

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said lands hereby granted to the said State shall be subject to the disposal of the legislature thereof, for the purposes aforesaid and no other; and the said railroad and branches shall be and remain a public highway, for the use of the government of the United States, free from toll or other charge upon the transportation of any property or troops of the United States.

Lands granted to be used only for the purposes aforesaid. Railroads to be free for use of government of U. States.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That if the said railroad shall not be completed within ten years, the said State of Illinois shall be bound to pay to the United States the amount which may be received upon the sale of any part of said lands by said State, the title to the purchasers under said State remaining valid; and the title to the residue of said lands shall reinvest in the United States, to have and hold the same in the same manner as if this act had not been passed.

If not completed within ten years, Illinois to pay the U. States the amount received on sale of lands by that State, and the lands unsold reinvest.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the United States mail shall at all times be transported on the said railroad under the direction of the Post-Office Department, at such price as the Congress may by law direct.

Transportation of U. S. mail.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That in order to aid in the continuation of said Central Railroad from the mouth of the Ohio River to the city of Mobile, all the rights, privileges, and liabilities hereinbefore conferred on the State of Illinois shall be granted to the States of Alabama and Mississippi respectively, for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from said city of Mobile to a point near the mouth of the Ohio River, and that public lands of the United States, to the same extent in proportion to the length of the road, on the same terms, limitations, and restrictions in every respect, shall be, and is hereby, granted to said States of Alabama and Mississippi respectively.

All the rights, etc., herein conferred on Illinois shall be granted to Alabama and Mississippi, to aid in constructing a railroad from Mobile to the Ohio River.

APPROVED, September 20, 1850.

CHAP. LXII. — *An Act giving the Assent of the United States to an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at the December Session, eighteen hundred and forty-four, chapter two hundred and eighty-seven.*

Sept. 20, 1850.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the assent of the United States be, and the same is hereby, given to the act of the general assembly of Maryland, passed at its December session, eighteen hundred and forty-four, chapter two hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act supplementary to an act entitled 'An Act to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company,' passed at December session, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, chapter two hundred and ninety-seven," and to each and every provision thereof; and that the same be, and are hereby, extended to so much of the said canal as lies within the District of Columbia, in as full and effectual a manner as if the several provisions aforesaid were hereby formally enacted.

Relating to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.

APPROVED, September 20, 1850.

CHAP. LXIII. — *An Act to suppress the Slave Trade in the District of Columbia.*

Sept. 20, 1850.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That from and after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, it shall not be lawful to bring into the District of Columbia any slave whatever, for the purpose of being sold, or for the purpose of being placed in depot,

No slave to be brought into the District of Columbia to be sold.