CHAPTER CCCCXXV.

An Act to legalize applications heretofore made for the purchase of lands belonging to this State, and to confirm the title of the purchasers under such applications.

[Approved March 27, 1872.]

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

Application legalized.

SECTION 1. All applications heretofore made for the purchase of lands belonging to this State under the provisions of any Act authorizing the sale of State lands, shall be good and valid, although the land described in such application and affidavit may be styled salt marsh and tide land, when in fact it is swamp and overflowed land; or may be styled swamp and overflowed land, when in fact it is salt marsh and tide land; or may be styled swamp and overflowed and salt marsh and tide land, when in fact it may be either. And the application first made shall have the preference by whatever style it may describe the land; *provided,* the same be in all other respects substantially conformable to law.

Patents declared valid.

SEC. 2. In all cases where patents have been or may hereafter be issued upon any such application or affidavits as described in section one of this Act for any such land, the same shall be deemed and held to convey the legal title to the land in such patent or patents described to the purchaser therein mentioned, by whatever style such land may be designated in

such patent; and the State of California does hereby grant to the purchasers named in such patents, or their assigns or grantees, in case the title has been transferred, all its right, title, and interest in and to the lands in such patents described.

SEC. 3.   The provisions of this Act shall not be construed to recognize, confirm, or validate any title to any lands lying within five miles of the City and County of San Francisco or of the City of Oakland, or within one and a half miles of the State Prison at San Quentin.   *Excepted.*

SEC. 4.   This Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.