden of said jail shall have authority to appoint such subordinate officers, guards, and employe[e]s as are necessary for the proper management and safe-keeping of prisoners, which now are or may hereafter be authorized by law, subject to the approval of the chief justice of said court.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

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CHAP. CLII. — *An Act to confirm certain private Land Claims in the Territory of New Mexico.*

Certain private land claims in New Mexico confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That private land claims numbered forty-one, forty-two, forty-four, forty-six, and forty-seven, Territory of New Mexico, as known and designated by the numbers aforesaid in the reports of the surveyor-general of the said Territory and on the books of the commissioner of the general land office, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed: *Provided*, That such confirmation shall only be construed as a quit-claim *on* [or] relinquishment of all title or claim on the part of the United States to any of the lands not improved by or on behalf of the United States, and not including any military or other reservation embraced in either of the said claims, and shall not affect the adverse rights of any person or persons to the same, or any part or parcel thereof.

Certain rights not affected.

Claims to be surveyed and platted, and patents to issue.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner of the general land office shall, without unreasonable delay, cause the lands embraced in said several claims to be surveyed and platted, at the proper expense of the claimants thereof, and upon the filing of said surveys and plats in his office he shall issue patents for said lands in said Territory which have heretofore been confirmed by acts of Congress and surveyed, and plats of such survey filed in his office as aforesaid, but for which no patents have heretofore been issued.

Surveys to conform to public surveys.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all surveys authorized by this act shall conform to and be connected with the public surveys of the United States in said Territories, so far as the same can be done consistently with the landmarks and boundaries specified in the several grants upon which said claims are founded: *Provided, however*, That when said lands are so confirmed, surveyed, and patented, they shall in each case be held and taken to be in full satisfaction of all further claims or demands against the United States.

Proviso.

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