

CHAP. CLXXIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish and to protect national Cemeteries," approved February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.*

May 18, 1872.  
1867, ch. 61.  
Vol. xiv. p. 399.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to select the superintendents of the national cemeteries from meritorious and trustworthy soldiers, either commissioned officers or enlisted men of the volunteer or regular army, who have been honorably mustered out or discharged from the service of the United States, and who may have been disabled for active field service in the line of duty.

Superintendents of national cemeteries to be selected from honorably discharged trustworthy disabled soldiers;

SEC. 2. That the superintendents of the national cemeteries shall receive for their compensation from sixty dollars to seventy-five dollars per month, according to the extent and importance of the cemeteries to which they may be respectively assigned, to be determined by the Secretary of War; and they shall also be furnished with quarters and fuel, as now provided at the several cemeteries.

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SEC. 3. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repealing clause.

APPROVED, May 18, 1872.

CHAP. CLXXIV. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to pay certain Certificates issued for Fortification Purposes in Lawrence, Kansas.*

May 18, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be paid certain certificates or vouchers issued pursuant to military authority, at Lawrence, Kansas, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-four, for services performed in the erection of fortifications at that point, as recommended by General James H. Hardie, Inspector-General of the United States army, of his investigation into the claims of citizens of Kansas, reported to the War Department, and that the amount thereof be paid out of any funds under the control of the War Department. Said certificates shall be paid upon presentation to the Secretary of War, or such disbursing officer as he shall appoint for that purpose; and such payments shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of three thousand dollars.

Certain certificates issued for fortification purposes in Lawrence, Kansas, to be paid;

amount not to exceed \$3000.

APPROVED, May 18, 1872.

CHAP. CLXXV. — *An Act to allow the Pleasure Yacht "Red Hot," to take the Name of "Addie Parker," and be registered under that Name.*

May 18, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the pleasure yacht registered at New Bedford, named "Red Hot," may, instead thereof, take the name of "Addie Parker," and be registered under that name.

The yacht "Red Hot" may take the name of "Addie Parker."

APPROVED, May 18, 1872.

CHAP. CLXXVI. — *An Act to fix the Times for holding United States Courts in the eighth Circuit.*

May 21, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the circuit court of the United States for the several districts comprising the eighth judicial circuit shall hereafter be held as follows:

Times established for holding circuit courts of the United States in Missouri;

*Missouri:* In the districts of Missouri, commencing on the third Monday of March and the third Monday of September in each year.

*Arkansas:* In the eastern district of Arkansas, commencing on the second Monday of April and the fourth Monday of October in each year.

Arkansas;

*Nebraska:* In the district of Nebraska, commencing on the first Monday in May and the second Monday in November in each year.

Nebraska;

*Iowa:* In the district of Iowa, commencing on the second Monday of May and the second Monday of October in each year.

Iowa.

Times established for holding circuit courts of the United States in Kansas; Minnesota. When act takes effect.

Pending process and suits.

*Kansas*: In the district of Kansas, commencing on the first Monday of June and the fourth Monday of November in each year.

*Minnesota*: In the district of Minnesota, commencing on the third Monday in June and the second Monday of December in each year.

SEC. 2. That this act shall take effect on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-two; and all acts prescribing other times for holding the terms of said courts are, so far as they conflict with this act, hereby repealed.

SEC. 3. That no action, suit, proceeding, or process in any of the said courts shall abate or be rendered invalid by reason of this act, but the same shall, in the several districts, be deemed to be returnable to, pending and triable in, the terms and circuit courts hereby established, next after the return day thereof.

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CHAP. CLXXVII. — *An Act regulating the Mode of making private Contracts with Indians.*

Certain private agreements with Indians not to be made, except, &c.

Agreements to be in writing and in duplicate;

how executed and approved; to contain and state what;

to have a limited time to run; not to be assignable, unless, &c.

Judge, before whom contract is executed to certify officially, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter no contract or agreement of any kind shall be made by any person with any tribe of Indians, or individual Indian or Indians, not a citizen of the United States, for the payment or delivery of any money or other thing of value, in present or in prospective, or for the granting or procuring any privilege to him or her, or any other person or persons in consideration of services for said Indians relative to their lands, or to any claims growing out of, or in reference to, annuities, instalments, or other moneys, claims, demands, or thing, under laws or treaties with the United States, or official acts of any officers thereof, or in any way connected with or due from the United States, unless such contract or agreement be in writing, and executed and approved in the manner hereinafter directed.

SEC. 2. That all contracts or agreements between such parties and for such purposes as named in the first section of this act shall be in writing, a duplicate or copy of which shall be delivered to each party thereto, as hereinafter provided. All such contracts shall be executed before a judge of a court of record and approved in writing thereon by the Secretary of the Interior and commissioner of Indian affairs. Such contract or agreement shall contain the names of all parties in interest, their residence and occupation; but those made with a tribe by their tribal authorities, the scope of authority and the reason for exercising that authority shall be given specifically. Such contracts or agreements shall state the time when and place where made, the particular purpose for which made, the special thing or things to be done under it, and, if for the collection of money, the basis of the claim, the source from which it is to be collected, the disposition to be made of it when collected, the amount or rate per centum of the fee in all cases; and if any contingent matter or condition constitutes a part of the contract or agreement it shall be specifically set forth: *Provided*, That all such contracts shall have a fixed limited time to run, and shall be invalid unless so limited: *And provided*, That such contracts shall not be assignable, in whole or in part, unless the names of the assignees and their residences and occupations be entered in writing upon the contract, and the consent of the Secretary of the Interior and the commissioner of Indian affairs to such assignment be also indorsed thereon: *And be it further provided*, That the judge before whom such contract or agreement is executed shall certify officially the time when and place where such contract or agreement was executed, and that it was in his presence, and who are the interested parties thereto, as stated to him at the time, the parties present making the same; the source and extent of authority claimed at the time by the con-