

CHAP. LXXIII.—*An Act making an appropriation for the payment of horses lost by the Missouri volunteers in the Florida war.*

STATUTE I.

June 15, 1844.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby appropriated the sum of thirty-four thousand five hundred dollars to be expended out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated for the purpose of paying the Missouri volunteers the value of their horses and equipage lost or cast away at sea, or which perished or died in consequence of suffering at sea in the voyage from New Orleans to Tampa Bay, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-seven; and also for such horses as were turned over to the Government by the order of the commanding officer. The value of all horses to be ascertained, and the settlement of all claims to be made according to the provisions of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for preventing and suppressing Indian hostilities for the year eighteen hundred and thirty-nine" approved third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, or so much of said act as provides for paying the value of horses and equipage of the Tennessee and other volunteers who have at any time been in the service of the United States in the Territory of Florida: and according to the provisions of the fourth section of an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the army for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine," approved third of March eighteen hundred and thirty-nine: and the said acts, or so much of them as relates to or has a bearing upon those claims as aforesaid, and other existing claims be and the same are hereby revived and continued in force for two years from the passage of this act.

Appropriation.

Value of horses, any settlement of claims, to be made according to act of March 3, 1839, ch. 93.

Act of March 3, 1839, ch. 94. Acts relating to claims for horses, &c., revived.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That an act entitled "An act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost in the military service of the United States," approved on the eighteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and all other acts or parts of acts relating to the same subject be, and the same are hereby, continued in force for the period of two years from and after the limitation provided for by an act approved March third, eighteen hundred and forty-three: *Provided,* That the foregoing act shall not extend to cases which may arise in any future war.

Act of Jan. 18, 1837, ch. 5, revived.

Act of March 3, 1843, ch. 103. Proviso.

APPROVED, June 15, 1844.

CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act to confirm certain entries of land in the St. Augustine land district, in the Territory of Florida, made under the pre-emption law of 22d June, 1838.*

STATUTE I.

June 15, 1844.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue patents on all entries made in the St. Augustine land office in the Territory of Florida, under the act entitled "An act to grant pre-emption rights to settlers on the public lands," approved twenty-second June, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, where the land so entered was public land and liable to the operations of said act, any informality in the proof, or other existing defect therein, or in the mode of entry, to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided,* That this act shall apply only to the cases where the settlers were forced from their homes by reason of Indian hostilities, and consequently were unable to make out the continuous residence required by the law.

Patents to issue on all entries made at St. Augustine under act of June 22, 1838, ch. 119, notwithstanding defect in proof.

Proviso.

APPROVED, June 15, 1844.