

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That to meet the expenses of carrying this act into effect, the sum of five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for salaries, commissions and incidental expenses of the offices of the register and receiver, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the General Land-Office.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. XCII.—*An Act to confirm certain Entries of Land therein named.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all entries of the public land[s] under the act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands subject to entry, to actual settlers and cultivators, approved fourth of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, made prior to the passage of this act, in which the purchaser has made the affidavit and paid the purchase-money as required by said act and the instructions issued and in force, and in the hands of the Register at the time of making said entry, are hereby legalized, and patents shall issue to the parties respectively, excepting those entries under said act, which the commissioner of the General Land-Office may ascertain to have been fraudulently or evasively made; *Provided,* That this act shall not be so construed as to confirm any of said entries which have heretofore been annulled and vacated by said commissioner on account of fraud, evasion of law, or other special cause; and *provided further,* That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to deprive any actual settler and cultivator of his right to any land on which he resided at the time of an entry by another person under the act to which this act is an amendment.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. XCIII.—*An Act to establish three additional Land Districts in the Territory of Nebraska.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of the Territory of Nebraska at present included in the Omaha district, which lies south of the line which divides townships six and seven north, extended from the Missouri River westward, shall constitute an additional district, to be called the "Nemaha Land District;" all said Omaha district which is situated south of the south shore or right bank of the Platte River, and north of the said township line, between townships six and seven north, shall constitute an additional land district, to be called the "South Platte River Land District;" and all that portion of said Omaha district which lies north of the south boundary of the "Omaha Reserve," extended westward, being identical with the line which divides townships twenty-three and twenty-four north, shall constitute an additional land district, to be called the "Dahkota Land District;" the location of the offices for which shall be designated by the President of the United States, and shall by him, from time to time, be changed as the public interests may seem to require.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or during the recess thereof, and until the end of the next session of Congress after such appointment, a register and a receiver for each land district hereby created, who shall be required to reside at the site of their offices, have the same powers, responsibilities, and emoluments, and be subject to the same acts and penalties, which are or may be prescribed by law in relation to other land officers of the United States.

Nemaha Land District constituted.

South Platte River District constituted.

Dahkota District constituted.

Officers for said districts.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President is hereby authorized to cause the public lands in said districts, with the exception of such as may have been or may be reserved for other purposes, to be exposed to sale in the same manner and upon the same terms and conditions as other public lands of the United States: *Provided,* That all sales and locations made at Omaha city of lands situated within the limits of the new districts hereby created, which shall be valid and right in other respects up to the day on which the new offices shall respectively go into operation, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

Sales authorized in said districts.

Certain sales at Omaha city confirmed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. XCIV.—*An Act to establish three Additional Land Districts in the Territory of Kansas.* March 3, 1857.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of the "Pawnee land district," in the Territory of Kansas, created by the thirteenth section of the act approved twenty-second July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled "An act to establish the offices of surveyor-general of New Mexico, Kansas, and Nebraska, to grant donations to actual settlers therein, and for other purposes," which is situated north of the north or left bank of the Kansas River, and east of the line which divides ranges eight and nine east, shall constitute a separate district, to be called the "Delaware land district," all that portion of said Pawnee district which is situated south of the nearest township line to the parallel of thirty-eight degrees of north latitude, to be hereafter determined by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, shall constitute an additional district, to be called the "Osage land district," and all that portion of said Pawnee district which lies west of the line dividing ranges eight and nine east and north of the nearest township line to the parallel of thirty-eight degrees of north latitude, shall constitute a district to be called the "'Western District,' land district," the location of the offices for which shall be designated by the President of the United States, and shall by him, from time to time, be changed as the public interests may seem to require.

1854, ch. 103.

Vol. x. p. 308.

Delaware land district constituted.

Osage district constituted.

Western district constituted.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, whenever the public interests shall require, to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or during the recess thereof, and until the end of the next session of Congress after such appointment, a register and a receiver for each or either of the districts hereby created, who shall respectively be required to reside at the site of their offices, have the same powers, responsibilities, and emoluments, and be subject to the same acts and penalties, which are or may be prescribed by law in relation to other land officers of the United States.

Officers for said districts.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President is hereby authorized to cause the public lands in the districts created by this act, with the exception of such as may have been or may be reserved for other purposes, to be exposed to sale in the same manner, and upon the same terms and conditions as other public lands of the United States: *Provided,* That all sales and locations made at the office of the old district of lands situated within the limits of the new districts, which shall be valid and right in other respects, up to the day on which the new offices shall go into operation, be and the same are hereby confirmed.

Sales authorized at said districts.

Former sales and locations confirmed.

APPROVED March 3, 1857.

CHAP. XCV.—*An Act to expedite Telegraphic Communication for the Uses of the Government in its Foreign Intercourse.* March 3, 1857.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State, in