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cause a patent to be issued to said Ephraim P. Abbott, his heirs or assigns, releasing to him or them all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the following described tract of land, situate in the township of Ecorce, county of Wayne, and State of Michigan, lying in rear of and adjoining private claim numbered six hundred and sixty-seven, fronting on the river Rouge, and patented to Gabriel Godfrey, said tract so lying in the rear of said front claim and extending back, of equal width of said front claim, to the line of lands patented to James May, and being bounded on the north by the rear of said front claim, eastwardly by the line of private claim numbered thirty-seven, confirmed to Charles Chovin, continued to the land so patented to James May, and westwardly by lands authorized by act of Congress of July first, eighteen hundred and seventy, to be pre-empted by Thomas Henderson; but such patent shall, in no manner, interfere with any valid adverse right to said land, nor preclude a judicial investigation, in any court of law or equity between the patentee, his heirs or assigns and any adverse claimant of the said lands: *Provided also*, That any incumbrance or conveyance of said land by Robert Abbott now deceased, the father of said Ephraim P., or any of the heirs of said Robert Abbott, shall have the same effect as if said land had been patented to said Robert Abbott during his life.

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Approved, January 19, 1877.

Jan. 19, 1877.

CHAP. 30.—An act for the relief of Benjamin F. Reynolds.

Payment to B. F. Reynolds.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Benjamin F. Reynolds, late captain of Company K, Forty-eighth regiment of Illinois Volunteers, out of any money appropriated, or which may hereafter be appropriated for the pay of the Army, a sum equal to the pay and emoluments of a captain of infantry from the twenty-ninth day of April eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to the twenty second day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty four.

Approved, January 19, 1877.

Jan. 20, 1877.

CHAP. 32.—An act for the relief of Peters and Reed, naval contractors at Norfolk navy-yard in the year eighteen hundred and sixty.

Payment to Peters and Reed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and hereby is authorized and directed to cause to be paid to Peters and Reed the balances due them for labor done and material furnished at the Norfolk navy-yard, in eighteen hundred and sixty, upon the contracts with them personally, and the balances due them as the attorneys-in-fact of the contractors John E. McWilliams and F. W. Parmater, in said navy-yard, during the same time amounting in the aggregate, to fifteen thousand one hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-nine cents, as certified by the engineer in charge, and approved by the commandant, in June, eighteen hundred and sixty; and for the purpose aforesaid, the sum of fifteen thousand one hundred and seventy dollars and eighty-nine cents is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, January 20, 1877.