

and, also, that it is for the interest of the United States such compromise be made.

APPROVED, March 3, 1849.

CHAP. CLXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas Talbot and others.*

March 3, 1849.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis, Missouri, be authorized and required to ascertain, by proof, the number and value of the horses, mules, asses, and other property, forcibly taken from Thomas Talbot, Elisha Stanley, William Wolfskill, James Collins, Edwin M. Ryland, James Fielding, and Solomon Houck, by the Pawnee Indians, on the night of the twelfth day of October, anno Domini eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, at a place about twenty-five miles west of the Pawnee fork of the Arkansas River, and report the same to the Secretary of War, whose duty it shall be to pay over to the parties aforesaid the value of the property they respectively lost, and for that purpose the sum of four thousand one hundred and fifty-five dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Superintendent of Indian affairs at St. Louis directed to ascertain the value of horses and other property taken from Thomas Talbot and others by the Pawnee Indians, and report the same to the Secretary of War.

\$4155 appropriated to pay the amount to the parties respectively.

APPROVED, March 3, 1849.

CHAP. CLXXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Amelia Couvillion, of Louisiana.*

March 3, 1849.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mrs. Amelia Couvillion, wife of Zenen St. Romain, be, and she is hereby, authorized to enter as a preëmption, and at the minimum price of public lands, the area, in legal subdivisions of one quarter section, so as to embrace her present actual settlement and "a certain improvement on a piece of public land, situated in the parish of Avoyelles, on Bayou Des Glaises," in the State of Louisiana, it appearing from an official certificate, dated the sixteenth of October, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, of the recorder of said parish, that the said Mrs. Amelia Couvillion became the purchaser at sheriff's sale of all the right, title, and interest of her said husband in the aforesaid improvement: *Provided, however,* That the right hereby allowed be subject to any valid adverse claim, if such exist, to any part of the land.

Amelia Couvillion authorized to enter as a preëmption a certain tract of land in Louisiana.

APPROVED, March 3, 1849.

CHAP. CLXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Polly Aldrich.*

March 3, 1849.

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 required to place the name of Polly Aldrich upon the pension roll, and that the said Polly Aldrich be entitled to receive the sum of forty dollars a year, during her natural life, to commence on the fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, in consideration of the services of her deceased husband, Clark Aldrich, (as a private in the revolutionary war,) for twelve months.

A pension of \$40 per annum allowed Polly Aldrich.

APPROVED, March 3, 1849.