

seven, to leave and be absent from said lands until the first day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, under such rules and regulations as to proof of the same as the Commissioner of the General Land-Office shall prescribe; and where such grasshoppers shall reappear in eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, to the like destruction or injury of crops, the right to leave and be absent as aforesaid shall continue to October first, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine; and during such absence no adverse rights shall attach to said lands, such settlers being allowed to resume and perfect their settlement as though no such absence had occurred.

SEC. 2. That the time for making final proof and payment by pre-emptors whose crops have been destroyed or injured as aforesaid is hereby extended for one year after the expiration of the term of absence provided for in the first section of this act; and all the rights and privileges extended by this act to homestead and pre-emption settlers shall apply to and include the settlers under an act entitled "An act to encourage the growth of timber on western prairies," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, and the acts amendatory thereof.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

March 3, 1877. **CHAP. 128.**—An act to provide for a reprint of the resolves, ordinances, and acts passed by the Continental Congress and the Congress of the Confederation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be printed at the Government Printing-Office, for the use of Congress, five thousand copies of the resolves, ordinances, and acts of the Continental Congress and the Congress of the Confederation of the United States, fifteen hundred copies for the use of the Senate, three thousand copies for the use of the House of Representatives, and five hundred copies for the use of the executive departments.

SEC. 2. That said resolves, ordinances, and acts shall be taken from the journals, and printed with a proper index, under the supervision of the Librarian of Congress.

SEC. 3. That the sum of one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to defray the expense of making such work and index; the same to be disbursed under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

March 3, 1877. **CHAP. 129.**—An act to provide for the disposition of Fort Dalles military reservation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be, and hereby is, authorized to transfer to the custody and control of the Secretary of the Interior, for disposition for cash, according to existing laws relating to the public lands, after appraisement, to the highest bidder, and at not less than the appraised value, nor at less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the United States military reservation known as the Fort Dalles military reservation at Dalles in the State of Oregon, as the same was established by order of Brigadier-General W. S. Harney, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, excepting any portion of said reservation as may have been granted to any settler under the act of Congress making donations of the public lands in Oregon to settlers, approved September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty, or which may have been granted under any other act of Congress previous to the time when such military reservation was established.

Regulations as to proof.

Adverse rights not to attach.

Time for making final proof and payment extended.

Benefits to extend to settlers under timber-culture acts.

Acts of Continental Congress, etc., to be printed.

How compiled and printed.

Appropriation.

How disbursed.

Fort Dalles reservation to be transferred to Secretary of Interior for sale, etc.

SEC. 2 That the Secretary of the Interior, if in his opinion the public interests require it, may cause the said lands in said reservation, or any part thereof, to be subdivided into tracts less than forty acres each, and into town-lots, or either; and, in such cases, each subdivision or lot shall be appraised and offered separately for sale to the highest bidder, as before provided, after which any tract or lot so offered, and not sold for want of bidders, shall be subject to sale at private entry at the appraised value.

Subdivision into tracts.

Separate appraisal and offer.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the improvements, buildings, materials, and other property, which may be situate upon said reservation, or upon any such tract or into which the same may be subdivided, to be appraised, and may cause the same to be sold, together with the tract or lot upon which the same may be situate, at not less than the appraised value of the land and improvements, or may, in his discretion, cause the said improvements to be sold separately at public sale at not less than the appraised value, to be removed by the purchaser within such time as the Secretary of the Interior may direct; and if the improvements are offered and not sold for want of bidders, then the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to sell the same at private sale for not less than the appraised value.

Appraisal and sale of improvements.

SEC. 4. That the land lying between the northern boundary of said military reservation and the northern boundary of the military reservation, as established by order of Major G. I. Rains in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, shall be disposed of under and according to the provisions of title thirty-two, chapter eight, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, except any portion of the same to which there may be a valid pre-emption claim; and all controversies arising under this act, in regard to the right or title to any part of said lands, shall be decided by the register and the receiver of the proper land-office, subject to an appeal to the Commissioner of the General Land-Office by any person or party interested therein.

Lands between certain boundaries of reservation, how disposed of.  
R. S., Title xxxii, p. 438.

Controversies.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 130.—An act to authorize the President to restore Thomas J. Spencer to his former rank in the Army.

March 3, 1877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to restore to his former rank and relative grade in the Army Thomas J. Spencer, late first lieutenant, Tenth United States Cavalry: Provided, That said Spencer shall not be entitled to any pay or allowances as an Army officer for the time he may have been out of the military service. And the law of promotion in the line is hereby suspended in this case for the purpose*

Thomas J. Spencer may be restored to rank in Army.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 131.—An act authorizing the changing of the name of the sloop Addie Parker of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

March 3, 1877.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to allow the owner of the sloop Addie Parker, a vessel of American ownership and license, to change her name, and be hereafter known as the Addie.*

Name of sloop Addie Parker changed.

Approved, March 3, 1877.