

to be taken or damage done by reason of the construction of such railroad. In case of failure to make satisfactory settlement with any such claimant, the United States district court at Minneapolis, Minnesota, shall have jurisdiction, upon petition of either party, to determine such just compensation in accordance with the laws of Minnesota provided for determining the damage when property is taken for railroad purposes. The amount of damages resulting to the tribes of Indians, in their tribal capacity, by reason of the construction of said railroad through such ceded lands of the former Red Lake Reservation as are not occupied in severalty, shall be ascertained and determined in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, and be subject to his final approval; but no right of any kind shall vest in said railroad company in or to any part of the right of way herein provided for until plats thereof, made upon actual survey for the definite location of such railroad, and including grounds for station buildings, depots, machine shops, side tracks, turn-outs, and water stations, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and until compensation aforesaid shall have been fixed and paid: *Provided*, That said railroad shall be located, constructed, and operated with due regard to the rights of the Indians.

—jurisdiction.

Plats.

*Proviso.*  
Rights of Indians to be preserved.

SEC. 3. That said company shall file maps showing the definite location of the line of road and station grounds in the local land office for the district in which the land lies, and upon approval thereof by the Secretary of the Interior the grant of right of way shown thereon shall relate back to the date of such filing. Upon the completion of the road the company shall file an affidavit of its engineer and a certificate of its president as evidence thereof.

Maps.

SEC. 4. That said company is hereby authorized to enter upon said ceded lands for the purpose of surveying and locating its line of railroad.

Surveys.

SEC. 5. That the right herein granted shall be forfeited by said company unless the road shall be constructed through the said ceded lands within two years after the passage of this Act.

Completion.

SEC. 6. That nothing herein contained shall restrict or impair the rights which said company may now have or hereafter acquire to the benefits and provisions of the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States."

Railroad rights.

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SEC. 7. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act, or any part thereof.

Amendment.

Approved, April 17, 1900.

CHAP. 243.—An Act To set apart a portion of the Arlington estate for experimental agricultural purposes, and to place said portion under the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture and his successors in office.

April 18, 1900.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That jurisdiction is hereby transferred and given to the Secretary of Agriculture and his successors in office over so much of the Government land in Alexandria County, Virginia, known as the Arlington estate, as lies east of the public road leading from the Aqueduct Bridge to Alexandria, Virginia, otherwise called the Georgetown and Alexandria road, and between said road and the Potomac River, containing about four hundred acres, with the exception, however, of a strip of land as follows, commencing at the point where the Georgetown and Alexandria road enters the Arlington estate on the north side, thence along said road six hundred and twenty-

Experimental agriculture on Arlington estate.  
Jurisdiction given Secretary of Agriculture of lands.

—location.

five yards, thence in a line perpendicular to said road to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, thence along said canal to the south line of the reservation, jurisdiction over which is retained by the Secretary of War.

Intent of act.

SEC. 2. That the declared purpose of this Act is to set apart said tract of land as a general experimental farm in its broadest sense, where all that pertains to agriculture in its several and different branches, including animal industry and horticulture, may be fostered and encouraged, and the practice and science of farming in the United States advanced, promoted, and practically illustrated.

Secretary given immediate control of property, etc.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of Agriculture will take immediate and absolute control of said property described in section one, and by clearing, underdraining, grassing, laying out proper roads and driveways, constructing proper bridges and buildings, and in other ways as his judgment may dictate bring said property as rapidly as possible into the proper condition to answer the purposes for which it is set apart:

Proviso. Existing sewers, etc., not to be obstructed.

*Provided*, That all improvements of or which may at any time be made upon said premises, as herein contemplated, shall be so located, constructed, and maintained as not to interfere with or obstruct the natural waterways or the sewers or other means now established or which may hereafter be provided, constructed, or maintained for the purpose of affording proper drainage and sewerage to the other portions of said estate: *And provided further*, That this Act shall not impair or interfere with any of the rights heretofore granted by Act of Congress to the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company to construct, maintain, and operate its electric railroad across the said portion of the estate lying east of said public road.

—or rights of Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway impaired.

Secretary given full discretion, etc.

SEC. 4. That in the development, improvement, and management of said property full discretion is hereby given the Secretary of Agriculture and his successors in office to carry into effect the declared purposes of this Act.

Effect.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be in force from its passage.

Approved, April 18, 1900.

April 18, 1900.

**CHAP. 244.**—An Act Repealing section forty-seven hundred and sixteen of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same may be applicable to the claims of dependent parents of soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the war with Spain.

Pensions. Dependent parents of soldiers, etc., who served in the Confederate army and in the war with Spain may be pensioned. R. S., sec. 4716, p. 919.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section forty-seven hundred and sixteen of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, repealed, so far as the same may be applicable to the claims to pension of dependent parents of soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the war with Spain.

Approved, April 18, 1900.

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**CHAP. 245.**—An Act To authorize the holding of a regular term of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia in the city of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Virginia western judicial district. Term of district court to be held at Charlottesville.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That a regular term of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia shall be held in each year in the city of Charlottesville, Virginia, on the second Monday in January.

Approved, April 18, 1900.