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pany to the United States of America, on or about the 21st day of July, 1904, as the purchase price of certain public lands in Searcy County, Arkansas, the patents to which have since been canceled at the suit of the United States of America and the said lands having been restored to the public domain: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall first make an investigation of all the facts concerning said claim, and shall be satisfied of its justness and of the good faith of the said company and its officers, and that the acts of the agent of the company by reason of which the said patents were canceled were done wholly without the knowledge or consent of said company or any of its officers, and shall certify these facts to the Secretary of the Treasury the expense, however, of said investigation, if any, shall be deducted from the amount found to be due said company.

Proviso.
Investigation and certificate required.

Approved, December 30, 1919.

December 30, 1919.
[S. 2128.]
[Private, No. 15.]

CHAP. 29.—An Act For the relief of Albert N. Collins.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That homestead entry naught thirty-six thousand five hundred and six, Glasgow series, of Albert N. Collins, for lots two, three, and four, and the southeast quarter northwest quarter, section nineteen, township twenty-five north, range thirty-eight east, Montana meridian, be, and the same is hereby, validated, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to issue patent thereon upon submission of satisfactory proof of compliance with the law under which said entry was allowed.

Albert N. Collins.
Homestead entry validated.

Approved, December 30, 1919.

December 30, 1919.
[S. 2378.]
[Private, No. 16.]

CHAP. 30.—An Act To authorize the issuance of patent to John Albert Thompson, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue patent for the west half of the northeast quarter of section twenty-three, township one hundred and fifty-eight north, range ninety west of the fifth principal meridian, North Dakota, to John Albert Thompson, pursuant to his homestead entry naught two thousand and twenty-two, Minot series.

John Albert Thompson.
Land patent to.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to set aside and appropriate, in accordance with the provisions of section 1 of the Act of June 17, 1902, entitled "An Act appropriating the receipts from the sale and disposal of public lands in certain States and Territories to the construction of irrigation works for reclamation of arid lands," the sum of $120, which was paid by said Thompson as purchase price of the described land.

Payment credited to reclamation fund.
Vol. 32, p. 388.

Approved, December 30, 1919.

December 30, 1919.
[S. 2716.]
[Private, No. 17.]

CHAP. 31.—An Act To relieve the estate of Thomas H. Hall, deceased, late postmaster at Panacea, Florida, and the bondsmen of said Thomas H. Hall, of the payment of money alleged to have been misappropriated by a clerk in said office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the estate of Thomas H. Hall, deceased, late postmaster at Panacea, Florida, and the bondsmen of the said Thomas H. Hall as such postmaster, be, and they are

Thomas H. Hall.
Relieved of payment of postal funds stolen from.