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PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-SEVENTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fourth day of December, 1882, *and was adjourned without day on Saturday, the third day of March*, 1883.

CHESTER A. ARTHUR, President; DAVID DAVIS, President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, who acted as such until Saturday, the third day of March, 1883, when, at twelve o'clock, noon, GEORGE F. EDMUNDS was elected President of the Senate *pro tempore*, in place of DAVID DAVIS, resigned. J. WARREN KEIFER, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. 1.—An act to rectify and establish the title of the United States to the site of the military post at El Paso, Texas. Dec. 13, 1882.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order fully and accurately to carry out an agreement heretofore made between the United States and the heirs of Simeon Hart, deceased, by which the latter, for the consideration of one hundred dollars, agreed to convey to the United States a tract of land containing one hundred and thirty-two acres, more or less, situated at El Paso, Texas, as a site for the military post authorized to be established by an act of Congress approved February fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for the purpose of correcting and rectifying the grant intended to be made of such land in and by certain deeds executed and delivered to the United States on September twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, by Antonio Hart, and Juan Hart, by his attorney, Leonardo Hart, which said deeds contained erroneous descriptions of said premises, by reason of which certain land intended to be conveyed was not included in the grant, and certain land not intended to be conveyed was in fact embraced therein, the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to receive from said heirs or other proper persons holding or representing legal title, a new, accurate, and complete conveyance to the United States of the premises originally agreed and intended to be conveyed to and vested in the same for the purpose aforesaid; and for and in the name of the United States, to reconvey to the said heirs, or other proper parties, such portion of the land as has heretofore been erroneously conveyed to the United States by reason of the incorrect descriptions contained in the said deeds aforesaid.

Site of military post, El Paso, Texas.

Title established.

Approved, December 13, 1882.

CHAP. 5.—An act to authorize the Public Printer to make certain purchases without previous advertisement Dec. 21, 1882.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it is lawful for the Public Printer to purchase in the open market, and without previous advertisement, such supplies as the Government Printing office may require, of ink, rollers, composition for making rollers, tapes, press-blankets, and lubricating oils; taking care that only the lowest market prices be paid for the quality of the articles purchased; and when practicable, issue circulars for bids from persons capable of supplying them.

Purchase of supplies for Government Printing Office, etc.

Approved, December 21, 1882.