

aforesaid, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to select and reserve, for the use of schools in the aforesaid township, other lands of the same extent and quality within the same or the next adjoining township, in lieu of the quarter-section which the said Sexton and the said Holden are hereby permitted to purchase, and which embraces their improvements: *Provided*, That the said Sexton and the said Joshua Holden shall first obtain and file with the register of the district the assent thereto of the commissioners of schools of the parish in which the land lies, and of a majority of the free white male inhabitants of the township, over twenty-one years of age.

APPROVED, February 19, 1849.

Proviso.

CHAP. LVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Levi H. Corson, and for other Purposes.*

Feb. 19, 1849.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Levi H. Corson be, and he hereby is, authorized to deposit in the office of the clerk of the northern district of New York, the title of the print of a certain perpetual calendar or almanac, of which he alleges himself to be the original, sole, and only author, inventor, and proprietor, and to pursue the usual legal measures for the purpose of obtaining a copyright, with like effect, to all intents and purposes, as would have been produced if he had not already, by mistake, proceeded in the southern district of New York, or printed, published, sold, or disposed of the same: *Provided, always*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed to affect in any way whatever the rights of persons, who, by reason of the proceedings heretofore adopted by the said Levi H. Corson, or otherwise, have printed, published, or vended the said work, or have in any manner availed themselves of the said invention, in the absence of a copy-right duly obtained by the authors.

Levi H. Corson authorized to commence anew proceedings for obtaining a copy-right for a perpetual calendar, of which he is the author and inventor, &c.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid*, That before the said Levi H. Corson shall avail himself of the benefits of this act, he shall give public notice of the same, in the manner and at the times when publication is made of the copy of the record of his deposit in the office of the clerk of the proper district according to law.

Public notice to be given by said Corson.

APPROVED, February 19, 1849.

CHAP. LVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of William De Buys, late Postmaster at New Orleans.*

Feb. 19, 1849.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the Post-Office Department be authorized and directed, in settling the accounts of William De Buys, late postmaster at New Orleans, to allow the said William De Buys such sum, in addition to the regular commissions on postages collected at the post-office in New Orleans, as shall make up to him a compensation, from all sources, at the rate of five thousand dollars per year, from the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-two, to the seventh of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three: *Provided*, That there is a sufficient surplus of the box rents collected at said office, and accounted for by said postmaster, to cover said allowance.

Accounting officers of the Treasury to make Wm. De Buys certain allowances.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 19, 1849.