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Statutes at Large

AND

PROCLAMATIONS

OF THE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

FROM MARCH 1871 TO MARCH 1878,

AND

TREATIES AND POSTAL CONVENTIONS

Arranged in Chronological Order and carefully collated with the Originals at Washington,

WITH

REFERENCES TO THE MATTER OF EACH ACT AND TO THE SUBSEQUENT ACTS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

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in favor of the United States, and conveyance by John G. Woerner to the
United States of a valid title to the said strip or parcel of land lying north
of the said new division line, and adjoining the southeast corner of the said
St. Louis marine hospital grounds, and the payment of all expenses that
may be incurred in locating said new line, determining the difference in value
of the two parcels of land, and the transfer herein provided for, and com-
pliance with the other conditions herein set forth, the Secretary of the Treas-
ury shall execute the necessary deeds for the conveyance to John G. Woerner
of the parcel of land lying on the south side of said new division line, and
adjoining the southwest corner of the St. Louis marine hospital grounds.

APPROVED, April 2, 1872.

CHAP. LXXXIII. — An Act authorizing an American Register to the Dutch Bark “Alice Tarlton.”

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue an American register to the Dutch bark “Alice Tarlton,” owned by John S. Emery and Company, of Boston, Massachusetts.

APPROVED, April 2, 1872.

CHAP. LXXXV. — An Act to enable honorably discharged Soldiers and Sailors, their Widows and orphan Children, to acquire Homesteads on the public Lands of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every private soldier and officer who has served in the army of the United States during the recent rebellion for ninety days, or more, and who was honorably discharged, and has remained loyal to the government, including the troops mustered into the service of the United States by virtue of the third section of an act entitled “An act making appropriations for completing the defences of Washington, and for other purposes,” approved February thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and every seaman, marine, and officer who has served in the navy of the United States, or in the marine corps, during the rebellion, for ninety days, and who was honorably discharged, and has remained loyal to the government, shall, on compliance with the provisions of an act entitled “An act to secure homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain,” and the acts amendatory thereof, as hereinafter modified, be entitled to enter upon and receive patents for a quantity of public lands (not mineral) not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, or one quarter-section, to be taken in compact form according to legal subdivisions, including the alternate reserved sections of public lands along the line of any railroad or other public work, not otherwise reserved or appropriated, and other lands subject to entry under the homestead laws of the United States: Provided, That said homestead settler shall be allowed six months after locating his homestead within which to commence his settlement and improvement: And provided also, That the time which the homestead settler shall have served in the army, navy, or marine corps aforesaid, shall be deducted from the time heretofore required to perfect title, or if discharged on account of wounds received, or disability incurred in the line of duty, then the term of enlistment shall be deducted from the time here- tofore required to perfect title, without reference to the length of time he may have served: Provided, however, That no patent shall issue to any homestead settler who has not resided upon, improved, and cultivated his said homestead for a period of at least one year after he shall commence his improvements as aforesaid.

SEC. 2. That any person entitled under the provisions of the foregoing section to enter a homestead, who may have heretofore entered under the
entered less than 160 acres as a homestead, may now make up the difference.

The widows and orphan children of those entitled to a homestead under this act, may enjoy its benefits.

Provided.

Actual service in the army or navy to be deemed equivalent to a residence for the same time upon the tract entered as a homestead when, &c.

Provided.

Persons entitled under this act to a homestead may make entry by an agent, &c., to be made in person.

Commissioner of land office to make rules.

April 5, 1872.

1870, c. 355, § 32.

Merchandise imported at certain ports, but destined for certain other ports, how to be conveyed and under whose control.

Inspectors.

No unloading, &c., between first and last ports, unless, &c.

CHAP. LXXXVI. — An Act to amend the thirty-second Section of an Act entitled "An Act to reduce internal taxes, and for other purposes," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, and subsequent acts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section thirty-two of an act entitled "An act to reduce internal taxes, and for other purposes," approved July fourteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy, be, and the same is hereby amended to read as follows: Section 32. And be it further enacted, That merchandise transported under the provisions of this act shall be conveyed in cars, vessels, or vehicles, securely fastened with locks or seals, under the exclusive control of the officers of customs; and inspectors shall be stationed at proper points along the designated routes, or upon any car, vessel, vehicle, or train, at the discretion of the said Secretary, and at the expense of the said companies respectively. And such merchandise shall not be unladen or transhipped between the ports of first arrival and final destination, unless authorized by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury, in cases which may arise from a difference in the gauge of railroads, or from accidents, or from legal intervention, or from low water, ice, or other unavoidable obstruction to navigation; but in no case shall there be permitted any breaking of the original packages of such merchandise.

Approved, April 5, 1872.