

CHAP. 164.—An Act To authorize the resubdivision of lots or blocks in the District of Columbia.

February 26, 1904.
[H. R. 3584.]

[Public, No. 25.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That where any proposed street of the permanent system of highways affects any lot or block of a subdivision recorded in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may, in their discretion, allow the resubdivision of such lot or block in a manner conforming to the original subdivision until such time as condemnation proceedings are begun for the opening of the proposed street affecting the land to be subdivided.

District of Columbia.
Resubdivision of
lots, etc.
Vol. 27, p. 532.

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CHAP. 165.—An Act To enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the State of Vermont money appropriated by the Act of Congress of July first, nineteen hundred and two, and to adjust mutual claims between the United States and the State of Vermont.

February 26, 1904.
[S. 113.]

[Public, No. 26.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to pay the State of Vermont the sum appropriated to that State under the Act of Congress of July first, nineteen hundred and two, or such part thereof as it may be entitled to, the accounting officers of the Treasury Department are hereby authorized and directed to audit, adjust, and settle the mutual claims of the United States and the State of Vermont in respect to ordnance and quartermaster's stores furnished in the years eighteen hundred and sixty-four and eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and on payment a receipt in full shall be taken from the proper State authorities.

Vermont.
Adjustment of mutual
claims for ordnance, etc.
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CHAP. 166.—An Act For the relief of settlers on lands in Sherman County, in the State of Oregon.

February 26, 1904.
[S. 277.]

[Public, No. 27.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to investigate and ascertain the reasonable value, respectively, of the lands settled upon, and heretofore claimed by the respective persons whose names are set out in full in Senate Document Numbered Eight, second session Fifty-sixth Congress, and in Senate Document Numbered Two hundred and forty, first session Fifty-seventh Congress, and in which documents are also specifically stated an accurate description of the lands claimed by each of such persons, respectively, and such other persons who settled upon and improved said lands after their restoration to entry by order of the Secretary of the Interior, but who were unable to get their claims of record, and whose names do not appear in the two executive documents hereinbefore named, all of said lands being in the county of Sherman, in the State of Oregon.

The Eastern Oregon
Land Company.
Relief of settlers on
lands claimed by.

And it shall be, and is hereby, made the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to investigate and ascertain the names, respectively, of all settlers who entered on said lands and settled upon the same, and the value of the different classes as hereinafter specified of all of said lands and improvements as follows: First, in all cases where said settlers have been dispossessed of their lands it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain the reasonable value of such lands, respec-

Secretary of the Interior to investigate claims of settlers.

tively, as of the date of the ouster of such settlers, respectively, from said lands by either The Dalles Military Wagon Road Company or the Eastern Oregon Land Company, successor in interest to The Dalles Military Wagon Road Company, in pursuance of the judgment and decree of the Supreme Court of the United States affecting the title to said lands; and it is hereby made the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain the dates, respectively, when such settlers, or any of them, first made settlement upon said lands, and also to ascertain the dates when they or either of them were, respectively, dispossessed of their lands; and in all cases where any of such settlers are still in the possession of the lands so claimed by them, respectively, the reasonable value of the same and the improvements thereon shall be determined by the Secretary of the Interior as of the date of the passage of this Act.

Purchases made after decision of Supreme Court.

And it is hereby made the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain whether any of such settlers, and if so, their names, respectively, have since the date of the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States, hereinbefore referred to, purchased from said Dalles Military Wagon Road Company, or the Eastern Oregon Land Company, their right to the lands so settled upon, the dates of such purchases, respectively, a description of the lands so purchased, and the amount of money or other compensation paid, respectively, by each thereof to said wagon road companies or either of them.

Improvements made between dates of entry and ouster, etc.
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Vol. 27, p. 59.
Vol. 28, p. 15.

SEC. 2. That it shall be further the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to ascertain the names of all persons who made entries of said lands under the provisions of section three of the Act of September twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety (Twenty-sixth Statutes, page four hundred and ninety-six), and the amendments thereto, and a description of the lands so entered, respectively, and to ascertain the value of the improvements made thereon by such entrymen, respectively, between the date of the restoration of said lands to entry and the date of ouster, or, in the event there has been no ouster, then as of the date of the passage of this Act.

Relinquishment price to settlers.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior further to ascertain for what price and on what terms the Eastern Oregon Land Company, successor in interest of The Dalles Military Wagon Road Company, would relinquish to the settlers the lands claimed by them, respectively, together with the improvements thereon.

Report.

SEC. 4. That it is hereby made the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to make a full and specific report to Congress, on or before the first day of the next session, in pursuance of the jurisdiction and duties imposed on him by this Act.

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[S. 2818.]

CHAP. 167.—An Act Permitting the building of a dam across the Mississippi River at or near the village of Sauk Rapids, Benton County, Minnesota.

[Public, No. 28.]

Mississippi River.
Sauk Rapids Water
Power Company may
dam. at Sauk Rapids,
Minn.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Sauk Rapids Water Power Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Minnesota, its successors and assigns, to build a dam across the Mississippi River at or near the Sauk Rapids, so called, in said river, and at or near the village of Sauk Rapids, Benton County, Minnesota, for the development of water power, and such works and structures in connection therewith as may be necessary or convenient in the development of said power and in the utilization of the power thereby developed: *Provided,* That the plans for the construction of said dam and appurtenant

Provided,
Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.