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the Arundel Sand and Gravel Company in favor of the United States upon the same principles and measures of liability as in like cases in admiralty between private parties and with the same rights of appeal: *Provided*, That such notice of the suit shall be given to the Attorney General of the United States as may be provided by order of the said court, and it shall be the duty of the Attorney General to cause the United States attorney in such district to appear and defend for the United States: *Provided further*, That said suit shall be brought and commenced within four months of the date of the passage of this Act.

Provisos.
Notice, etc.

Commencement of suit.

Approved, December 31, 1919.

January 17, 1920.
[H. R. 8084.]
[Private, No. 21.]

CHAP. 49.—An Act Granting to certain claimants the preferential right to purchase certain alleged public lands in the State of Arkansas, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That G. W. House, Oliver Douglas, J. W. Rhodes, W. K. Harrison, and J. W. Rhodes, junior, named in the decree of the Chancery Court of Mississippi County, Arkansas, Osceola district, at the February, 1913, term thereof, as the same appears in the records of said court, book seven, pages forty-three to fifty-four, inclusive, their heirs, administrators, or assigns, are hereby granted a preferential right at any time within ninety days after the passage of this Act and the filing of the plats of said corrected survey in the United States land office in Little Rock, Arkansas, to purchase said lands of the United States and to pay for the same at the rate of $1.25 per acre in accordance with the divisions and allotments to said person or persons, respectively, named in said decree: *Provided, however*, That if the parcel of land awarded to said person or persons in such decree does not conform to the legal description of lands as returned by the corrected survey, then the person to whom the major portion of any legal subdivision was awarded by said decree may purchase all of such subdivision from the United States at the price herein named, and said purchase shall be in trust for that portion of land awarded under said decree to the person named therein, his heirs or grantees, and such purchaser, upon the issuance of said patent to him, shall forthwith convey to said cestui qui trust such land as was awarded by the terms of said decree to said person upon payment by said cestui qui trust of his proportionate part of the purchase price and entry fees for the same.

"Goldens Lake" lands, Ark.
Claimants given right to purchase, under court decree.

Proviso.
Correction of boundaries, etc.

Said lands herein authorized to be purchased are all that part of said sections twenty-nine, thirty, thirty-one, and thirty-two, township eleven north, range ten east, fifth principal meridian, Mississippi County, Arkansas, not included as land in the survey made in February, 1846, which was designated upon the township plat approved December 23, 1846, as "Goldens Lake."

Description of lands.

Approved, January 17, 1920.

January 23, 1920.
[H. R. 9183.]
[Private, No. 22.]

CHAP. 52.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to adjust the terms of the contract for the sale of the old post-office property in New Haven, Connecticut.

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 is hereby authorized, in his discretion and with the consent of the contractors, to modify and readjust the terms of the contract for the sale of the old post-office property in New Haven, Connecticut, entered into March 13, 1917, in such manner as he may deem equitable and just, if he shall determine that said contract has be-

New Haven, Conn.
Modification of contract for sale of old post office allowed.
Vol. 36, p. 694.