

army shall reimburse to the corporation of the city of Washington for expenses incurred in improving the property of the general government in said city, under provisions of act of May fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and in accordance with the recommendation of the Secretary of War, in book of estimates of appropriations, pages two hundred and forty-four and two hundred and forty-five, two hundred and ninety-six thousand nine hundred and forty-three dollars and eighty-eight cents: *Provided*, That section fifteen of an act entitled "An act to incorporate the city of Washington and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose," approved May fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty; and section three of an act approved May fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, entitled "An act to amend 'An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, passed May fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty,'" are hereby repealed; and no improvements of the streets, alleys, avenues, or other property of the United States, in the city of Washington, authorized by said act, which is to be paid for by the United States, shall hereafter be made until an appropriation shall have been made therefor, and such appropriation, when made, shall be expended under the direction of the chief engineer of the army.

City of Washington to be reimbursed for certain expenses. 1864, ch. 81, § 2. Vol. xiii. p. 69.

Repeal of 1820, ch. 104, § 15. Vol. iii. p. 591, and 1864, ch. 81, § 3. Vol. xiii. p. 69. No improvements in streets, &c. to be paid for by the United States, to be made until after appropriation therefor.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That hereafter no contract shall be entered into for the erection, repair, or furnishing of any public building, or for any public improvement whatever, which shall bind the government to pay a larger sum of money than the amount in the treasury appropriated for the specific purpose. And if any officer of the government shall knowingly contract for the erection, repair, or furnishing of any public building, or for any public improvement which shall bind the government to pay a larger amount than the specific sum appropriated for such purpose, such officer shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction thereof by a court of competent jurisdiction, shall be punished by imprisonment not less than six months nor more than two years, and shall pay a fine of two thousand dollars.

No contract to be made for any public improvements, &c. for larger sum than appropriated.

Penalty.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws making an appropriation for the payment of the salaries of the solicitor, assistant solicitor, and deputy solicitor of the court of claims, and of the assistant attorney-general, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, be, and the same are hereby, repealed; and that there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the salaries of two assistant attorneys-general, one clerk, and two clerks of class four for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, twelve thousand four hundred dollars.

Appropriations for solicitors of court of claims repealed;

for assistant attorneys-general and clerks.

APPROVED, July 25, 1868.

CHAP. CCXXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of the loyal Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians.*

July 25, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to adopt and ratify the compromise and agreements entered into and executed on the twentieth and twenty-first of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, between the legally authorized representatives of the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations of Indians, and the legally authorized representative of the loyal Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, claimants under the forty-ninth article of the treaty of April twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, between the United States and the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, as a full and final settlement of all claims under the aforesaid article of said treaty. And the amount as stipulated in the aforesaid agreements to be paid to the loyal Choctaw and Chickasaw claimants, to wit: To the Choctaw claimants the sum of one hundred and nine thousand seven hundred and

Compromise and agreements with the Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians adopted.

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Amount to be paid out of funds held in trust for them.

Bonds, &c. held in trust may be sold, if, &c.;

but not for less than par.

Payments to be made only to whom.

Certain powers of attorney to be held invalid.

Bonds of Indiana not to be sold.

forty-two dollars and eight cents, and to the Chickasaw claimants the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars shall be paid by the Secretary of the Interior to said claimants, out of any moneys in the treasury of the United States belonging to, or held in trust for, said nations of Indians; but in case there is not a sufficient amount of money in the treasury of the United States belonging to, or held in trust for, said nations of Indians to discharge their respective obligations to the loyal Choctaw and Chickasaw Indians, (claimants,) or in case the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations of Indians shall request it, then the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to sell such bonds or other securities held in trust by the United States for the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations of Indians as may be necessary to discharge their respective obligations to the aforesaid loyal Choctaw and Chickasaw claimants, as stipulated in the aforesaid compromise and agreements: *Provided*, That no bonds or securities shall be sold for less than par: *And provided further*, That no payments shall be made nor bonds delivered under the provisions of this act except in every case to the person actually entitled in his own right to receive the same; nor shall any contract or power of attorney relating to the same be regarded or held as of any validity unless signed and executed after the passage of this act: *And provided also*, That the bonds of the State of Indiana held by the United States shall not be sold under the provisions of this act.

APPROVED, July 25, 1868.

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CHAP. CCXXXV. — *An Act to provide a temporary Government for the Territory of Wyoming.*

Territory of Wyoming organized.
Boundaries.

Indian rights not affected.

Territory may be divided.

Executive.
Governor,
term of office;

residence, duties, and pay.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that part of the United States described as follows: Commencing at the intersection of the twenty-seventh meridian of longitude west from Washington with the forty-fifth degree of north latitude, and running thence west to the thirty-fourth meridian of west longitude, thence south to the forty-first degree of north latitude, thence east to the twenty-seventh meridian of west longitude, and thence north to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby, organized into a temporary government by the name of the Territory of Wyoming: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to impair the rights of person or property now pertaining to the Indians in said Territory, so long as such rights shall remain unextinguished by treaty between the United States and such Indians: *Provided, further*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to inhibit the government of the United States from dividing said Territory into two or more Territories, in such manner and at such time as Congress shall deem convenient and proper, or from attaching any portion thereof to any other Territory or State.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the executive power and authority in and over said Territory of Wyoming shall be vested in a governor, who shall hold his office for four years, and until his successor shall be appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed by the President of the United States with the advice and consent of the Senate. The governor shall reside within said Territory, shall be commander-in-chief of the militia thereof, shall perform the duties and receive the emoluments of superintendent of Indian affairs, and shall approve all laws passed by the legislative assembly before they shall take effect, unless the same shall pass by a two-thirds vote as provided in section six of this act; he may grant pardons for offences against the laws of said Territory, and reprieves for offences against the laws of the United States, until the decision of the President can be made known thereon; he shall commission all officers who shall be appointed to office under the laws of said Territory, and shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed.