

April 2, 1888.

CHAP. 54.—An act to amend section four hundred and sixty-one of the Revised Statutes, regulating fees for exemplifications of land patents, and for other purposes.

Fees, General Land Office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four hundred and sixty-one of the Revised Statutes be, and is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

R. S., sec. 461, p. 78, amended.

“SEC. 461. All exemplifications of patents or papers on file or of record in the General Land Office which may be required by parties interested shall be furnished by the Commissioner upon the payment by such parties at the rate of fifteen cents per hundred words, and thirty cents each for photolithographed copies of township plats or diagrams, unverified, not to exceed ten copies to any one person, and twenty-five cents each for all copies in excess of ten, with an additional sum of one dollar for the Commissioner's certificate of verification, with the General Land Office seal; and one of the employees of the office shall be designated by the Commissioner as the receiving clerk, and the amount so received shall, under the direction of the Commissioner, be paid into the Treasury; but fees shall not be demanded for such authenticated copies as may be required by the officers of any branch of the Government, nor for such unverified copies as the Commissioner, in his discretion, may deem proper to furnish.”

Fees for copies of records, etc.

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CHAP. 56.—An act for the relief of importers of animals for breeding purposes in certain cases.

Animals imported for breeding.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to remit to any and all firms or persons, who shall have, prior to the passage of this act, in good faith, and in compliance with the decisions and regulations of the Treasury Department, specially imported into the United States animals for breeding purposes, whether for the importer's own use or for sale, all duties, if any shall have accrued, upon such importations.

Duties remitted.

Pending actions.

SEC. 2. In all actions now pending in behalf of, and in the courts of, the United States for the recovery of any duty or duties upon the importation of animals heretofore made for the purposes aforesaid, and in accordance with said decisions and regulations, such remission of duties by the Secretary of the Treasury, or the fact, when established by competent evidence, that such animals were imported by the defendant or defendants for breeding purposes, whether for such use by the importers or for sale, shall be a sufficient defense in any such action.

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CHAP. 57.—An act authorizing the Little Rock and Alexandria Railway Company to build certain bridges in the State of Arkansas.

Little Rock and Alexandria Railway Company may bridge Ouachita and Saline Rivers, Ark.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Little Rock and Alexandria Railway Company in Arkansas and Louisiana, a corporation duly and legally organized and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the said States, its successors or assigns, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge, and approaches thereto, over the Ouachita River, in Union County, in the State of Arkansas near Wilmington, at the point where said company's line of railway as projected crosses said river; and also a bridge, and approaches thereto, over the Saline River, in the State