or homesteads, according to law; and for the aggregate of the areas of the latter class of claims the said Vigil and St. Vrain, or their legal representatives, shall be entitled to locate a like quantity of public lands, not mineral, according to the lines of the public surveys, and not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres in one section.

Lines of public surveys to be run.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the general land office to cause the lines of the public surveys to be run in the regions where a proper location would place the said Vigil and St. Vrain claims, and that the expense of the same shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; yet, before the confirmation of the said act of June twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty, shall become legally effective, the said Vigil and St. Vrain, or their legal representatives, shall pay the cost of so much of said surveys as enures to their benefit respectively, and that all settlers of the said third class, whose claims may be adjusted as valid, shall have the right to enter their improvements by a strict compliance with the pre-emption or homestead laws.

Cost thereof.

Improvements of certain settlers.

Plats to claimants.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the adjustment of the Vigil and St. Vrain claims according to the provisions of this act, it shall be the duty of the surveyor-general of the district to furnish proper approved plats to said claimants, or their legal representatives, and so in like manner to said derivative claimants, which shall be evidence of title, the same to be done according to such instructions as may be given by the commisssioner of the general land office.

Surveyor-general to give notice that the survey is being made.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That immediately upon running the lines as provided in section second of this act, the surveyor-general of said district shall notify the said Vigil and St. Vrain, or their agents or legal representatives, of the fact of such survey being made, and said claimants shall, within three months after notice of such survey, select and locate their said claims in accordance with such survey and the provisions of this act and of the act to which this is amendatory, so far as the same is not changed by this act, and shall within said time furnish the surveyor-general with the description of such location, specifying the lines of the same. And the party failing to make such selection and location, in such manner and within such time, shall be deemed and held to have abandoned their claim, and their rights and equities under this act, and the act to which this is amendatory, shall cease and terminate.

Claimants to select and locate claims within three months, or be held to have abandoned them.

No suit to be brought, if, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the neglect or refusal of the said Vigil and St. Vrain, or either of them, to accept of the provisions of this act, and the act to which this is amendatory, and to locate their said claims, as provided therein, no suit shall be brought or proceedings instituted in any of the courts of the United States, by such party or by any one claiming through or under them, to establish or enforce said claims, or for any cause of action founded upon the same, after six months from the passage of this act.

APPROVED, February 25, 1869.

CHAP. LVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Walter D. Plowden.*

March 1, 1869.

Payment to Walter D. Plowden.

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, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Walter D. Plowden, a colored scout and spy, the sum of one thousand dollars, for military services rendered the army of the United States, under Major-General Hunter, in the military district of South Carolina, in the war of eighteen hundred and sixty-one, for the suppression of the rebellion.

APPROVED, March 1, 1869.

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