

and relinquished by the United States to the respective owners of the equitable titles thereto and to their respective heirs and assigns forever, as fully and completely, in every respect whatever, as could be done by patents issued therefor according to law: *Provided*, That the confirmations granted hereby shall amount only to a relinquishment of any title that the United States has or is supposed to have in and to any of said lands, and shall not be construed to abridge, impair, injure, prejudice, or divest in any manner any valid right, title, or interest of any person or body corporate whatever, the true intent of this Act being to concede and abandon all right, title, and interest of the United States to those persons, estates, firms, or corporations who would be the true and lawful owners of said lands under the laws of Alabama, including the laws of prescription, in the absence of the said interest, title, and estate of the United States.

Approved, February 8, 1905.

*Proviso.*  
Valid rights, etc.,  
not affected.

February 8, 1905.  
[H. R. 14710.]

[Public No. 54.]

**CHAP. 552.**—An Act Authorizing the use of earth, stone, and timber on the public lands and forest reserves of the United States in the construction of works under the national irrigation law.

Reclamation act.  
Use of stone, etc., on  
public lands, etc., for  
irrigation works, au-  
thorized.  
Vol. 32, p. 388.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in carrying out the provisions of the national irrigation law, approved June seventeenth, nineteen hundred and two, and in constructing works thereunder, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to use and to permit the use by those engaged in the construction of works under said law, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by him, such earth, stone, and timber from the public lands of the United States as may be required in the construction of such works, and the Secretary of Agriculture is hereby authorized to permit the use of earth, stone, and timber from the forest reserves of the United States for the same purpose, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by him.

Approved, February 8, 1905.

February 8, 1905.  
[H. R. 15011.]

[Public, No. 55.]

**CHAP. 553.**—An Act To open to homestead settlement and entry the relinquished and undisposed of portions of the Round Valley Indian Reservation, in the State of California, and for other purposes.

Round Valley In-  
dian Reservation, Cal.  
Undisposed lands  
in. to be opened to  
settlement.  
Vol. 26, p. 658.

Survey and reap-  
praisement.

Preference rights.

Limit.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all lands relinquished from the Round Valley Indian Reservation, in the State of California, under an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the reduction of the Round Valley Indian Reservation, in the State of California, and for other purposes," approved October first, eighteen hundred and ninety, which have not heretofore been disposed of, shall be surveyed in accordance with the Government surveys and shall also be reappraised exclusive of improvements by a commission of three disinterested persons to be appointed by the President, or by a trusted inspector or special agent of the Department of the Interior, as the President in his discretion may direct. The said lands when surveyed and appraised shall be subject to settlement and entry under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States; and all actual and bona fide settlers upon said lands on January first, nineteen hundred and four, shall have a preference right to enter and hold the lands actually occupied by them, respectively, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, and they shall be credited with the time they have actually occupied the same

on the time required by law to perfect title as homestead settlers. Each entryman of any of said lands shall pay for the same at the appraised price, payments to be made in five equal annual payments, with interest on all deferred payments, at the rate of five per centum per annum: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall prevent homestead settlers from commuting their entries under section twenty-three hundred and one, Revised Statutes, by paying for the land entered the appraised price, receiving credit for payments previously made. In addition to the price to be paid for the land the entryman shall pay the same fees and commissions at the time of commutation or final entry, as now provided by law, where the price of the land is one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *And provided further*, That aliens who have declared their intention to become citizens of the United States may become purchasers under this Act, but before proving up and acquiring title must take out their full naturalization papers: *And provided further*, That all lands opened to settlement under this Act remaining undisposed of at the expiration of five years from the taking effect of this Act may be sold and disposed of for cash, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 2. That the funds arising from the sale of said lands shall be disposed of as provided in section four of the Act of October first, eighteen hundred and ninety, providing for the disposal of the Round Valley Indian Reservation.

Approved, February 8, 1905.

Payments.

*Provisos.*

Commutations.

R. S., sec. 2301, p. 421.

Fees.

Alien purchasers.

Sale of remaining lands.

Disposal of proceeds.

Vol. 26, p. 659.

**CHAP. 554.**—An Act To grant certain lands to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Oklahoma for college farm and experiment station purposes.

February 8, 1905.

[H. R. 17769.]

[Public, No. 56.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all of section sixteen, of township nineteen north, range two east of the Indian meridian in Oklahoma Territory, being a portion of the lands reserved to said Territory for the purposes of common schools, be, and the same is hereby, granted to the Agricultural and Mechanical College of said Territory for college farm and experiment station purposes, but no indemnity shall be allowed for this section.

Oklahoma. School lands granted to Agricultural and Mechanical College of. Vol. 26, p. 89.

SEC. 2. That the leases to the present tenants thereon, made by the board for leasing school lands of the Territory of Oklahoma, shall remain in full force and effect until their respective expirations, and that the chief justice of the supreme court of said Territory, the secretary of the board for leasing school lands, and one person to be selected by the tenants upon said lands shall, within sixty days prior to the expiration of each such lease, fix the value of the improvements thereon belonging to each such leaseholder, and the board of regents of said college shall immediately pay the amount so fixed, and thereupon shall have immediate possession: *Provided*, That if said tenants shall fail to select a person to serve upon such board of arbitration sixty days prior to the expiration of any lease, the governor of the Territory shall serve as such member: *And provided also*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to abridge the lawful right of any tenant to remove all of his improvements prior to the expiration of his lease, if he shall elect to do so, instead of accepting the award of the arbitrators.

Pending leases not affected.

Board of arbitration.

Payments for improvements.

*Provisos.*  
Vacancy.

Removal of improvements.

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