

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS
OF THE
UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the seventh day of December, 1874, and was adjourned without day on Thursday, the fourth day of March, 1875.

ULYSSES S. GRANT, President. HENRY WILSON, Vice-President and President of the Senate. MATT. H. CARPENTER was elected President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, on the twenty-third day of December, 1874, and so acted from time to time until the first day of January, 1875. HENRY B. ANTHONY was chosen President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, on the twenty-fifth day of January, 1875, and so acted until the first day of February, 1875. He was again chosen on the fifteenth day of February, 1875, and so acted from time to time until the twenty-third day of February, 1875. JAMES G. BLAINE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. 1.—An act making an appropriation to enable the Postmaster General to carry into effect the law requiring the prepayment of postage on newspapers, approved June twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four. Dec. 15, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of scales for the use of the Post-Office Department. Proposals for furnishing said scales shall be invited by seven days public notice given by the Postmaster General, and the contract shall be awarded to the lowest and best responsible bidder; the contractor to be allowed a reasonable time in the discretion of the Postmaster General to deliver the article contracted for.

Approved, December 15, 1874.

Scales for Post-Office Department, appropriation.

Advertisement and contract.

CHAP. 2.—An act to confirm an agreement made with the Shoshone Indians (eastern band) for the purchase of the south part of their reservation in Wyoming Territory. Dec. 15, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the agreement entered into on the twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, between Felix R. Brunot, commissioner on the part of the United States, and the chief, head-men, and men of the eastern band of Shoshone Indians, in the words and figures following, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed, satisfied, and approved by the Congress and President of the United States: *Provided*; That the cattle furnished under this agreement shall be good, young American cattle, suitable for breeding purposes.

Articles of a convention made and concluded at the Shoshone and Bannock Indian agency in Wyoming Territory, this twenty-sixth day of September, in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, by and between Felix R. Brunot, commissioner on the part of the United States, and the chief, head men, and men of the eastern band of Shoshone Indians, constituting a majority of all the adult male Indians of said band or tribe of Indians, and duly authorized to act in the premises, witnesseth:

Agreement with Shoshone Indians confirmed.

Condition as to cattle.

Date of agreement, parties.

Preamble.

That whereas by article eleven of a treaty with the Shoshone (eastern band) and Bannock tribes of Indians, made the third day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, at Fort Bridger, Utah Territory, a reservation was set apart for the use and occupancy of said tribes of Indians in the following words: "The United States further agrees that the following district of country, to wit, 'commencing at the mouth of Owl Creek and running, due south, to the crest of the divide between the Sweetwater and the Papo-Agie Rivers; thence along the crest of said divide and the summit of Wind River Mountains to the longitude of North Fork of Wind River; thence due north, to mouth of said Nork Fork, and up its channel to a point twenty miles above its mouth; thence in a straight line to head-waters of Owl Creek, and, along middle of channel of Owl Creek, to place of beginning,' shall be, and the same is, set apart for the absolute and undisturbed use and occupation of the Shoshone Indians herein named;"

And whereas, previous to and since the date of said treaty, mines have been discovered, and citizens of the United States have made improvements within the limits of said reservation, and it is deemed advisable for the settlement of all difficulty between the parties, arising in consequence of said occupancy, to change the southern limit of said reservation:

Cession to the United States of part of reservation.

I. The Shoshone band or tribe of Indians (eastern band) hereby cede to the United States of America that portion of their reservation in Wyoming Territory which is situated south of a line beginning at a point on the eastern boundary of the Shoshone and Bannock reservation, due east to the mouth of the Little Papo-Agie, at its junction with the Papo-Agie, and running from said point west to the mouth of the Little Papo-Agie; thence up the Papo-Agie to the North Fork, and up the North Fork to the mouth of the canyon; thence west to the western boundary of the reservation.

Consideration for cession of land.

II. The United States agree to pay to the Shoshone (eastern band) or tribe the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars; said sum to be expended under the direction of the President for the benefit and use of said Indians in the following manner, viz: On or before the tenth day of August of each year, for the term of five years after the ratification of this agreement, five thousand dollars shall be expended in the purchase of stock-cattle, and said cattle delivered to the Shoshones on their reservation. Second. The salary of five hundred dollars per annum shall be paid by the United States for the term of five years to Wash-akie, chief of the Shoshones.

Salary of chief of Shoshones.

Southern line of reservation to be marked.

III. Within the term of six months, and as soon as practicable after the ratification of this agreement, the United States shall cause the southern line of the Shoshone reservation, as herein designated, to be surveyed, and marked at suitable points on the ground, and until said line has been so surveyed and marked, the United States binds itself not to permit the intrusion of any white persons upon any of the agricultural or other lands within the limit of the district proposed to be ceded.

Intrusion of white persons.

Agreement subject to ratification.

IV. This convention or agreement is made subject to the approval of the President and the ratification or rejection of the Congress of the United States.

Approved, December 15, 1874.

Dec. 19, 1874.

CHAP. 4.—An act to re-imburse the city of Boston for certain expenses incurred in the improvement of Chelsea street, (formerly Charlestown,) in connection with the United States navy-yard.

City of Boston re-imbursed for paving Chelsea street, bordering on navy-yard.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand six hundred and thirty-eight dollars and fifty-three cents, to re-imburse the city of Boston for expenses incurred in