

CHAP. CDXXIV.—*An Act for the Restoration to Market of certain Lands in Michigan.* June 10, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all the lands remaining undisposed of in the reservation made for the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan by the treaty of July thirty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, shall be restored to market by proper notice, under direction of the Secretary of the Interior, as hereinafter provided.

Unsold lands of the Ottawa, &c., reservation in Michigan to be restored to market. Vol. xv. p. 621.

SEC. 2. That said unoccupied lands shall be open to homestead entry for six months from the passage of this act by Indians only of said tribes who shall have not made selections or purchases under said treaty, including such members of said tribes as have become of age since the expiration of the ten years named in the treaty; and any Indian so entitled shall be permitted to make his homestead entry at the local office within the six months aforesaid of not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, or one-quarter section of minimum, or eighty acres of double minimum land, on making proper proof of his right under such rules as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That the collector of customs for the district in which said land is situated is hereby authorized, and it is made his duty to select for such minor children as would be entitled under this law as heirs of any Indian.

To be open to homestead entry by Indians only for six months.

Collector of customs to select for minor children, &c.

SEC. 3. That all actual, permanent, bona fide settlers on any of said lands who settled prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, shall be entitled to enter either under the homestead laws or to pay for at the minimum or double minimum price, as the case may be, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres of the former or eighty acres of the latter class of land on making proof of his settlement and continued residence before the expiration of six months from the passage of this act.

Bona fide settlers on such lands prior to Jan. 1, 1872, entitled to enter, &c.

SEC. 4. That all selections by Indians heretofore made and regularly reported and recognized as valid and proper by the Secretary of the Interior and commissioner of Indian affairs, shall be patented to the respective Indians making the same; and all sales heretofore made and reported where the same are regular and not in conflict with such selections, or with any other valid adverse right, except of the United States, are hereby confirmed, and patents shall issue thereon as in other cases according to law.

Selections heretofore made by Indians, &c., to be patented to them.

Sales regularly made, &c., confirmed, &c.

SEC. 5. That immediately after the expiration of said six months, the secretary shall proceed to restore the remaining lands to market by public notice of not less than thirty days, and after such restoration they shall be subject to the general laws governing the disposition of the public lands of the United States: *Provided*, That none of the lands herein mentioned shall be subject to or taken under any grant of lands for public works or improvements, or by any railroad company.

After six months remaining lands to be restored to market.

Lands not to be taken under land grants, &c.

APPROVED, June 10, 1872.

CHAP. CDXXV.—*An Act to refund Duties paid on Goods, Wares, and Merchandise remaining in Bond or Store on the first Day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.* June 10, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that parties are entitled to refund of duties paid on goods, wares, and merchandise remaining in public stores or bonded warehouses on the first day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, under the provisions of the eighth section of the act approved June six, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act to reduce duties on imports and to reduce internal taxes, and for other purposes," it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to draw his warrant upon the Treasurer, directing said Treasurer to re-

Secretary of the Treasury to refund duties to parties entitled under

1872, ch. 315, § 8. Ante, pp. 237, 238.