

CHAP. 360.—An act in relation to the Venezuelan Mixed Commission

June 20, 1878.

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 to enforce the stipulations of the convention of Venezuela of April twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, and the payment of adjudicated claims", approved February twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, be, and the same is hereby, repealed: *Provided, however,* That nothing herein, or in the act hereby repealed, shall be construed as an expression of any opinion on the part of Congress in respect to the validity of any awards made under said convention, or as to the propriety of a negotiation by the Executive of a new convention in respect to the same.

Venezuela Mixed Commission.

1873, ch. 201,
17 Stat., 477,
Repealed.
Proviso.

Approved, June 20, 1878.

CHAP. 361.—An act to appoint a commission to ascertain the cost of removing the Naval Observatory

June 20, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, directed to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a commission consisting of three persons, one of whom shall be a Real Admiral of the Navy, one of whom shall be a Colonel of Engineers, and one shall be chosen from civil life, whose duty it shall be to select a site, within the District of Columbia, for the United States Naval Observatory, such site to possess relatively the advantages of healthfulness, clearness of atmosphere, convenience of access from the City of Washington, and such other advantages as may be found expedient, and to report fully thereon including estimates of the total expense of said site and the removal of the Observatory, to the next session of Congress: *Provided, however,* That no member of said commission shall be, directly or indirectly, interested, for himself, or for any other person, in any property to be selected as a site for said Observatory.

Naval Observatory.
Commission to select site.

Report.

Proviso.

SEC. 2 Said commission shall invite sealed proposals or offers of sale from the owners of land deemed fit for such a site, containing such provisions as they may deem sufficient to bind such owners to convey such land to the United States in case the same shall hereafter be selected and determined on as the site of said Observatory; which proposals shall be opened by the full commission publicly, and in the presence of persons interested who may choose to attend, on a day to be fixed for that purpose, after due notice to all parties interested; and no proposal received after such formal opening shall be opened or considered.

Proposals for sale of site.

SEC. 3. Said commission shall also consider and report upon the propriety and expediency of disposing of the old observatory grounds and buildings, the best and most advantageous method of selling the same, and the probable sum which may be realized therefore.

Sale of present site, etc.

SEC. 4 Said commissioners may if they deem it necessary in order to secure the best site for said observatory examine any premises within said District not offered for sale as before provided which may seem eligible, and may report their estimate of the cash market value of the same

Examination of sites not offered.

Approved, June 20, 1878.

CHAP. 362.—An act creating the Utah and Northern Railway Company, a corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and Montana, and granting the right of way to said company through the public lands

June 20, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of way through the public lands of the United States and other privileges heretofore

Utah and Northern Railway Company.

- Right of way modified, etc.** granted by law to the Utah Northern Railroad Company are hereby modified and regranted so as to enable the Utah and Northern Railway Company and its assigns to build their road by the way of Marsh Valley, Portneuf River and Snake River Valley instead of by the way of Soda Springs and Snake River Valley as originally granted
- To be a corporation in Utah, Idaho, and Montana.** SEC. 2. And said Company is hereby made a railway corporation in the Territories of Utah, Idaho, and Montana, under the same conditions and limitations and with the same rights and priveleges that it now has and enjoys under its articles of incorporation. *Provided* that said corporation shall at all times hereafter be subject to all the laws and regulations in relation to railroads of the United States or of any territory or state through which it may pass And suits against said corporation may be instituted in the courts of said Territories or either of them having jurisdiction by the laws of such Territory.
- Proviso.**
- Suits.**
- Amendment, etc.** SEC. 3. Congress may at any time add to, alter, amend or repeal this act
- Approved, June 20, 1878.
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- June 20, 1878.** **CHAP. 363.**—An act granting condemned bronze cannon to the soldiers Union of West Virginia.
- West Virginia, soldiers' union. Condemned cannon granted to.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be and he is hereby, authorized to furnish to the Governor of West Virginia for the soldiers union of that State, one or more of the condemned bronze cannon belonging to the government of the United States, as may be necessary to make a bronze soldiers statue, to be erected upon a monument in the capitol square of Wheeling.
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- June 20, 1878.** **CHAP. 364.**—An act to authorize the sale of the small-arms now in use in the naval service, and the conversion of the proceeds of such sale, in the purchase of arms similar in caliber to the arms now in use by the United States Army.
- Rifled small-arms. Sale of, authorized.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the chief of the Bureau of Ordnance of the Navy Department be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell the rifled small-arms and carbines of caliber "fifty", now used in the Navy, as well as the cartridges adapted to them (now or which may be on hand), in such manner and upon such terms and conditions as may be approved by the Secretary of the Navy; the proceeds of which sale shall be used, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy, in the purchasing of arms and ammunition of the caliber of small-arms in use by the United States Army; and that he shall report his action to Congress.
- Approved, June 20, 1878.
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- June 20, 1878.** **CHAP. 365.**—An act to construct a road to the national cemetery at Vicksburg, Mississippi
- Appropriation. Road to cemetery near Vicksburg.** *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of seven thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of constructing a macadamized road from the city of Vicksburg, Mississippi to the national cemetery near that city, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, or so much of the above sum as is necessary.
- Approved, June 20, 1878.