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een hundred and seventy-one: *Provided*, That in case any improvements, or portion thereof, shall have been restored or delivered to any settler, after the appraisalment of the same by the said military board of survey, such settler shall not be entitled to payment under this act for the improvements, or portion thereof, so restored or delivered to him.

Approved, May 18, 1874.

May 20, 1874.

CHAP. 184.—An act for the relief of the owners of the steam ferry-boat A. Burton.

License to steam
ferry-boat A. Bur-
ton.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper inspectors of steam vessels in and for the Galena district be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to inspect the steam ferry-boat A. Burton, at Nauvoo, Illinois, and to grant certificate and license, which shall enable the owners of said steamer to use the same as a ferry-boat, notwithstanding the fact that the iron in the boiler on board said boat has no tensile strength stamped upon it; and notwithstanding no stamp at all is found upon the same: *Provided*, That upon due inspection and test, the said boiler is found to be of good material, properly constructed, and safe, and the vessel otherwise constructed and equipped according to law.

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Approved, May 20, 1874.

May 21, 1874.

CHAP. 186.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act to provide for the establishment of a military prison and for its government," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

Amendment of
1873, ch. 249, vol.
xvii, p. 582.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said act be, and the same is hereby, so amended that all acts and things therein required to be done and performed at Rock Island, in the State of Illinois, shall be done and performed on the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth in the State of Kansas: *Provided*, That the Government buildings now on said military reservation at Fort Leavenworth shall be modified and used so far as practicable for the purposes of said prison.

Military prison to
be established at
Fort Leavenworth,
Kansas.

Use of present
buildings.

Approved, May 21, 1874.

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CHAP. 187.—An act repealing the act entitled "An act fixing the time for the election of Representatives from the State of California to the Forty-fourth Congress."

Repeal of
1873, ch. 239, vol.
17, p. 578.

Election of Rep-
resentatives from
California.

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 fixing the time for the election of Representatives from the State of California to the Forty-fourth Congress," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, May 21, 1874.

May 27, 1874.

CHAP. 194.—An act to authorize the county commissioners of Thurston County, in Washington Territory, to issue bonds for the purpose of constructing a railroad from Budd's Inlet, Puget Sound, to intersect the Northern Pacific Railroad at or near Tenino.

County commis-
sioners of Thurston
County, Washing-
ton Territory, em-
powered to issue
bonds to construct
a certain railroad.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the county commissioners of Thurston county, in Washington Territory, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to contract with any legally-authorized corporation or individuals, to construct and equip a railroad from Budd's Inlet, Puget Sound, to connect with the Northern Pacific Railroad at or near Tenino, all in the said county of Thurston, and to issue bonds of

Thurston county in aid thereof, which bonds shall bear interest not exceeding ten per centum per annum, and the principal thereof shall not exceed in amount ten per centum of the value of the taxable property of said county of Thurston as legally assessed for territorial taxation, and shall not, in any event, exceed, in the aggregate, two hundred thousand dollars, notwithstanding this sum may be less than seven per centum of such taxable valuation; and any such bonds issued in excess of said seven per centum of the territorial taxable valuation of the property of said county, or in excess of two hundred thousand dollars in the aggregate in any event, shall be absolutely void; and all persons interested are required to take notice hereof. And the said commissioners are hereby authorized and empowered to designate the time and manner of payment of the principal and interest of said bonds, and also to determine the class and gauge of said railroad: *Provided*, That no bonds shall issue until the full and final completion of said railroad. *And provided further*, That said county of Thurston shall not contract with any person, firm, or corporation to construct said railroad until such person, firm, or company shall enter into a good and sufficient bond, in the penal sum of two hundred thousand dollars, to be secured by first mortgage on said railroad, conditioned that they will operate said road with passenger and freight trains for a period of twenty-five years: *And provided further*, That when the said county commissioners shall have agreed upon the terms for the construction of said railroad with any individual, firm, or corporation, they shall call a special election at such time as they may designate, by causing three notices of such election, which said notices shall embrace the terms of the proposed contract, to be posted for twenty days in each election precinct of said county of Thurston, at which the said proposed contract shall be submitted to the legal voters of said county; and if two-thirds of the said votes cast at the said election shall be in favor of the said contract, and such two-thirds shall be equal in number to a majority of the votes cast in said county at the then next preceding election for delegate in the Congress of the United States, then the said county commissioners shall complete the said contract and issue the bonds provided for by this act, and not otherwise. Such election shall be held at the same places, in the same manner, and the returns thereof made by and filed with the same officers, as is required in case of election for county officers under the laws of said Territory.

Limitation of interest and amount.

Bonds issued in excess of limitation void.

Powers of commissioners.

Bonds not to issue until road completed.

Bond of contractor.

Contract must be ratified by a two-thirds vote of citizens of the county.

Time and places of election.

Approved, May 27, 1874.

CHAP. 195.—An act to authorize the trustees of the Massachusetts Museum of Fine Arts to import and retain for two years, certain works of Art, free of duty. May 28, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the trustees of the Museum of Fine Arts, an institution established under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, for the promotion of the Fine Arts, are hereby authorized to import, free of duty, a collection of pictures belonging to the Duke of Montpensier, and not intended for sale, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall prescribe: *Provided*, That a bond shall be given for the payment to the United States of such duties as are now imposed by law upon any and all of such pictures as shall not be reexported within two years after such importation

Massachusetts Museum of Fine Arts may import certain pictures free of duty.

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