

lands described herein to those persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the equitable owners of said lands under the laws of the State of Alabama in the absence of the said interest, title, and estate of the United States.

Approved, June 16, 1938.

[CHAPTER 516]

AN ACT

June 16, 1938
 [H. R. 8262]
 [Public, No. 670]

To quiet title and possession to a certain island in the Tennessee River in the County of Lauderdale, Alabama.

Lauderdale County,
 Ala.
 Release of U. S. title
 to Jenkins Island to
 owner of equitable
 title.
 Description.

Proviso.
 Title of United
 States only, relin-
 quished.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest of the United States, except such right, title, and interest as has been acquired by the United States through purchase or condemnation, in and to the following-described property, to wit: An island known as the Jenkins Island, lying in the Tennessee River in section 19, township 2, range 13 west, in Lauderdale County, Alabama, be and the same is hereby, released, relinquished, and confirmed by the United States to the owner of the equitable title thereto as fully and completely in every respect whatever as could be done by patents issued according to law: *Provided,* That this Act shall amount to a relinquishment of any title the United States has or is supposed to have in and to said land 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 the land described herein to those persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the equitable owners of said land under the laws of the State of Alabama in the absence of the said interest, title, and estate of the United States.

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[CHAPTER 517]

AN ACT

June 16, 1938
 [H. R. 8673]
 [Public, No. 671]

For the relief of certain persons at certain projects of the Farm Security Administration, United States Department of Agriculture.

Farm Security Ad-
 ministration, Depart-
 ment of Agriculture.
 Relief of certain per-
 sons at designated
 projects.

Proviso.
 Deductions.

49 Stat. 2036.
 40 U. S. C., Supp.
 III, §433.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the case of any person who was employed prior to June 30, 1935, at one of the following projects of the Farm Security Administration of the United States Department of Agriculture, formerly under the jurisdiction of the Division of Subsistence Homesteads of the United States Department of the Interior: Cumberland Homesteads, Crossville, Tennessee; Tygart Valley Homesteads, Elkins, West Virginia; Westmoreland Homesteads, Greensburg, Pennsylvania, and from whose wages there have been withheld any sums in pursuance of the operation of a so-called credit hour system at such projects, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to pay to such person, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon the certification of the Secretary of Agriculture, a sum equal to the amounts so withheld: *Provided, however,* That there shall be deducted from such payments (for disposition as receipts derived from the operation of projects, as authorized by section 3 of the Act of June 29, 1936 (49 Stat. 2035), the amounts, as certified by the Secretary of Agriculture, of any current indebtedness to the United States in connection with such projects, and of any past indebtedness for which credit has been allowed to such person in the form of rent for occupancy or payments toward the purchase price of any homestead at