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Claims entered
after expiration of
land grant.

as aforesaid valid pre-emption or homestead claims existed upon any lands within the limits of any such grants which afterward were abandoned, and, under the decisions and rulings of the Land Department, were re-entered by pre-emption or homestead claimants who have complied with the laws governing pre-emption or homestead entries, and shall make the proper proofs required under such laws, such entries shall be deemed valid, and patents shall issue therefor to the person entitled thereto. SEC. 3. That all such pre-emption and homestead entries which may have been made by permission of the Land Department, or in pursuance of the rules and instructions thereof, within the limits of any land-grant at a time subsequent to expiration of such grant, shall be deemed valid, and a compliance with the laws and the making of the proof required shall entitle the holder of such claim to a patent therefor.

Approved, April 21, 1876.

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CHAP. 73.—An act authorizing the transfer of certain causes from the circuit court of the United States for the district of Alabama at Mobile into the circuit court of the United States for the middle and northern districts of Alabama at Montgomery and Huntsville in said State.

Transfer of cer-
tain cases from cir-
cuit court at Mo-
bile to circuit
courts of northern
and middle dis-
tricts of Alabama,

1873, ch. 223,
17 Stat., 484.

1874, ch. 401,
18 Stat., 195.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all civil causes, actions, suits, executions, pleas, process, or other proceedings whatsoever which were transferred by the act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy three, from the district courts of the United States for the northern and middle districts of Alabama into the circuit court of the United States for the district of Alabama at Mobile, Alabama, and which are now pending in said circuit court, be, and the same are hereby, transferred from said circuit court at Mobile into the circuit courts of the United States for said northern and middle districts, respectively; and the circuit courts of the United States in and for said districts shall have jurisdiction to try and determine all such causes and actions so transferred, the same as if such causes or actions had been originally brought in such circuit court; and the clerk of said circuit court at Mobile shall transmit all of the original papers in such causes, together with a complete transcript of all dockets, minutes, judgments, orders, and decrees in such of said causes as are not finally disposed of in said circuit court at Mobile, to the circuit courts for said northern and middle districts, respectively, to each the causes, and so forth, as were originally transferred from the district courts of said districts.

Approved, April 21, 1876.

April 25, 1876.

CHAP. 78.—An act to establish a land-office in the southern part of Utah Territory, to be known as the Beaver district, and for other purposes.

Beaver land dis-
trict established.

Land-office.

Register and re-
ceiver.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the public lands of the United States in the Territory of Utah, beginning at the southwestern boundary of said Territory, thence running north on the line between said Territory and the State of Nevada to the Fourth Standard parallel of latitude, thence easterly along said line to the eastern boundary of said Territory, thence southerly to the southern boundary of said Territory, thence westerly to the place of beginning, be formed into a land district, to be called the Beaver land district, the land-office for which shall be located at such point as the President may direct, and may be removed from time to time to other points within said district whenever, in his opinion, it may be expedient. SEC. 2. That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register and a receiver for said district,

who shall respectively be required to reside at the site of said office; and they shall have the same powers, perform the same duties, and be entitled to the same compensation as are or may be prescribed by law in relation to the land-office now established at Salt Lake City.

Approved, April 25, 1876.

CHAP. 79.—An act authorizing the sale of logs cut by the Indians of the Menomonee reservation in Wisconsin under the direction of the Interior Department.

April 25, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be and he hereby is authorized to cause to be sold at public sale, to the highest bidder, for cash, after due public advertisement and in such lots or quantities as he may deem judicious, all pine timber cut upon the Menomonee Indian reservation in Wisconsin, under the direction of United States Indian agent J. C. Bridgman. SEC. 2. That the proceeds arising from all sales of such timber shall be applied, first to the payment of any and all indebtedness incurred for labor, supplies and other expenses incident to the cutting and sale of said timber, and the surplus, if any, shall be deposited in the nearest government depository to the credit of the United States for the benefit of the said Menomonee Indians.

Sale of timber cut on Menomonee reservation.

Application of proceeds.

Approved, April 25, 1876.

CHAP. 80.—An act giving the consent of the United States to the county of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, to construct county buildings in Washington Square, in the city of Dubuque, and for other purposes.

April 25, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of the United States is hereby given to the proper authorities of the county of Dubuque, in the State of Iowa, (the consent of the proper authorities of the city of Dubuque and also of the owners of property fronting on said square or heretofore located by description on said square, being first had and obtained,) to the construction of such public buildings as may be necessary for court purposes and for the public officers of said county, in the public park, in the city of Dubuque, known as Washington Square; and whatever title the United States now has to said premises is hereby relinquished to the county of Dubuque for the purposes herein indicated, and for no other

Public buildings of Dubuque County to be built in Washington Square, by consent of United States.

MICHAEL C. KERR

Speaker of the House of Representatives

T. W. FERRY

President of the Senate pro tempore

Received by the President April 13, 1876.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 83.—An act to change the name of the steamboat Charles W. Mead.

April 26, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority is hereby given to the owner of the steamboat Charles W. Mead, of Allegheny City, Pennsylvania, to change the name of said vessel to that of General Meade, by which name said steamboat shall hereafter be known.

Name of steamboat Charles W. Mead changed.

Approved, April 26, 1876.