

“SEC. 8. That all nets, boats, or other contrivances, the property of any person or persons convicted under the provisions of this Act, shall be confiscated to the District of Columbia, and the same shall be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, by the property clerk of said District, and the proceeds therefrom be deposited with the collector of taxes, as are other District revenues.”

Disposition of nets, etc., taken.

SEC. 3. That section two of “An Act for the protection of fish in the District of Columbia, for the maintenance of a permanent spawning ground in the Potomac River in said District, and for other purposes,” approved May seventeenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, be, and is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Bass.

“SEC. 2. That no person shall catch or kill in the waters of the Potomac River or its tributaries within the District of Columbia any black bass (otherwise known as green bass and chub), crappie (otherwise known as calico bass and strawberry bass), between the first day of April and the twenty-ninth day of May of each year, nor have in possession nor expose for sale any of said species between the dates aforesaid, nor catch or kill any of said species of fish at any other time during the year except by angling, nor catch nor kill any of the aforesaid species by what are known as out lines or trot lines, having a succession of hooks or devices.”

Closed season.

Approved March 3, 1901.

CHAP. 845.—An Act Supplementary to an Act entitled “An Act to prohibit the coming of Chinese persons into the United States,” approved May fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and fixing the compensation of commissioners in such cases.

March 3, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the district attorney of the district in which any Chinese person may be arrested for being found unlawfully within the United States, or having unlawfully entered the United States, to designate the United States commissioner within such district before whom such Chinese person shall be taken for hearing.

Chinese exclusion. Vol. 27, p. 25. Designation of United States commissioner to hear question of illegal entry.

SEC. 2. That a United States commissioner shall be entitled to receive a fee of five dollars for hearing and deciding a case arising under the Chinese-exclusion laws.

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SEC. 3. That no warrant of arrest for violations of the Chinese-exclusion laws shall be issued by United States commissioners excepting upon the sworn complaint of a United States district attorney, assistant United States district attorney, collector, deputy collector, or inspector of customs, immigration inspector, United States marshal, or deputy United States marshal, or Chinese inspector, unless the issuing of such warrant of arrest shall first be approved or requested in writing by the United States district attorney of the district in which issued.

Warrants of arrest; on whose complaint issued.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall take effect immediately.

Effect.

Approved, March 3, 1901.

CHAP. 846.—An Act To supplement existing laws relating to the disposition of lands, and so forth.

March 3, 1901.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. That before the time for opening to settlement or entry of any of the lands in the Territory of Oklahoma, respectively ceded to the United States by the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians, and the Comanche, Kiowa, and Apache tribes of Indians, under agreements respectively ratified

Oklahoma. Ceded lands of Wichita, etc., Indians to be surveyed, subdivided, etc., prior to opening for settlement. Vol. 28, p. 894.

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Proviso.
Lands may be attached to adjoining county.

President's proclamation opening lands.

Surveys, etc.

Proviso.
Limit of purchase business lots, etc.

Disposition of proceeds of sales.

County indebtedness.

County officials

Additional land offices, etc., authorized.

by the Acts of March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and June sixth, nineteen hundred, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to subdivide the same into such number of counties as will, for the time being, best subserve the public interests, and to designate the place for the county seat of each county, and to set aside and reserve at such county seat, for disposition as herein provided, three hundred and twenty acres of land: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior may attach any part of said lands to any adjoining county in said Territory.

The lands to be opened to settlement and entry under the Acts of Congress ratifying said agreements respectively shall be so opened by proclamation of the President, and to avoid the contests and conflicting claims which have heretofore resulted from opening similar public lands to settlement and entry, the President's proclamation shall prescribe the manner in which these lands may be settled upon, occupied and entered by persons entitled thereto under the Acts ratifying said agreements, respectively; and no person shall be permitted to settle upon, occupy or enter any of said lands except as prescribed in such proclamation until after the expiration of sixty days from the time when the same are opened to settlement and entry.

The lands so set apart and designated shall, in advance of the opening, be surveyed, subdivided, and platted, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, into appropriate lots, blocks, streets, alleys, and sites for parks or public buildings, so as to make a town site thereof: *Provided*, That no person shall purchase more than one business and one residence lot. Such town lots shall be offered and sold at public auction to the highest bidder, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, at sales to be had at the opening and subsequent thereto. The receipts from the sale of these lots in the respective county seats shall, after deducting the expenses incident to the surveying, subdividing, platting, and selling of the same, be disposed of under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior in the following manner: A court-house shall be erected therewith at such county seat at a cost of not exceeding ten thousand dollars and the residue shall be applied to the construction of bridges, roads, and such other public improvements as the Secretary of the Interior shall deem appropriate, including the payment of all expenses actually necessary to the maintenance of the county government until the time for collecting county taxes in the calendar year next succeeding the time of the opening. No indebtedness of any character shall be contracted or incurred by any of said counties prior to the time for collecting county taxes in the calendar year next succeeding the opening, excepting where the same shall have been authorized by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. The governor of the Territory shall appoint and commission for each county all county and township officers made necessary by the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, who shall hold their respective offices until the officers elected by the people at the general election next following the opening shall have qualified.

SEC. 3. The President is hereby authorized to establish two additional United States land districts and land offices in the Territory of Oklahoma, which districts shall include the lands so ceded by the Wichita and affiliated bands of Indians, one of the land offices shall be located at Elreno, in the county of Canadian; and the other shall be located at the county seat nearest Fort Sill. These land districts shall be respectively established at the time of proclaiming the lands aforesaid open to settlement and entry.

Approved, March 3, 1901.