

Credit to Major William Myers, in settlement of accounts.

Nebraska, for which, under order of his commanding officer, Major William Myers, paid the sum of eight thousand dollars; and the accounting officers are directed to credit him in settlement of his accounts with the sum of eight thousand dollars, upon the filing of satisfactory vouchers showing the payment of that sum to have been made by him under such order.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCCV.— *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to convey to the City of Chelsea, Massachusetts, certain Land for the Use of a Street.*

Secretary of the Navy may convey to the city of Chelsea land for a street.

Description of the land.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy is hereby authorized to convey to the city of Chelsea, in the State of Massachusetts, for the purpose of laying out and maintaining a street from Chelsea bridge to Chestnut street in said city, the following described land, to wit: That the portion of the tract of land belonging to the United States, situated in the city of Chelsea, in the county of Suffolk and State of Massachusetts, commencing on Broadway in said city, at the south-westerly corner of John H. Osgood's land and running northerly by land of said Osgood three hundred and twenty-six and fifty-one hundredths feet to land of the United States marine hospital; thence running westerly on the northerly line of Chestnut street, extending fifteen and fifty-one hundredths feet; thence running southwesterly by land of the United States marine and naval hospitals seven hundred and thirty-one feet to the northerly line of said Broadway; thence easterly by the northerly line of said Broadway, two hundred and seventy-two and thirty-three one hundredths feet; thence northerly by land of owners unknown, one hundred and thirty and seventy-five one hundredths feet; thence easterly by land of owners unknown, two hundred and fifty-eight and seventy-five one hundredths feet; thence southerly by land of owners unknown one hundred and thirty and seventy-five one hundredths feet to the line of said Broadway; thence easterly by the line of said Broadway forty-five feet, to the point of beginning; said portion of land containing about fifty thousand seven hundred and nine square feet: *Provided,* That before such conveyance shall be made, the Secretary of the Navy shall appoint a commission, consisting of one line-officer not below the rank of commodore, one surgeon, and one civil engineer, who shall report what amount, if anything, should be paid for such land, taking into account the advantages and the disadvantages of the proposed street to the property of the United States; and the sum so reported shall be paid, or secured to be paid, to the United States, and credited to the naval marine hospital funds.

Quantity.

Commission to report what, if anything, shall be paid for the land.

Sums paid to be credited to, &c.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCCVI.— *An Act to authorize the President to ascertain the Value of certain Lands in the State of Iowa, north of the Raccoon Fork of the Des Moines River held by Settlers under the Pre-emption and Homestead Laws of the United States.*

Commissioners to ascertain the quantity and value of certain lands in Iowa, held by pre-emption and homestead settlers.

*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 shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint three commissioners, who shall ascertain the number of acres, and by appraisement or otherwise the value thereof exclusive of improvements, of all such lands lying north of Raccoon Fork of the Des Moines river, in the State of Iowa, as may now be held by the Des Moines Navigation and Railroad Company, or persons claiming title under it adversely to persons holding said lands, either by entry or under the pre-emption or homestead laws of the United States, and on what terms the adverse holders thereof will relinquish the same to the United States; and that they report the facts at the commencement of the next session of Congress; but nothing herein

Report to Congress.

contained shall be held to affect, in any manner, the question of title to any of said lands. Title not affected.

SEC. 2. That the compensation of said commissioners shall be eight dollars per diem during the time they shall be engaged in said service. Pay of commissioners

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CHAP. CCCVII. — *An Act to provide for the Establishment of life-saving Stations on the Coasts of Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Virginia, and North Carolina.* March 3, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to provide for the establishment of ten life-saving stations on the coasts of Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts, Virginia and North Carolina, at such points as he may deem necessary, for the saving of life and property on said coasts. Ten life-saving stations to be established on the coasts of, &c.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized and directed to report to this House, at the next session of Congress, the points on the sea and lake coasts of the United States at which the establishment of life-saving stations would best subserve the interests of commerce and humanity, with a detailed estimate of the cost of such stations Points on the sea and lake coasts for such stations to be reported to Congress.

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CHAP. CCCVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act governing the colored Schools of the District of Columbia."* March 3, 1873.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled,* That the board of trustees of schools for colored children in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, District of Columbia, shall consist of nine trustees, seven of whom shall be citizens of Washington, and two shall be citizens of Georgetown, who shall be appointed by the governor of the District of Columbia. Trustees of schools for colored children in Washington and Georgetown, their appointment, number and residence;

SEC. 2. That the trustees appointed under the provisions of this act shall be appointed in the manner following, namely: Of the seven to be appointed from the city of Washington, two shall be appointed for the term of three years, three for the term of two years, and two for the term of one year from the date of their appointments, respectively; and of the two to be appointed from the city of Georgetown, one shall be appointed for the term of three years and one for the term of one year from the date of their appointments respectively; and in case of vacancies occasioned by death, resignation, or any other cause, the governor of the District of Columbia shall fill the same for the unexpired term of any such trustee. And the said board of trustees shall be required to furnish annually, on or before the first day of April, a correct report of their transaction, to the governor of said District, who shall transmit one copy each to the council and house of delegates of the legislative assembly of said District, with such suggestions as he may think proper relating to said schools; and any additional information that the said legislative assembly, or either branch thereof, shall, from time to time, request by resolution shall be transmitted by said board of trustees to the governor of said District, to be by him transmitted to said legislative assembly. term of office, vacancies. Report of board of trustees. Answer to re-quests.

SEC. 3. That the governor of the District of Columbia shall appoint annually, a secretary and a treasurer of the said board of trustees, whose term of office shall be for one year from the date of appointment. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to disburse the funds under the control of said board, in accordance with the provisions of the acts of Congress and the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia governing the disbursement of moneys appropriated for the support of the public schools of Washington and Georgetown, as he may be directed by a vote of a majority thereof, and to keep accurate and full accounts of all Secretary and treasurer, appointment, term of office. Duty of treasurer.