

grounds, is hereby authorized and directed to examine and report to Congress, prior to the second Monday of December next, a plan by which the locomotive railroad track in front of the western entrance of the Capitol shall be removed, with due regard to the rights of all parties concerned, and by which proper connections with other railroads may be made.

remove locomotive railroad track in front of western entrance of Capitol.

SEC. 13. That from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, the annual salaries of the second comptroller, of the register, and of the supervising architect of the treasury department, shall be four thousand dollars each; and the annual salary of the judges of the court of claims shall be four thousand five hundred dollars each, and a sufficient sum to carry into effect the provisions of this section to the end of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, is hereby appropriated.

Salaries of second comptroller, register, supervising architect, and of the judges of the court of claims established.

APPROVED, May 8, 1872.

CHAP. CXLI.—An Act to provide for the Removal of the Kansas Tribe of Indians to the Indian Territory, and to dispose of their Lands in Kansas to actual Settlers.

May 8, 1872.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to cause to be appraised and sold so much of the lands heretofore owned by the Kansas tribe of Indians in the State of Kansas, and which was ceded to the United States in trust in the treaty made by the United States and said Indians proclaimed November seventeenth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty, and which remain unsold, in the following manner, viz.: The said Secretary shall appoint three disinterested and competent persons, who shall, after being duly sworn to perform said service faithfully and impartially, personally examine and appraise said lands by legal subdivisions of one hundred and sixty acres or less, separately from the value of any improvements on the same, and also the value of said improvements, distinguishing between improvements made by members of said Indian tribe, the United States, and white settlers, and make return thereof to the commissioner of Indian affairs: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, set aside any appraisements that may be made under the provisions of this section, and cause a new appraisement to be made.

Unsold lands in Kansas of the Kansas Indians to be appraised and sold.  
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Mode of appraisement, &c.

Appraisement may be set aside.

SEC. 2. That each bona-fide settler at the time occupying any portion of said lands and having made valuable improvements thereon, or the heirs at law of such, who is a citizen of the United States, or who has declared his intention to become such, shall be entitled, at any time within one year from the approval of said appraisement, to purchase, for cash, the land so occupied and improved by him, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres in each case, at the appraised value thereof, including the appraised value of any improvements which may have been made by the United States or any of said Indians on the same, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Bona-fide settlers, &c., and their heirs, may purchase not over 160 acres of such lands and improvements at the appraised value.

SEC. 3. That all the lands mentioned in the first section of this act now occupied by bona-fide settlers, as mentioned in the second section of this act, remaining unsold at the expiration of one year from the approval of said appraisement, shall be sold at public sale, after due advertisement, to the highest bidder for cash, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres; and all the lands mentioned in the first section of this act which shall be unoccupied by bona-fide settlers at the date of such appraisement may be sold at any time after the approval of said appraisement, at public sale, after due advertisement, to the highest bidder for cash, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe: *Provided*, That in no case shall any of the lands mentioned in this act be sold at less than

Occupied lands unsold after one year, &c., to be sold at public sale.

Unoccupied lands may be sold after approval of appraisement.

Limit to price.

Lands unsold after, &c.

their appraised value: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, open any of said lands remaining unsold after having been publicly offered to cash entry at their appraised value, subject to the rights of bona-fide settlers as provided for in this act: *Provided, however*, That the proceeds of the sale of said lands and improvements, after paying the expenses of said appraisement and sale, shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of said treaty in the payment of the liquidated indebtedness of said Kansas tribe of Indians pro rata as the same shall be received, and the excess, if any, shall be distributed to the said Indians, per capita, in money.

Proceeds of sales of lands how to be applied.

The diminished reserve of the Kansas Indians to be appraised and sold, &c., if, &c.  
Mode of appraisement and sale.

SEC. 4. That if said Kansas tribe of Indians shall signify to the President of the United States their desire to sell their diminished reserve, as indicated in said treaty, including lands held in severalty and in common, and to remove from the State of Kansas, and shall so agree in such manner as the President may prescribe, the Secretary of the Interior may cause the same to be appraised in legal subdivisions as hereinbefore provided for the appraisement of the so-called "trust lands," and sold in quantities not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres at not less than its appraised value, after due notice, to the highest bidder or bidders on sealed bids, including improvements of every character, and no preference shall be given to settlers on any part of said diminished reserve, and the appraised value of any improvements on any part of said diminished reserve made by any member of said tribe shall be paid to him or her in person, and the residue of the proceeds of said sales shall belong to said tribe in common, fifty per centum of which shall be placed to their credit on the books of the treasury, and bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, said interest to be paid to them semi-annually for the term of twenty years, after which period the principal shall be paid to the members of said tribe per capita, and the remaining fifty per centum of the proceeds of sales as aforesaid shall be used in providing and improving for them new homes in the Indian Territory, and in subsisting them until they may become self-sustaining: *Provided*, That if any adult member of said tribe to whom an allotment was assigned under the provision of articles one and two of said treaty of November, eighteen hundred and sixty, shall desire to remain upon the same, such member of said tribe shall, upon satisfying the Secretary of the Interior that he or she is the person to whom such allotment was originally assigned, and that he or she has, since the date of such assignment, continued to occupy and cultivate the same, be entitled to demand and receive for such allotment a patent in fee-simple; but such land so patented shall be exempt from levy, taxation, or sale during the natural life of such Indian.

Improvements.

Proceeds of sales.

Adult members of tribe desiring to remain upon the reservation, may receive patent for their allotment, exempt, &c.

APPROVED, May 8, 1872.

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CHAP. CXLII. — *An Act to fund certain Liabilities of the City of Washington, existing June first, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and to limit the Debt of and Taxation in the District of Columbia.*

Certain floating debts and trust funds of the City of Washington to be funded.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the commissioners of the sinking-fund of the District of Columbia, duly appointed under the laws of the said District, be, and are hereby, authorized to fund the liabilities of the city of Washington, consisting of the floating debts and trust-funds found to be due on the first of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, not exceeding one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, by the auditing commission appointed to ascertain the amount of said liabilities, and reported by said commission to the legislative assembly under date of November eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and January third, eighteen hundred and seventy-two; and for that purpose the said commissioners are hereby directed to issue registered or coupon bonds of the said District of Columbia, in denominations of fifty dollars, or any multi-

Limit.

Bonds to be issued;

denominations,