

CHAP. 608.—An act to provide for the sale of the Cherokee Reservation in the State of Arkansas.

July 2, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the lands known as the old Cherokee Reservation, in townships seven and eight north, of range twenty-one west of the fifth principal meridian, in the State of Arkansas, be, and are hereby, placed under the control of the General Land Office, to be sold and disposed of in the same manner and under the same regulations as other public lands of the United States, except as hereinafter provided.

Cherokee Reservation, Arkansas, to be sold.

SEC. 2. That such homestead and pre-emption entries as have been made, under instructions from the General Land Office, upon the odd-numbered sections of said reservation, as shall appear to be in all respects fair and regular, except as to time of sale, are hereby confirmed, and patents shall be issued thereon as in other cases.

Homestead entries confirmed.

SEC. 3. That all actual settlers, and settlers upon adjoining lands, who are duly qualified to make entries under the homestead laws of the United States, and who settled upon or improved either odd or even numbered sections of said reservation at any time prior to the date of this act, and are now residing thereon, or cultivating the same and residing upon adjoining lands, shall be entitled to a preference right of entry under said laws, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres, including the tract on which they reside, if residing on adjoining lands, with credit for actual settlement and residence or cultivation heretofore made in computing the time necessary to perfect title; but in no case shall actual settlers on adjoining lands be permitted to abandon any part of their claims upon which settlements have been made to secure a larger or increased amount of the reservation: *Provided,* That all such parties shall file their applications under the homestead laws within three months from date of receipt by the local land-officers of instructions under this act from the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and make proof and payment as in other cases.

Actual settlers to have preference of entry.

Proviso.
Applications to be filed within three months.

Approved, July 2, 1886.

CHAP. 609.—An act to construct a road to the national cemetery at Natchez, Mississippi.

July 2, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten 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 or gravel road from the city of Natchez, Mississippi, to the national cemetery near that city: *Provided,* That the right of way, not less than fifty feet in width, shall first be secured to the United States to the ground over which said road shall run: *And provided further,* That said road shall be constructed under the supervision of the Secretary of War, upon a contract let to the lowest bidder.

National cemetery, Natchez, Miss. Appropriation to construct road to.

Proviso.
Right of way.

Construction.

Approved, July 2, 1886.

CHAP. 610.—An act making an appropriation to construct a road or wagon roadway from the United States barracks in Saint Bernard Parish, Louisiana, to the national military cemetery at Chalmette, in said parish.

July 2, 1886.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty-five 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 purpose of constructing a macadamized road or wagon roadway from the United States barracks in the parish of Saint Bernard, Louisiana, about one mile and a half, to the national military cemetery at Chalmette, in said parish.

National cemetery, Chalmette, La.

Appropriation to construct road to, from United States barracks, Saint Bernard parish.