

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.

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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

Contract for Atlantic telegraph authorized.

the discretion, and under the direction of the President of the United States, may contract with any competent person, persons, or association, for the aid of the United States, by furnishing not exceeding two ships in laying down a submarine cable, to connect existing telegraphs between the coast of Newfoundland and the coast of Ireland, and for the use of such submarine communication when established by the government of the United States, on such terms and conditions as shall seem to the President just and reasonable, not exceeding seventy thousand dollars per annum until the nett profits of such person, or persons, or association, shall be equal to a dividend of six per cent. per annum, and then not exceeding fifty thousand dollars per annum for twenty-five years: *Provided*, That the government of Great Britain shall, before or at the same time, enter into a like contract for those purposes with the same person, persons, or association, and upon terms of exact equality with those stipulated by the United States: *And provided*, That the tariff of prices for the use of such submarine communication by the public shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States and the government of Great Britain, or its authorized agent: *Provided further*, That the United States and the citizens thereof shall enjoy the use of the said submarine telegraph communication for all time on the same terms and conditions which shall be stipulated in favor of the government of Great Britain, and the subjects thereof, recognising equality of rights among the citizens of the United States in the use of said submarine communication and the lines of telegraph which may at any time connect with the same at its terminus on the coast of New Foundland and in the United States, in any contract so to be entered into by such person, persons, or association, with that government: *Provided further*, That the contract to be made by the British government shall not be different from that already proposed by that government to the New York, Newfoundland, and London Telegraph Company except such provisions as may be necessary to secure to each government the transmission of its own messages by its own agents: *And provided further*, That it shall be in the power of Congress, after ten years, to terminate said contract upon giving one year's notice to the parties to such contract.

Provided Great Britain make a like contract.

Tariff for messages.

Equality of rights to be secured.

Proviso as to terms of British contract.

Contract may be terminated after ten years by one year's notice.

APPROVED March 3, 1857.

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CHAP. XCVI.—An Act making Appropriations for the Service of the Post-Office Department during the fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

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 for the Post-Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, out of any moneys in the treasury arising from the revenues of the said department, in conformity to the act of the second of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six:

- Inland transportation. For transportation of the mails, (inland,) seven million six hundred and twenty-two thousand two hundred and forty-seven dollars.
- Postmasters. For compensation of postmasters, two million one hundred and forty thousand dollars.
- Ship and way letters. For ship, steamboat, and way letters, twenty thousand dollars.
- Wrapping paper. For wrapping paper, forty-five thousand dollars.
- Furniture. For office furniture in the post-offices, six thousand dollars.
- Advertising. For advertizing, eighty thousand dollars.
- Mail bags. For mail-bags, fifty-five thousand dollars.
- Blanks, &c. For blanks, and paper for the same, ninety-five thousand dollars.
- Mail-locks, &c. For mail-locks, keys, and stamps, fifteen thousand dollars.
- Special agents. For mail depreddations and special agents, sixty-five thousand dollars.
- Clerks. For clerks in the offices of postmasters, seven hundred and sixty-five thousand dollars.