

clothing for Kansas Indians.

of Indian affairs for the central superintendency in the purchase of such articles of food and clothing as may in his discretion be thought necessary to relieve the most pressing wants of said Indians, they being in a destitute and suffering condition.

Appropriation to maintain peace and promote civilization among the Indians.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That there be appropriated the further sum of two millions of dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to enable the President to maintain the peace among and with the various tribes, bands, and parties of Indians, and to promote civilization among said Indians, bring them, where practicable, upon reservations, relieve their necessities, and encourage their efforts at self-support; a report of all expenditures under this appropriation to be made in detail to Congress in December next; and for the purpose of enabling the President to execute the powers conferred by this act he is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to organize a board of commissioners, to consist of not more than ten persons, to be selected by him from men eminent for their intelligence and philanthropy, to serve without pecuniary compensation, who may, under his direction, exercise joint control with the Secretary of the Interior over the disbursement of the appropriations made by this act or any part thereof that the President may designate; and to pay the necessary expenses of transportation, subsistence, and clerk hire of said commissioners while actually engaged in said service, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Report to be made to Congress.

Commissioners to aid in the disbursement of appropriations by this act. 1871, ch. 120. Post, p. 568.

Expenses of commission.

No treaty with Indians since July 20, 1867, approved by this act.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained, or in any of the provisions thereof, shall be so construed as to ratify or approve any treaty made with any tribes, bands, or parties of Indians since the twentieth day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Appropriation to Minnesota for expenses in suppressing Indian hostilities, to include what expenditures. 1864, ch. 210. Vol. xiii. p. 351.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the appropriation of one hundred and seventeen thousand dollars made to the State of Minnesota, July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, to supply a deficiency in the appropriation of March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, for the costs, charges, and expenses properly incurred by said State in suppressing Indian hostilities in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-two, be, and the same is hereby, extended to embrace such expenditures incurred in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, to the amount of twelve thousand four hundred and eight dollars and four cents; *Provided*, That only so much of such expenses shall be paid the State of Minnesota as shall be allowed by the proper accounting officers under the twenty-second section of the act approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the government for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and for other purposes."

APPROVED, April 10, 1869.

Proviso.

1863, ch. 79, § 22. Vol. xii. p. 764.

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CHAP. XVII. — *An Act authorizing the Submission of the Constitutions of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas, to a Vote of the People, and authorizing the Election of State Officers, provided by the said Constitutions, and Members of Congress.*

Procl. No. 2. Post, p. 1125.

The President may submit the constitution of Virginia to a vote of the people of that State.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States, at such time as he may deem best for the public interest, may submit the constitution which was framed by the convention which met in Richmond, Virginia, on Tuesday, the third day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven, to the voters of said State, registered at the date of said submission, for ratification or rejection; and may also submit to a separate vote such provisions of said constitution as he may deem best, such vote to be taken either upon each of the said

Separate vote for particular provisions.

provisions alone, or in connection with the other portions of said constitution, as the President may direct.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That at the same election the voters of said State may vote for and elect members of the general assembly of said State, and all the officers of said State provided for by the said constitution, and members of Congress; and the officer commanding the district of Virginia shall cause the lists of registered voters of said State to be revised, enlarged, and corrected prior to such election, according to law, and for that purpose may appoint such registrars as he may deem necessary. And said elections shall be held and returns thereof made in the manner provided by the acts of Congress commonly called the reconstruction acts.

State officers and members of Congress may be chosen at same election.

Lists of voters, registrars, &c.

Elections and returns.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States may in like manner submit the constitution of Texas to the voters of said State at such time and in such manner as he may direct, either the entire constitution, or separate provisions of the same, as provided in the first section of this act, to a separate vote; and at the same election the voters may vote for and elect the members of the legislature and all the State officers provided for in said constitution, and members of Congress: *Provided, also*, That no election shall be held in said State of Texas for any purpose until the President so directs.

Similar provisions for Texas.

No election in Texas until the President directs.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President of the United States may in like manner resubmit the constitution of Mississippi to the voters of said State at such time and in such manner as he may direct, either the entire constitution, or separate provisions of the same, as provided in the first section of this act, to a separate vote; and at the same election the voters may vote for and elect the members of the legislature and all the State officers provided for in said constitution, and members of Congress.

Similar provisions for Mississippi.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That if either of said constitutions shall be ratified at such election, the legislature of the State so ratifying, elected as provided for in this act, shall assemble at the capital of said State on the fourth Tuesday after the official promulgation of such ratification by the military officer commanding in said State.

If constitution of either State is ratified, legislature to meet when.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That before the States of Virginia, Mississippi, and Texas shall be admitted to representation in Congress, their several legislatures, which may be hereafter lawfully organized, shall ratify the fifteenth article, which has been proposed by Congress to the several States as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States.

Fifteenth article of amendment to the Constitution to be ratified by each State before it is admitted to representation in Congress.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the proceedings in any of said States shall not be deemed final or operate as a complete restoration thereof until their action, respectively, shall be approved by Congress.

Proceedings to be approved by Congress.

APPROVED, April 10, 1869.

CHAP. XVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act imposing Taxes on distilled Spirits and Tobacco, and for other Purposes," approved July twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.*

April 10, 1869.

1868, ch. 186.

Vol. xv. p. 125.

1870, ch. 255.

Post, p. 256.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the act entitled "An act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, and for other purposes," approved July twenty, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, be amended as follows, to wit:

Section eight amended.

That section eight be amended so that in case of a distiller[y] or distilling apparatus erected prior to the twentieth of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, on a tract or lot of land held under a lease or other evidence of title less than fee-simple, which was not required by the laws of the State to be recorded in order to be valid at the time of its execution, or in any case where the title was then and has continued to be in

Bond may be taken when distillery, or, &c. is on leased land, &c.;

or where the