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the person bringing the same in accordance with clause (B) above. The court shall have no jurisdiction to proceed with any such suit brought under clause (B) or pending suit brought under section 3491 of the Revised Statutes whenever it shall be made to appear that such suit was based upon evidence or information in the possession of the United States, or any agency, officer or employee thereof, at the time such suit was brought: *Provided, however*, That no abatement shall be had as to a suit pending at the effective date of this Act if before such suit was filed such person had in his possession and voluntarily disclosed to the Attorney General substantial evidence and information which was not theretofore in the possession of the Department of Justice.

Suits based on evidence, etc., in possession of U. S.

Nonabatement of certain pending suits.

"(D) In any suit whether or not on appeal pending at the effective date of this Act brought under Revised Statutes, section 3491, the court in which such suit is pending shall stay all further proceedings, and shall forthwith cause written notice, by registered mail, to be given the Attorney General that such suit is pending, and the Attorney General shall have sixty days from the date of such notice to appear and carry on such suit in accordance with clause (C).

Stay of further proceedings.

Notice to Attorney General.

"(E) (1) In any such suit, if carried on by the United States as herein provided, the court may award to the person who brought such suit, out of the proceeds of such suit or any settlement of any claim involved therein, which shall be collected, an amount which in the judgment of the court is fair and reasonable compensation to such person for disclosure of the information or evidence not in the possession of the United States when such suit was brought. Any such award shall in no event exceed one-tenth of the proceeds of such suit or any settlement thereof.

Award if suit carried on by U. S.

"(2) In any such suit when not carried on by the United States as herein provided, whether heretofore or hereafter brought, the court may award to the person who brought such suit and prosecuted it to final judgment, or to settlement, as provided in clause (B), out of the proceeds of such suit or any settlement of any claim involved therein, which shall be collected, an amount, not in excess of one-fourth of the proceeds of such suit or any settlement thereof, which in the judgment of the court is fair and reasonable compensation to such person for the collection of any forfeiture and damages; and such person shall be entitled to receive to his own use such reasonable expenses as the court shall find to have been necessarily incurred and all costs the court may award against the defendant, to be allowed and taxed according to any provision of law or rule of court in force, or that shall be in force in suits between private parties in said court: *Provided*, That such person shall be liable for all costs incurred by himself in such case and shall have no claim therefor on the United States."

Award when suit not carried on by U. S.

Expenses and costs.

SEC. 2. Section 3493 of the Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 31, sec. 234) is hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved December 23, 1943.

[CHAPTER 378]

AN ACT

To amend the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, as amended.

December 23, 1943
[H. R. 1616]
[Public Law 214]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, as amended, is hereby further amended as follows:

Coast Guard Auxiliary and Reserve Act of 1941, amendments.

Strike out section 402 and substitute therefor the following:

56 Stat. 1020.
14 U. S. C., Supp. II, § 382.

"SEC. 402. Members of the Women's Reserve may be commissioned or enlisted in such appropriate ranks and ratings, not above the

Ranks and ratings in Women's Reserve.

rank of captain, corresponding to those of the Regular Coast Guard, as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, or by the Secretary of the Navy while the Coast Guard is operating as a part of the Navy: *Provided*, That there shall not be more than one officer in the grade of captain: *Provided further*, That military authority of officers commissioned under the provisions of this title may be exercised over women of the Reserve only and is limited to the administration of the Women's Reserve."

Military authority of officers.

Strike out section 406, and renumber sections 407 and 408 as 406 and 407, respectively.

56 Stat. 1020. 14 U. S. C., Supp. II, §§ 386-388. *Ante*, p. 587.

Approved December 23, 1943.

[CHAPTER 379]

AN ACT

December 23, 1943 [H. R. 2562] [Public Law 215]

To authorize the Secretary of Agriculture to sell and convey to The State Hospital at Goldsboro, Goldsboro, North Carolina, a certain tract of land, situated in Wayne County, North Carolina.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, upon payment by The State Hospital at Goldsboro of $4,180, to convey to the hospital all right, title, and interest of the United States to that portion of the North Carolina farm tenant security project, located in Wayne County, North Carolina, known as unit numbered 11 of said project, consisting of eighty-seven and ninety-four one-hundredths acres, more or less, described by metes and bounds as follows:

The State Hospital at Goldsboro, N. C. Conveyance of land.

Description.

Beginning at a nail on the centerline of a dirt road said corner being a common corner between lands owned by one Charles Davis and the tract hereinafter described, thence along the common line north one degree fifty minutes east one thousand three hundred and forty-five and eight one-hundredths feet; thence north sixty-nine degrees thirty-three minutes east one thousand three hundred and sixty-six and twenty one-hundredths feet; thence south four degrees fifty-three minutes west two hundred and ninety-seven feet to the center line of a canal; thence along said canal the following courses and distances: South seventy-three degrees one minute east eighty-one and eighty-four one-hundredths feet, south seventy-six degrees fifty-seven minutes east one hundred and two and seventy one-hundredths feet, south forty-seven degrees twenty-four minutes east one hundred and thirty-three and six one-hundredths feet to the west bank of Little River; thence along the west bank of Little River the following courses and distances: South seventy-one degrees forty-nine minutes thirty-eight seconds west fifty-one and ninety-four one-hundredths feet, south seventy degrees ten minutes thirty-two seconds west one hundred and twenty and sixty-five one-hundredths feet, south fifty-five degrees thirty-three minutes forty-nine seconds west one hundred and sixty-four and twenty-one one-hundredths feet, south forty degrees thirty-four minutes thirty-four seconds west two hundred and fifty-three and four one-hundredths feet, south seven degrees twenty-two minutes west one hundred and seventy and twenty-one one-hundredths feet, south forty-six degrees forty-two minutes seventeen seconds east three hundred and ninety-five and eighty one-hundredths feet, south forty-one degrees thirteen minutes thirteen seconds east two hundred and fifty-one and thirty-three one-hundredths feet, south sixty degrees forty-one minutes forty-four seconds east two hundred and thirty-four and thirty-one one-hundredths feet, south seventy-five degrees thirty-seven minutes forty-four seconds east two hundred and fifty-five and fifty-five one-hundredths feet, south sixty-four degrees twenty-six