

notes of the survey and plat being approved by the surveyor-general of New Mexico on February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed: *Provided*, That the foregoing confirmation shall only be construed as a quit claim or relinquishment of all title or claim on the part of the United States in and to said private land-claim, and shall not affect the adverse rights of any person or persons to the same; nor shall the United States be liable to make compensation for any part of said land to which there are or may be any adverse rights or claim.

Adverse rights saved.

Approved, January 28, 1879.

CHAP. 32.—An act for the adjudication of title to lands claimed by Jose Apis and Pablo Apis in the State of California.

Jan. 28, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legal representatives, successors, or assignees of Jose Apis and Pablo Apis, or either of them, be, and they are hereby, permitted to file their claim and title to a certain tract of land in California known as La Iolla Rancho, in and before the United States district court of California; and that said court shall have the same jurisdiction in all things, to be exercised originally to hear and determine upon the said claim and title, and to confirm or reject the same, as the several district courts had under the act of Congress of March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and acts amendatory thereunto. And the Supreme Court of the United States shall have jurisdiction to hear and determine said cause, upon appeal, as decided in said acts: *Provided*, That no lands shall be confirmed to said claimants by said decree to which there are valid claims existing under the pre-emption, homestead or other laws of the United States at the date of the passage of this act; nor shall any decree of confirmation affect any valid adverse right of any other person or persons, or give to the confirmer, or any of them, any claim upon the United States for compensation for any land such confirmer may lose by reason of pre-emption or homestead claims or adverse rights as aforesaid; and that no decree shall be rendered for more than two square leagues: *Provided further*, that said claimants before filing their claim and title shall execute releases to any persons who may be in possession of any portion of said lands under valid claims under the pre-emption, homestead or other laws of the United States at the date of the passage of this act, to the portions of said lands so held respectively, and before rendering a decree in confirmation the said court shall ascertain that said releases have been duly executed.

Jose Apis.
Pablo Apis.
Claim to La Iolla
Rancho referred to
courts.

Adverse rights saved.

Releases to adverse claimants.

Approved, January 28, 1879.

CHAP. 51.—An act for the relief of Jesse Turner and others, sureties upon the official bond of George W. Clarke, formerly Indian agent.

Feb. 7, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Jesse Turner, James M. Brown, Charles F. Brown, and the estates of S. M. Hays, Hiram Brodie, S. F. Cottrell, P. H. White, and Joseph J. Green, deceased, be, and they and each of them are hereby, released from any and all liability as the sureties upon the official bond of George W. Clarke, formerly Indian agent; the said release to take effect upon the payment of the legal costs heretofore accrued in the prosecution of said claim by the United States: *Provided* That all the rights and remedies of the government on said bond as against said George W. Clarke shall in no manner be affected hereby, but remain in full force and effect in law.

G. W. Clarke.
Release of sureties.

Proviso.

Approved, February 7, 1879.