

bridges, turn-outs, watering-places, depots, equipments, furniture, and all other appurtenances of a first-class railroad, patents shall issue conveying the right and title to said lands to the said company entitled thereto, on each side of the road, so far as the same is completed, and coterminous with said completed section, not exceeding the amount aforesaid, and patents shall in like manner issue as each twenty miles of said road is completed: *Provided, however,* That no patents shall issue for any of said lands unless there shall be presented to the Secretary of the Interior a statement, verified on oath or affirmation by the president of said company, and certified by the governor of the state of Wisconsin, that such twenty miles have been completed in the manner required by this act, and setting forth with certainty the points where such twenty miles begin and where the same end; which oath shall be taken before a judge of a court of record of the United States.

Certificate of the governor of Wisconsin.

Lands to be applied only to the purposes of the roads.

Roads to be public highways for the use of the United States.

Roads, when to be completed.

If not, lands unsold to revert to the United States.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the said lands hereby granted shall, when patented as provided in section seven of this act, be subject to the disposal of the companies respectively entitled thereto, for the purposes aforesaid, and no other, and the said railroads be, and shall remain, public highways for the use of the government of the United States, free from all toll or other charge, for the transportation of any property or troops of the United States.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That if said road mentioned in the third section aforesaid is not completed within ten years from the time of the passage of this act, as provided herein, no further patents shall be issued to said company for said lands, and no further sale shall be made, and the lands unsold shall revert to the United States.

APPROVED, May 5, 1864.

May 5, 1864.

1820, ch. 104, §

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Vol. iii. p. 587.

Section eight of former act amended.

1865, ch. 48.

Post, p. 434.

Taxes for local improvements, streets, sewerage, drainage.

CHAP. LXXXI—*An Act to amend "An Act to incorporate the Inhabitants of the City of Washington," passed May fifteen, eighteen hundred and twenty.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the first paragraph of section eight of "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington," passed May fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty, be amended so as to read as follows: That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to lay taxes on particular wards, parts, or sections of the city, for their particular local improvements, and to cause the curbstones to be set, the foot and carriage ways to be graded and paved, or so much thereof as they may deem best, and the necessary sewerage and drainage facilities to be introduced under and upon the whole or any portion of any avenue, street, or alley, and also to cause the same to be suitably paved and repaired, and to be at all times properly cleaned and watered, and also to cause lamps to be erected therein, and to light the same, and to pay the cost thereof out of the funds of the ward in which such improvement shall be made; this provision not to be construed as repealing, but being intended as auxiliary to the power they already possess to make local improvements on the application of the owners of property benefited thereby.

Person to be appointed to see that streets are cleaned, watered, kept in repair, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That immediately upon the approval of this act the said corporation shall designate some proper officer thereof whose duty it shall be to see that the provisions of this act are properly executed, and that the principal avenues and streets of the said city are so cleaned and watered as to be at all times reasonably clean and free from dust; and also to keep the pavements and side-walks upon said avenues and streets at all times in suitable and proper repair; and it shall further be the duty of the said corporation to take such measures as they shall deem wise to promote some uniform and general system of drainage for said city.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases in which the streets, avenues, or alleys of the said city pass through or by any of the property of the United States, the commissioner of the public buildings shall pay to the duly authorized officer of the corporation the just proportion of the expense incurred in improving such avenue, street, or alley, which the said property bears to the whole cost thereof, to be ascertained in the same manner as the same is apportioned among the individual proprietors of the property improved thereby.

The United States to pay its proportion for improvements in certain streets.

APPROVED, May 5, 1864.

CHAP. LXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Settlers upon certain Lands in California.*

May 5, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any and all persons claiming, whether as preëmtors or settlers, or under any grant or title, any of the lands included within the exterior boundaries of a certain grant for the rancho San Ramon, situate in the county of Contra Costa, in California, made to Bartolo Pacheco and Mariana Castro by Don José Figueroa, governor of Upper California, on or about the tenth day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, and which claim, or two leagues thereof, has been confirmed by the district court of the United States in separate moieties, one in the name of Horace W. Carpenter, and the other in the name of Rafael Soto de Pacheco and others, by a decree of said court made and entered on or about the fourth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, shall have the right in all courts to contest the correctness of the location of the lands so confirmed, within the said exterior boundaries, notwithstanding any official or approved survey thereof now made or hereafter to be made under the said decree of confirmation, and notwithstanding any stipulation or consent given by the district attorney of the United States authorizing such locations.

Claimants of certain lands within a grant for the rancho San Ramon, may contest the location thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted;* That in case it shall be found that the United States have title to any of said lands within said exterior boundaries, which have been settled upon and improved by any person, in good faith, under a bona fide claim of title, such occupant, and each settler upon said lands so situated, shall be entitled to enter and receive a patent for one hundred and sixty acres of land, including his improvements, upon payment, at the proper land-office, of the government price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and proving that he was one of the actual and bona fide settlers on said lands, and had made improvements thereon before the passage of this act.

If the United States has title to any of these lands, bona fide settlers thereon shall have a patent, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect immediately.

When this act takes effect.

APPROVED, May 5, 1864.

CHAP. LXXXIII. — *An Act to regulate the Admeasurement of Tonnage of Ships and Vessels of the United States.*

May 6, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every ship or vessel built within the United States, or that may be owned by a citizen or citizens thereof, on or after the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, shall be measured and registered in the manner hereinafter provided; also every ship or vessel that is now owned by a citizen or citizens of the United States shall be remeasured and reregistered upon her arrival after said day at a port of entry in the United States, and prior to her departure therefrom, in the same manner as hereinafter described: *Provided,* That any ship or vessel built within the United States after the passage of this act may be measured and registered in the manner herein provided.

[Amended, 1865, ch. 70. Post, p. 444.]  
Ships and vessels of the United States, how to be measured and registered.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the register of every vessel

Register to express what.