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and relinquished by the United States to the respective owners of the equitable titles thereto and to their respective heirs and assigns forever, as fully and completely, in every respect whatever, as could be done by patents issued therefor according to law: *Provided*, That the confirmations granted hereby shall amount only to a relinquishment of any title that the United States has or is supposed to have in and to any of said lands, and shall not be construed to abridge, impair, injure, prejudice, or divest in any manner any valid right, title, or interest of any person or body corporate whatever, the true intent of this Act being to concede and abandon all right, title, and interest of the United States to those persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the true and lawful owners of said lands under the laws of Alabama, including the laws of prescription, in the absence of the said interest, title, and estate of the United States.

Proviso.
Valid rights, etc., not affected.

Approved, February 8, 1905.

February 8, 1905.
[H. R. 14710.]
[Public No. 54.]

CHAP. 552.—An Act Authorizing the use of earth, stone, and timber on the public lands and forest reserves of the United States in the construction of works under the national irrigation law.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in carrying out the provisions of the national irrigation law, approved June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, and in constructing works thereunder, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to use and to permit the use by those engaged in the construction of works under said law, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by him, such earth, stone, and timber from the public lands of the United States as may be required in the construction of such works, and the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to permit the use of earth, stone, and timber from the forest reserves of the United States for the same purpose, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by him.

Reclamation act.
Use of stone, etc., on public lands, etc., for irrigation works, authorized.
Vol. 32, p. 388.

Approved, February 8, 1905.

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[H. R. 15011.]
[Public, No. 55.]

CHAP. 553.—An Act To open to homestead settlement and entry the relinquished and undisposed of portions of the Round Valley Indian Reservation, in the State of California, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all lands relinquished from the Round Valley Indian Reservation, in the State of California, under an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the Round Valley Indian Reservation, in the State of California, and for other purposes," approved October first, eighteen hundred and ninety, which have not heretofore been disposed of, shall be surveyed in accordance with the Government surveys and shall also be reappraised exclusive of improvements by a commission of three disinterested persons to be appointed by the President, or by a trusted inspector or special agent of the Department of the Interior, as the President in his discretion may direct. The said lands when surveyed and appraised shall be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States; and all actual and bona fide settlers upon said lands on January first, nineteen hundred and four, shall have a preference right to enter and hold the lands actually occupied by them, respectively, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, and they shall be credited with the time they have actually occupied the same

Round Valley Indian Reservation, Cal.
Undisposed lands in, to be opened to settlement.
Vol. 26, p. 658.

Survey and reappraisement.

Preference rights.

Limit.