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the sum of two hundred and sixteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, to pay the salaries, fees, allowances, and expenses aforesaid, to said pension-agents. And all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 14, 1878.

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**CHAP. 189.**—An act for the relief of settlers on the public lands under the pre-emption laws. June 14, 1878.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That any person who has made a settlement on the public lands under the pre-emption laws, and has subsequent to such settlement changed his filing in pursuance of law to that for a homestead entry upon the same tract of land shall be entitled subject to all the provisions of law relating to homesteads to have the time required to perfect his title under the homestead laws computed from the date of his original settlement heretofore made, or hereafter to be made, under the pre-emption laws. Homestead title; time for perfecting.

Approved, June 14, 1878.

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**CHAP. 190.**—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on the Western Prairies." June 14, 1878.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the act entitled "An act to amend the act entitled 'An act to encourage the growth of timber on Western Prairies'", approved March thirteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows: That any person who is the head of a family, or who has arrived at the age of twenty-one years, and is a citizen of the United States, or who shall have filed his declaration of intention to become such, as required by the naturalization laws of the United States, who shall plant, protect, and keep in a healthy, growing condition for eight years ten acres of timber, on any quarter-section of any of the public lands of the United States, or five acres on any legal subdivision of eighty acres, or two and one half acres on any legal subdivision of forty acres or less, shall be entitled to a patent for the whole of said quarter-section, or of such legal subdivision of eighty or forty acres, or fractional subdivision of less than forty acres, as the case may be, at the expiration of said eight years, on making proof of such fact by not less than two credible witnesses, and a full compliance of the further conditions as provided in section two: *Provided further*, That not more than one quarter of any section shall be thus granted, and that no person shall make more than one entry under the provisions of this act. Timber culture. 1874, ch. 55, 18 Stat., 21, Amended. Patents for land planted. Limit of grant.

SEC 2. That the person applying for the benefits of this act shall, upon application to the register of the land-district in which he or she is about to make such entry, make affidavit, before the register or the receiver, or the clerk of some court of record, or officer authorized to administer oaths in the district where the land is situated; which affidavit shall be as follows, to wit: I, ——— ———, having filed my application, number —, for an entry under the provisions of an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to encourage the growth of timber on the Western prairies'" approved ——— —— 187–, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I am the head of a family (or over twenty-one years of age), and a citizen of the United States (or have declared my intention to become such); that the section of land specified in my said application is composed exclusively of prairie lands, or other lands devoid of timber; that this filing and entry is made for the cultivation of timber, and for my own exclusive use and benefit; that I have made the said application in good faith, and not for the purpose of speculation, or directly or indirectly for the use or benefit of any other person or Oath on application for entry.