

Agents' fees. fifth eighteen hundred and seventy-nine including postage on the vouchers and checks sent to the pensioner, thirty cents for each payment; and the sum of fifteen thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the same.

Rate of arrears. That the rate at which the arrears of invalid pensions shall be allowed and computed in the cases which have been or shall hereafter be allowed shall be graded according to the degree of the pensioners disability from time to time and the provisions of the pension laws in force over the period for which the arrears shall be computed.

1879, ch. 23,
Ante, 265.
Construed.

Proviso. That section one of the act of January twenty-fifth, eighteen-hundred and seventy-nine, granting arrears of pensions shall be construed to extend to and include pensions on account of soldiers who were enlisted or drafted for the service in the war of the rebellion, but died or incurred disability from a cause originating after the cessation of hostilities; and before being mustered out: *Provided*, That in no case shall arrears of pensions be allowed and paid from a time prior to the date of actual disability.

Commencement of pensions. SEC. 2. All pensions which have been, or which may hereafter be, granted in consequence of death occurring from a cause which originated in the service since the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty one, or in consequence of wounds or injuries received or disease contracted since that date shall commence from the death or discharge of the person on whose account the claim has been or is hereafter granted if the disability occurred prior to discharge, and if such disability occurred after the discharge then from the date of actual disability or from the termination of the right of party having prior title to such pension:

Proviso.
Time for filing claims. *Provided*, The application for such pension has been or is hereafter filed with the Commissioner of Pensions prior to the first day of July eighteen hundred and eighty, otherwise the pension shall commence from the date of filing the application; but the limitation herein prescribed shall not apply to claims by or in behalf of insane persons and children under sixteen years of age.

R. S. 4709,
Repealed. SEC. 3. Section forty-seven hundred and nine of the Revised Statutes is hereby repealed.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

March 3, 1879.

CHAP. 188.—An act for the relief of Thomas B. Hunt.

T. B. Hunt.
Restoration to
Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of law regulating appointments in the Army by promotion in the line are hereby suspended for the purposes of this act, and only so far as they affect Thomas B. Hunt; and the President is hereby authorized to nominate, and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint said Thomas B. Hunt, late captain and assistant quartermaster in the United States Army, to the same grade and rank of captain and assistant quartermaster held by him prior to February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, in any vacancy now or hereafter existing or hereafter occurring. *Provided*, That his pay shall commence only from the date of his reappointment under this act.

Proviso.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

March 3, 1879.

CHAP. 189.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to transfer to the Secretary of the Interior, for entry and sale, all lands in the State of Florida not needed for naval purposes.

Reserved lands
in Florida.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause an examination to be made of the condition of all lands in the State of Florida which have been set

apart or reserved for naval purposes, excepting the reservation upon which the navy-yard at Pensacola is located, and to ascertain whether or not such reserved lands are or will be of any value to the Government of the United States for naval purposes.

Reserved lands in Florida, cont'd.

SEC. 2. That all of said lands which, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy, are no longer required for naval purposes shall, as soon as practicable, be certified by him to the Secretary of the Interior, and be subject to entry and sale in the same manner and under the same conditions as other public lands of the United States: *Provided*, That all persons who have, in good faith, made improvements on said reserved lands so certified at the time of the passage of this act, and who occupy the same, shall be entitled to purchase the part or parts so occupied and improved by them, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres to any one person at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre within such reasonable time as may be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Restored to entry and sale.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. That the sum of three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Navy to carry out the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

CHAP. 190.—An act to amend an act to provide for the sale of a portion of the reservation of the Confederated Otoe and Missouri and the Sac and Fox of the Missouri tribes of Indians in the States of Kansas and Nebraska.

March 3, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of the act of August fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, chapter three hundred and eight, entitled "An act to provide for the sale of a portion of the reservation of the Confederated Otoe and Missouri and the Sac and Fox of the Missouri tribes of Indians", be, and the same hereby is, amended so as to read, as follows:

Otoe and Missouri and Sac and Fox reservation in Kansas.
1876, ch. 308,
19 Stat., 208.

That after the survey and appraisalment of said lands, the Secretary of the Interior shall be, and is hereby, authorized to offer one hundred and twenty thousand acres from the western side of the same for sale, through the United States public land-office at Beatrice, Nebraska, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres for cash, to actual settlers, or persons who shall make oath before the register or receiver of the land office at Beatrice, Nebraska, that they intend to occupy the land for authority to purchase which they make application, and who shall within three months from the date of such application make a permanent settlement upon the same, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to each purchaser: *Provided*, That if, in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, it shall be more advantageous to sell said lands upon deferred payments, he may, with the consent of the Indians expressed in open council, dispose of the same upon the following terms as to payments, that is to say, one third in cash, one third in one year, and one third in two years from date of sale, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum: *And provided further*, That no portion of said land shall be sold at less than the appraised value thereof, and in no case less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre: *And provided further*, That whenever a settler on any of the lands subject to sale under the act to which this is amendatory shall apply to purchase a tract containing a small excess over one hundred and sixty acres, owing to the legal subdivisions being made fractional by boundary-line of reservation, township or section-line his application shall not be rejected on account of such excess; but, if no other objection exist the purchase shall be allowed as in other cases. *And provided further*, That bona fide claimants at present occupying lands under the provisions of the act of which this is amendatory may in the discretion of the Secretary of the Interior be allowed additional time for making the deferred payments required

Portion to be sold.

Proviso.
Terms.

Proviso.

Price.

Proviso.

Fractional pieces.

Proviso.

Present occupants.