

provisions of this act, which shall be taxed as costs in the proceedings, and all the costs of the proceedings shall be paid by the master to whom the slave may be decreed, and after a petition shall have been filed under the provisions of this act, and during the pendency of the proceedings under the same, no proceedings shall be had against the petitioner under any law prohibiting free persons of color from remaining in or coming to this State.

Approved, January 27, 1858.

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CHAPTER 64.

An Act to legalize the acts of William T. Harris, Surveyor of Wood County.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas, That all surveys of land made by Wm. T. Harris, as county Surveyor of Wood county, on valid headright certificates for Pre-emption claimants, or any other legal and genuine evidence of Land Scrip or Warrants, and in conformity with existing laws, be, and the same are hereby declared as legal and valid, as though he had fully complied with Article 1888 of Hartley's Digest.

Sec. 2. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Approved, January 27, 1858.

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CHAPTER 65.

An Act for the better protection of the Frontier.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas: That the Governor is hereby authorized and required to call into service one hundred mounted volunteers, in addition to the force now in service, for the term of six months, unless sooner discharged, and all said force may be

continued in service for any length of time, if the safety of the frontier require it.

Sec. 2. That the Governor may appoint a person experienced in such service, with the rank of Senior Captain, to command all the forces of the State so enrolled, and superintend the protection of the frontier.

Sec. 3. That the Governor shall direct the organization and equipment of all the forces on the frontier, and make such regulations as are necessary and most expedient for the protection of the frontier, and the officers and men shall be allowed such pay and emoluments as mounted men are allowed in like service of the United States; and he shall also be authorized to appoint a person to act as Quarter-master, and Pay-master to facilitate operations, who shall give sufficient bonds and security to be approved by the Governor.

Sec. 4. That the Volunteers raised in Bosque county, since first of January 1858, may be accepted as a portion of the force to be raised by this act, and allowed pay from the date at which they entered service.

Sec. 5. That whenever an efficient force shall be placed on the frontier by the Government of the United States, all the men raised by the State shall be discharged.

Sec. 6. That in the event of a continuation of hostilities by the Indians, and the failure of the Federal Government to protect the frontier, the Governor is authorized to call out any number of men, and to carry on active and offensive operations against all Indians at war.

Sec. 7. That the sum of seventy thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury to carry out the provisions of this act, and that this act take effect from and after its passage.

Approved January 27, 1858.