

CHAP. LXXXII.—*An Act to authorize the Appointment of Indian Agents in California.* Sept. 28, 1850.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be authorized to appoint, with the advice and consent of the Senate, not more than three agents for the Indian tribes within the State of California. Such agents shall perform the duties now prescribed by law to Indian agents, and shall receive an annual compensation of three thousand dollars each.

President authorized to appoint three Indian agents for California.

APPROVED, September 28, 1850.

CHAP. LXXXIII.—*An Act for the Payment of a Company of Indian Volunteers.* Sept. 28, 1850.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be paid to the spy company of Indian mounted volunteers (Shawnees and Delawares) called and mustered into the service of the United States by Colonel W. S. Harney, United States army, on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and discharged the thirty-first day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-six, one day's pay and allowances for every day held in service under said muster, and the usual traveling allowances, according to rates established for volunteers under existing laws; and the sum of four thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for this object, out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Secretary of War authorized to pay a spy company of Indian Volunteers, mustered by Colonel Harney into the service of U. S.

APPROVED, September 28, 1850.

CHAP. LXXXIV.—*An Act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the "Swamp Lands" within their limits.* Sept. 28, 1850.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That to enable the State of Arkansas to construct the necessary levees and drains to reclaim the swamp and overflowed lands therein, the whole of those swamp and overflowed lands, made unfit thereby for cultivation, which shall remain unsold at the passage of this act, shall be, and the same are hereby, granted to said State.

Swamp and overflowed lands unfit for cultivation granted to Arkansas.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior, as soon as may be practicable after the passage of this act, to make out an accurate list and plats of the lands described as aforesaid, and transmit the same to the governor of the State of Arkansas, and, at the request of said governor, cause a patent to be issued to the State therefor; and on that patent, the fee simple to said lands shall vest in the said State of Arkansas, subject to the disposal of the legislature thereof: *Provided, however,* That the proceeds of said lands, whether from sale or by direct appropriation in kind, shall be applied, exclusively, as far as necessary, to the purpose of reclaiming said lands by means of the levees and drains aforesaid.

Secretary of the Interior to make out list and plats of said land, and when requested, to grant a patent vesting the same in the State of Arkansas.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That in making out a list and plats of the land aforesaid, all legal subdivisions, the greater part of which is "wet and unfit for cultivation," shall be included in said list and plats; but when the greater part of a subdivision is not of that character, the whole of it shall be excluded therefrom.

When the greater part of a subdivision is unfit for cultivation, it shall be included in said plats; if the greater part be not of that character, it shall be excluded.

Provisions of this act extended to other States possessing such lands.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this act be extended to, and their benefits be conferred upon, each of the other States of the Union in which such swamp and overflowed lands, known as designated as aforesaid, may be situated.

APPROVED, September 28, 1850.

Sept. 28, 1850. CHAP. LXXXV. — *An Act granting Bounty Land to certain Officers and Soldiers who have been engaged in the Military Service of the United States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That each of the surviving, or the widow or minor children of deceased commissioned and non-commissioned officers, musicians, or privates, whether of regulars, volunteers, rangers, or militia, who performed military service in any regiment, company, or detachment, in the service of the United States, in the war with Great Britain, declared by the United States on the eighteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and twelve, or in any of the Indian wars since seventeen hundred and ninety, and each of the commissioned officers who was engaged in the military service of the United States in the late war with Mexico, shall be entitled to lands, as follows: Those who engaged to serve twelve months or during the war, and actually served nine months, shall receive one hundred and sixty acres, and those who engaged to serve six months, and actually served four months, shall receive eighty acres, and those who engaged to serve for any or an indefinite period, and actually served one month, shall receive forty acres: *Provided,* That wherever any officer or soldier was honorably discharged in consequence of disability in the service, before the expiration of his period of service, he shall receive the amount to which he would have been entitled if he had served the full period for which he had engaged to serve: *Provided,* The person so having been in service shall not receive said land, or any part thereof, if it shall appear, by the muster rolls of his regiment or corps, that he deserted, or was dishonorably discharged from service, or if he has received, or is entitled to, any military land bounty under any act of Congress heretofore passed.

Certain classes of persons in the military service of the U. States during the war of 1812, the war with Mexico, or Indian wars, or their widows or minor children entitled to lands, in proportion to certain periods of service.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

The period during which any officer or soldier was a prisoner to the enemy to be added to his time of actual service.

Those entitled to land under this act to receive a certificate from the Department of the Interior for land which may be located at any land office of the United States.

The widow of any officer, etc., killed in battle, to receive the benefit of this

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the period during which any officer or soldier may have remained in captivity with the enemy shall be estimated and added to the period of his actual service, and the person so detained in captivity shall receive land under the provisions of this act in the same manner that he would be entitled in case he had entered the service for the whole term made up by the addition of the time of his captivity, and had served during such time.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That each commissioned and non-commissioned officer, musician, or private, for whom provision is made by the first section hereof, shall receive a certificate or warrant from the Department of the Interior for the quantity of land to which he may be entitled, and which may be located by the warrantee or his heirs at law, at any land office of the United States, in one body and in conformity to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, upon any of the public lands in such district then subject to private entry; and upon the return of such certificate or warrant, with evidence of the location thereof having been legally made to the general land office, a patent shall be issued therefor. In the event of the death of any commissioned or non-commissioned officer, musician, or private, prior or subsequent to the passage of this act, who shall have served as aforesaid, and who shall not have received bounty land for said services, a like certificate or warrant shall be issued in favor, and enure to the