

corner of said land, owned by the United States, at said Plattsburgh, for depot and other railroad purposes, not to exceed, however, two acres, together with the right to occupy the shore of Lake Champlain opposite said premises for the purpose of discharging, receiving, and storing ore and other freights, subject to such restrictions as the Secretary of War may think necessary to protect the interests of the United States; the said right of way and premises to be used exclusively for the purpose of constructing and operating the railroad authorized to be built by an act of the legislature of the State of New York, entitled "An act authorizing the construction and management of a railroad from Lake Champlain to Dannemora prison", passed April nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Purpose and use.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War be authorized and empowered, in his discretion, to lay out and continue Hamilton street, in the said town of Plattsburgh, across the said lands of the United States, to the lot or piece of land which the Secretary of War may release to the people of the State of New York by the first section of this act, and to dedicate the same to the public use as a public highway; and to grant, sell, and convey the small tract and parcel of said reservation, situate north of said Hamilton street extended, for such price and sum as may be fair and reasonable.

Public highway.

Sale of part of reservation.

Approved, June 30, 1879.

CHAP. 56.—An act to amend the act entitled "An Act making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes", approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, by correcting two clerical errors therein.

June 30, 1879.

1879, ch. 35,
Ante, 30.

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 making appropriations for the support of the Army for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty, and for other purposes", approved June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, be and the same is hereby amended as follows: strike out the word "purchase" where it last occurs in the last proviso relating to the sum appropriated for the construction of a storehouse and depot building at Omaha, Nebraska, and insert the word "purpose" in lieu thereof; and strike out the word "charge" where it occurs in the clause relating to the regulation stone to be used by the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Soldiers, and insert the word "change" in lieu thereof.

Army appropriation act corrected.

Approved, June 30, 1879.

CHAP. 57.—An act providing for filling vacancies in the Office of Chief of Engineers, United States Army.

June 30, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, chapter four hundred and twenty-six, volume seventeen, page three hundred and eighty-two, Statutes at Large, as prohibits promotion in the Corps of Engineers above the rank of colonel, and all other acts prohibiting said promotion, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Military service.

Promotions in Engineer Corps.

Approved, June 30, 1879.

CHAP. 59.—An act to prescribe the times for holding the circuit and district courts of the United States in the district of Kentucky.

July 1, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the regular terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States in the district of Ken-

U. S. courts in Kentucky.

Terms at Covington.

At Louisville.

At Frankfort.

At Paducah.

Interfering terms.

R. S. 578 not repealed.

tucky shall be held at the times and places following, to wit: At Covington, on the second Monday in May and the first Monday in December; at Louisville, on the third Monday in February and the first Monday in October; at Frankfort, on the first Monday in January and the second Monday in June; and at Paducah, on the first Monday in April and the third Monday in November.

SEC. 2. The terms of said courts shall not be limited to any particular number of days, nor shall it be necessary to adjourn by reason of the intervention of term elsewhere; but the court intervening may be adjourned until the business of the court in session is concluded.

SEC. 3. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to repeal section five hundred and seventy-eight of the Revised Statutes.

Approved, July 1, 1879.

July 1, 1879.

CHAP. 60.—An act to grant additional rights to homestead settlers on public lands within railroad limits in the States of Missouri and Arkansas

Public lands.

Odd sections in railway grants in Missouri and Arkansas opened to homestead settlers.

No fees.

Residence.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the odd sections within the limits of any grant of public lands to any railroad company in the States of Missouri and Arkansas, or to such States respectively, in aid of any railroad where the even sections have been granted to and received by any railroad company or by such states respectively in aid of any railroad shall be open to settlers under the homestead laws to the extent of one hundred and sixty acres to each settler; and any person who has under existing laws taken a homestead on any section within the limits of any railroad grant in said States, and who by existing laws shall have been restricted to eighty acres, may enter under the homestead laws an additional eighty acres adjoining the land embraced in his original entry, if such additional land be subject to entry; or if such person so elect, he may surrender his entry to the United States for cancellation, and thereupon be entitled to enter lands under the homestead laws the same as if the surrendered entry had not been made. And any person so making additional entry of eighty acres, or new entry after the cancellation of his original entry, shall be permitted to do so without payment of fees or commissions; and the residence of such person upon and cultivation of the land embraced in his original entry shall be considered residence and cultivation for the same length of time upon and of the land embraced in his additional or new entry, and shall be deducted from the five year's residence and cultivation required by law: *Provided,* That in no case shall patent issue upon an additional or new homestead entry under this act until the person has actually, and in conformity with the homestead laws, occupied, resided upon, and cultivated the land embraced therein at least one year.

Approved, July 1, 1879.

July 1, 1879.

CHAP. 61.—An act to provide office-rooms for the National Board of Health, and for the publication of its reports and papers, and for other purposes.

National Board of Health.

May rent offices in Washington, D. C.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the National Board of Health is hereby authorized and empowered to procure suitable and sufficient offices in the city of Washington for the transaction of its business, at a rental not to exceed the sum of one thousand eight hundred dollars per annum. And said board is also authorized to pay the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars for the rent of building number fourteen hundred and five G street, northwest, in the city of Washington, used by the National Board of Health for offices, from the third day of April, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, to the third day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.