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Iredale, said vessel being now owned by a citizen of San Francisco, California.

Approved, June 9, 1880.

CHAP. 169.—An act to grant to the corporate authorities of the city of Council Bluffs, in the State of Iowa, for public uses, a certain lake or bayou situated near said city. June 9, 1880.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be, and is hereby, conveyed to the corporate authorities of the city of Council Bluffs, in the State of Iowa, and their successors in office, the title of the United States to the meandered lake, situated in sections eleven, thirteen, fourteen, fifteen, twenty-two, and twenty-three, in township seventy-five north, range forty-four west of the fifth principal meridian of Iowa, upon the express conditions that the premises shall be held for public use, resort, and recreation; shall be inalienable for all time; but leases not exceeding ten years may be granted for portions of said premises, all incomes derived from leases of privileges to be expended in the preservation and improvement of the property, or the roads leading thereto; the premises to be managed by the said corporate authorities, or such commissioners as they may elect, and who shall receive no compensation for their services. Title to lake or bayou granted to city of Council Bluffs, Iowa.

Approved, June 9, 1880.

CHAP. 170.—An act to authorize a compromise of the claims of the United States under the will of Joseph L. Lewis. June 9, 1880.

Whereas, Joseph L. Lewis, deceased, formerly of the city of Hoboken, State of New Jersey, by his will dated first October, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and a codicil thereto, dated fifth June, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, bequeathed certain legacies, amounting in all to about forty thousand dollars, and devised and bequeathed the residue of his estate, real and personal, now estimated to be of the value of one million of dollars and upwards, unto his executors therein named, in trust, to apply the same according to their discretion in reducing part of the national debt of the United States, they personally superintending such application in order to prevent waste by dishonest officials; and Preamble. Joseph L. Lewis, deceased.

Whereas the said will and codicil are now the subject of contestation in the courts of the State of New Jersey by Frances Grace and Catharine G. Ward claiming as the surviving sisters and John S. Cathcart as the nephew of Joseph L. Lewis, in which the government of the United States has been and is represented by legal counsel; and it is further claimed that said bequest is void, and that the testator had no power to dispose of his said property by his said will in derogation of a prior deed of trust: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Attorney-General, and Secretary of the Treasury are hereby authorized, if they see fit, to adjust or compromise the claims of the United States under the said devise or bequest upon such terms and conditions as shall be deemed by them fair and reasonable. Compromise of claims of United States under devise or bequest.

Approved, June 9, 1880.

CHAP. 171.—An act to confirm certain entries and warrant locations in the former Palatka military reservation in Florida. June 9, 1880.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases in which lands lying within the limits of the former Palatka military reservation in Florida have been entered by settlers under the homestead laws, and Confirmation of titles to lands. Palatka military reservation, Florida.