

for the term of three years from and after the passage of this Act, and that said Act is hereby continued in full force and effect.

Approved, March 26, 1900.

March 28, 1900.

CHAP. 110.—An Act Granting to the State of Kansas the abandoned Fort Hays Military Reservation, in said State, for the purpose of establishing an experiment station of the Kansas Agricultural College, and a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School thereon, and for a public park.

Fort Hays Military Reservation granted State of Kansas.

—conditions.

Provisos. —acceptance, etc.

—reversion.

Valid land claims not affected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the abandoned Fort Hays Military Reservation and all the improvements thereon, situated in the State of Kansas, be, and the same are hereby, granted to said State upon the conditions that said State shall establish and maintain perpetually thereon, first, an experiment station of the Kansas Agricultural College; second, a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School, and that in connection therewith the said reservation shall be used and maintained as a public park: *Provided,* That said State shall, within five years from and after the passage of this Act, accept this grant, and shall by proper legislative action establish on said reservation an experiment station of the Kansas Agricultural College and a western branch of the Kansas State Normal School; and whenever the lands shall cease to be used by said State for the purposes herein mentioned the same shall revert to the United States: *Provided further,* That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to any tract or tracts within the limits of said reservation to which a valid claim has attached, by settlement or otherwise, under any of the public land laws of the United States.

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CHAP. 111.—An Act Enlarging the powers of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company.

Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad. Vol. 28, p. 503. Vol. 29, p. 98. Repeal of limitation as to constructing branches.

—except.

Construction through Indian reservations, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limitations imposed by the proviso to section four of the Act approved August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to authorize the purchasers of the property and franchises of the Choctaw Coal and Railroad Company to organize a corporation, and to confer upon the same all the powers, privileges, and franchises vested in that company," or by any Act amendatory of said Act upon the power of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, the corporation organized thereunder, to construct branches authorized by said section four of said Act of August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, are hereby repealed, except in so far as these limitations require the filing of maps of the said branches with the Secretary of the Interior and his approval of the same.

SEC. 2. That the powers heretofore conferred upon the said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company by the said Act of August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and the Acts amendatory thereof, shall be so construed as to authorize the construction and operation of the railroad and branches thereby or hereby authorized through and over any Indian reservations, subject to the payment of the compensation provided for in said Acts as to land in the Indian Territory, and through and over any Indian allotments, subject to the compensation provided by the laws of Oklahoma.