

CHAP. 608.—An act to provide for the sale of the Cherokee Reservation in the State of Arkansas.

July 2, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lands known as the old Cherokee Reservation, in townships seven and eight north, of range twenty-one west of the fifth principal meridian, in the State of Arkansas, be, and are hereby, placed under the control of the General Land Office, to be sold and disposed of in the same manner and under the same regulations as other public lands of the United States, except as hereinafter provided.

Cherokee Reservation, Arkansas, to be sold.

SEC. 2. That such homestead and pre-emption entries as have been made, under instructions from the General Land Office, upon the odd-numbered sections of said reservation, as shall appear to be in all respects fair and regular, except as to time of sale, are hereby confirmed, and patents shall be issued thereon as in other cases.

Homestead entries confirmed.

SEC. 3. That all actual settlers, and settlers upon adjoining lands, who are duly qualified to make entries under the homestead laws of the United States, and who settled upon or improved either odd or even numbered sections of said reservation at any time prior to the date of this act, and are now residing thereon, or cultivating the same and residing upon adjoining lands, shall be entitled to a preference right of entry under said laws, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres, including the tract on which they reside, if residing on adjoining lands, with credit for actual settlement and residence or cultivation heretofore made in computing the time necessary to perfect title; but in no case shall actual settlers on adjoining lands be permitted to abandon any part of their claims upon which settlements have been made to secure a larger or increased amount of the reservation: *Provided,* That all such parties shall file their applications under the homestead laws within three months from date of receipt by the local land-officers of instructions under this act from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and make proof and payment as in other cases.

Actual settlers to have preference of entry.

Proviso.
Applications to be filed within three months.

Approved, July 2, 1886.

CHAP. 609.—An act to construct a road to the national cemetery at Natchez, Mississippi.

July 2, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a macadamized or gravel road from the city of Natchez, Mississippi, to the national cemetery near that city: *Provided,* That the right of way, not less than fifty feet in width, shall first be secured to the United States to the ground over which said road shall run: *And provided further,* That said road shall be constructed under the supervision of the Secretary of War, upon a contract let to the lowest bidder.

National cemetery, Natchez, Miss. Appropriation to construct road to.

Proviso.
Right of way.

Construction.

Approved, July 2, 1886.

CHAP. 610.—An act making an appropriation to construct a road or wagon roadway from the United States barracks in Saint Bernard Parish, Louisiana, to the national military cemetery at Chalmette, in said parish.

July 2, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a macadamized road or wagon roadway from the United States barracks in the parish of Saint Bernard, Louisiana, about one mile and a half, to the national military cemetery at Chalmette, in said parish.

National cemetery, Chalmette, La.

Appropriation to construct road to, from United States barracks, Saint Bernard parish.

To be expended under direction of Secretary of War.

Report.

SEC. 2. That the sum of money appropriated by this act shall be expended by and under the direction of the Secretary of War, either by contract or otherwise, as to him may seem best.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War shall report to Congress at its next session his action under the provisions of this act.

Approved, July 2, 1886.

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CHAP. 611.—An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and for other purposes.

Pension appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of pensions for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and for other purposes, namely:

Pensions.

For Army and Navy pensions as follows: For invalids, widows, minor children, and dependent relatives, and survivors and widows of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, seventy-five million dollars: *Provided,* That the appropriations aforesaid for Navy pensions shall be paid from the income of the Navy pension fund, so far as the same may be sufficient for that purpose: *And provided further,* That the amount expended under each of the above items shall be accounted for separately.

Proviso.

Navy pensions paid from Navy fund.

Fees, etc., examining surgeons.

For fees and expenses of examining surgeons, eight hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars. And each member of each examining board shall, as now authorized by law, receive the sum of two dollars for the examination of each applicant whenever five or a less number shall be examined on any one day, and one dollar for the examination of each additional applicant on such day: *Provided,* That if twenty or more applicants appear on one day, no fewer than twenty shall, if practicable, be examined on said day, and that if fewer examinations be then made, twenty or more having appeared, then there shall be paid for the first examinations made on the next examination day the fee of one dollar only until twenty examinations shall have been made.

Proviso.

Twenty examinations to be made in one day.

Salaries to agents.

For the salaries of eighteen agents for the payment of pensions, at four thousand dollars each, seventy-two thousand dollars; and hereafter the provisions of section three of the act approved July fifth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An act making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, and for other purposes," are hereby extended and made applicable to all official mail-matter of agents for the payment of pensions.

Official mail-matter to be carried free.

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Clerk hire, rents, stationery, etc.

For clerk hire, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; rents, twenty thousand dollars; fuel, one thousand two hundred dollars; lights, two thousand dollars; postage on letters to the Executive Departments and to pensioners, stationery, and other necessary expenses, to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, nine thousand dollars; in all, one hundred and eighty-two thousand two hundred dollars.

Approved, July 2, 1886.

July 3, 1886.

CHAP. 622.—An act granting the right of way to the Leavenworth, Northern and Southern Railway Company through the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth.

Right of way through Fort Leavenworth reservation to Leavenworth, Northern and Southern Railway Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of way not exceeding one hundred feet in width is hereby granted to the Leavenworth, Northern and Southern Railway Company, a corporation created under the laws of the State of Kansas, to construct and operate a railroad across and over the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, in