

CHAP. 194.—An Act Providing for the refund of duties collected on flax-preparatory machines, parts, and accessories imported subsequently to August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, and prior to January first, nineteen hundred and eleven.

March 4, 1917.
[S. 4384.]

[Private, No. 216.]

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 pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the Linen Thread Company, of Number Ninety-six Franklin Street, New York City, the sum of \$23,239.35, being the amount of duties collected on flax-preparatory machines, parts thereof, and accessories thereto imported subsequently to August fifth, nineteen hundred and nine, and prior to January first, nineteen hundred and eleven.

Linen Thread Company.
Refund of duties.

Approved, March 4, 1917.

CHAP. 195.—An Act For the relief of Guy A. Richards, Jesse L. Robbins, Isaac M. C. Grimes, William L. Irvine, and David Cox.

March 4, 1917.
[S. 7766.]

[Private, No. 217.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Guy A. Richards, of Cambridge, Nebraska; Jesse L. Robbins, of Lamont, Nebraska; Isaac M. C. Grimes, of Lamont, Nebraska; William L. Irvine, of Witherbee, Colorado; and David Cox, of Holyoke, Colorado, who made entries under the homestead laws in accordance with the official plat of survey approved November twenty-third, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, of public lands shown by said plat to be a part of township five north, range forty-two west of the sixth principal meridian, and prior to the resurvey of said township evidenced by plat approved January thirteenth, nineteen hundred and fifteen, which resurvey and plat thereof show the nonexistence of the land as entered and described by said parties, be, and they are hereby, authorized to make individual selections, within one year from the date of approval of this Act, of unappropriated, surveyed, nonmineral public land, in area approximately equal to that entered by them and shown not to exist.

Guy A. Richards and others.
Homestead entries allowed in lieu of erroneous selections.

SEC. 2. That upon filing formal relinquishment of all right and claim asserted under said original homestead entries and making proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of the General Land Office of having so complied with the requirements of the homestead laws in connection with their original entries as would have entitled them to patents therefor, patent shall issue for the land selected: *Provided*, That if any of said parties is unable to show that he had earned title to the land formerly entered he shall perfect said selection as a homestead and receive credit for residence and improvements had in connection with such former entry.

Relinquishment of former claims, etc.

Proviso.
Credit for residence, etc.

SEC. 3. That the right of selection hereby granted shall not be assignable, but must be exercised by the said parties in person or, in case of death, by or in behalf of the decedent's heirs: *Provided*, That the land selected shall be of similar character to that actually claimed and occupied by the said parties under their original entries, but if selection is made of lands designated as subject to entry under the stock-raising homestead Act approved December twenty-ninth, nineteen hundred and sixteen, double the area embraced by said original entries may be selected: *Provided further*, That the selections hereby authorized may be made subject to existing laws relating to surface entry, with reservation of minerals to the United States.

Right not assignable.

Provisos.
Character of land.

Stock-raising entry allowed.
Ante, p. 862.

Minerals reserved.

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