now entitled to receive when the same quality of land is entered, with money, one, half to be paid by the person making the application at the time of seining, and the other half on the issue of the certificate, to the person to whom it may be issued, but this shall not be construed to enlarge the maximum of compensation now prescribed by law for any register or receiver. Provided that nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to impair or interfere in any manner whatever with existing preemption rights. And Provided, further, that all persons who may have filed their applications for a preemption right prior to the passage of this act shall be entitled to the privileges of this act.

Provided, further, That no person who has served, or may hereafter serve, four years of any term of service, in the army or navy of the United States, as a regular or volunteer, unless the laws thereof during the existence of an actual war, domestic or foreign, shall be deprived of the benefits of this act or account of not having attained the age of twenty-one years.

Be it further enacted, That the fifth section of the act entitled "An act in addition to an act menacingly to provide for the punishment of certain crimes against the United States and for other purposes," approved the third of March, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, shall extend to all senates, affirmers, and affirmers, require a substitute by this act.

Be it further enacted, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to preclude any person who has availed himself or herself of the benefits of the fourth section of this act, from paying the minimum price, or the price to which the same may then be graduated, for the quantity of land entered at any time before the expiration of five years, and obtaining a patent therefor from the government, as in other cases provided by law, enacting

proof of settlement and cultivation as provided by existing laws granting preemption rights.

Salusburah F Brown,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Solomon Foot,
President of the Senate Jacket.

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