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Chap. CLII.—*An Act for the relief of the heirs of Hyacinth Lasselle.*

Preamble. Act of July 21 1840, ch. 100.

Whereas, by an act of the Congress of the United States, entitled "An act for the relief of Hyacinth Lasselle," approved the twenty-first day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and forty, the said Hyacinth Lasselle was authorized to locate five hundred and sixty acres of land at any land office in the state of Indiana, at any time prior to the fourth day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-three, by paying the minimum price fixed for such lands, for eighteen acres and forty-six hundredths of an acre, part and parcel of said tract of five hundred and sixty acres: and whereas, also, the said Hyacinth Lasselle has deceased without perfecting the location of said land: Therefore,

Authorized to locate land.

Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be lawful for the heirs of the said Lasselle to locate the said tract of land in said act contemplated, at any time prior to the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-six, at any land office in the state of Indiana, either before or after any lands therein may have been offered at public sale, by paying the said minimum price for the said eighteen acres and forty-six hundredths, as by said act is provided.

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Chap. CLIII. — *An Act for the relief of François Christien and widow Baptiste Berard.*

Land claims confirmed.

Be it enacted, &c., That the claims, by right of ancient settlement of Madame Baptiste Berard, widow of Baptiste Berard, deceased, and François Christien, respectively, on the east side of the bayou Teche—the Berard claim for eleven arpens front by forty deep, and the other for twelve arpens front by forty deep, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed to the aforesaid claimants, respectively, or their legal representatives, to embrace the original improvements of the claimants; and on the return to the General Land Office of plats of survey, duly approved by the surveyor-general of Louisiana, for the aforesaid claims patents shall issue: *Provided, however*, That this act, and the patents that may issue in pursuance hereof, shall only be held to be a relinquishment of the title of the United States, and shall in no manner affect the rights of third persons, or preclude a judicial decision in favor of any other title, if such exist, to the same tracts.

Proviso.

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Chap. CLIV. — *An Act granting a pension to "Milly," an Indian woman of the Creek nation.*

A pension granted to her.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Milly, an Indian woman of the Creek nation, and daughter of the prophet Francis, a pension at the rate of ninety-six dollars per annum, payable semi-annually during her natural life, as a testimonial of the gratitude and bounty of the United States for the humanity displayed by her in the war of one thousand eight hundred and seventeen and one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, in saving the life of an American citizen, who was a prisoner in the hands of her people and about to be put to death by them; the said pension to commence and take effect from the fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

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