

purchased in open market, at prices not to exceed those of the lowest bidder, and not to exceed the market price of the same, until such time as satisfactory bids can be obtained, for which immediate advertisement shall be made: *Provided*, That so much of the appropriations herein made as may be required to pay for goods and supplies, for expenses incident to their purchase, and for transportation of the same, for the year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two, shall be immediately available, but no such goods or supplies shall be distributed or delivered to any of said Indians prior to July first, nineteen hundred and one.

*Proviso.*  
Appropriations immediately available.

SEC. 8. That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs shall report annually to Congress, specifically showing the number of employees at each agency, industrial and boarding school, which are supported in whole or in part out of the appropriations in this Act, giving name, when employed, in what capacity employed, male or female, whether white or Indian, amount of compensation paid, and out of what item or fund of the appropriation paid, and whether, in the opinion of such Commissioner, any of such employees are unnecessary.

Annual report of employees.

SEC. 9. That section five of "An Act to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to Indians on the various reservations, and to extend the protection of the laws of the United States and the Territories over the Indians, and for other purposes," approved February eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, be amended by adding thereto the following proviso: "*Provided further*, That whenever the Secretary of the Interior shall be satisfied that any of the Indians of the Siletz Indian Reservation, in the State of Oregon, fully capable of managing their own business affairs, and being of the age of twenty-one years or upward, shall, through inheritance or otherwise, become the owner of more than eighty acres of land upon said reservation, he shall cause patents to be issued to such Indian or Indians for all of such lands over and above the eighty acres thereof. Said patent or patents shall be issued for the least valuable portions of said lands, and the same shall be discharged of any trust and free of all charge, incumbrance, or restriction whatsoever; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to ascertain, as soon as shall be practicable, whether any of said Indians of the Siletz Reservation should receive patents conveying in fee lands to them under the provisions of this Act."

Siletz Reservation, Oreg.  
Vol. 24, p. 389.

Patents to Indians for more than 80 acres of land authorized, etc.

—inquiry directed.

Approved, March 3, 1901

**CHAP. 833.**—An Act Granting homesteaders on the abandoned Fort Fetterman Military Reservation in Wyoming the right to purchase one quarter section of public land on said reservation as pasture or grazing land.

March 3, 1901.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That each person who has exercised the right of homestead entry on the abandoned Fort Fetterman reservation in the State of Wyoming shall, upon proper proof of settlement and homestead upon land covered by said entry, be entitled to the right to purchase, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, not exceeding one quarter section of the public lands on said reservation as pasture or grazing land not otherwise disposed of: *Provided*, That land so purchased be unfitted for cultivation and homestead entry by reason of lack of water for irrigating purposes or otherwise: *And provided further*, That said purchase of pasture or grazing land shall not, with the land heretofore entered by the applicant, exceed in the aggregate three hundred and twenty acres.

Fort Fetterman Military Reservation, Wyo.  
Homesteaders may purchase pasture or grazing land.

*Provisos.*  
—land unfitted for cultivation only.  
—limit of entry.

Approved, March 3, 1901.