
CHAPTER LXXXI.

An Act relinquishing to the United States of America the title of this State to certain lands.

[Approved March 9, 1897.]

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Relin-
quishing
title to
certain
State lands
to the
United
States.

SECTION 1. All the right and title of the State of California in and to the parcels of land extending from high-water mark out to three hundred yards beyond low-water mark, lying adjacent and contiguous to such lands of the United States in this State as lie upon tidal waters and are held, occupied, or reserved for military purposes or defense, lying adjacent

and contiguous to any island, the title to which is in the United States, or which island is reserved by the United States for any military or naval purposes or for defense, are hereby granted, released, and ceded to the United States of America; the boundaries of each parcel of land hereby granted, released, and ceded to the United States to be a line along high-water mark, a line three hundred yards out beyond low-water mark, and lines at right angles to high-water mark at the points where the boundaries of the adjacent lands of the United States touch high-water mark; *provided*, that the title to each parcel of land hereby granted, released, and ceded to the United States shall be, and remain in the United States only so long as the United States shall continue to hold and own the adjacent lands now belonging to the United States; *and provided further*, that this State reserves the right to serve and execute on said lands all civil process, not incompatible with this cession, and such criminal process as may lawfully issue under the authority of this State against any person or persons charged with crimes committed without said lands.

Right to
serve civil
process.

SEC. 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.