

March 4, 1907.
[S. 1082.]

[Public, No. 257.]

CHAP. 2922.—An Act To aid in the completion of a monument at Monterey, California, to commemorate the taking possession of the Pacific coast by Commodore John D. Sloat, United States Navy.

Monterey, Cal.
Monument to John
D. Sloat.
Appropriation for
completing.

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, 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, to aid in the completion of a monument to commemorate the taking possession of the Pacific coast by the late Commodore John D. Sloat, United States Navy, and for the preparation of the site for said monument, selected under authority of the War Department on the military reservation at Monterey, California, which sum shall be expended under direction of the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That the money hereby appropriated shall be drawn from time to time only as may be required during the progress of the work and upon the requisition of the Secretary of War: *And provided further,* That no part of the money hereby appropriated shall be expended until the design for said monument shall be approved by the Secretary of War.

Approved, March 4, 1907, 11 a. m.

Provisions.
Restriction of ex-
penditure.

Design to be ap-
proved by Secretary
of War.

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[S. 6447.]

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CHAP. 2923.—An Act To authorize the appointment of Acting Assistant Surgeon George R. Plummer, United States Navy, as an assistant surgeon in the United States Navy.

Navy.
George R. Plummer
may be appointed as-
sistant surgeon in.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Acting Assistant Surgeon George R. Plummer, United States Navy, as an assistant surgeon in the United States Navy with the rank of lieutenant (junior grade), to take rank and position at the foot of the list, whenever, before the expiration of his present acting commission, he shall successfully pass the examination prescribed by law for the appointment of medical officers of this grade.

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Rank.

Examination.

March 4, 1907.
[S. 6704.]

[Public, No. 259.]

CHAP. 2924.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain homestead settlers in the State of Alabama," approved February twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and five.

Alabama.
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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 for the relief of certain homestead settlers in the State of Alabama," approved February twenty-fourth, nineteen hundred and five, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

Transfers allowed
for canceled home-
stead entries on rail-
road lands in.
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amended.
Vol. 11, p. 18.

"That where any homestead entry heretofore allowed by the officers of the Land Department for lands within the limits of the grant made by Act of Congress approved June third, eighteen hundred and fifty-six (Eleventh Statutes, page eighteen), to the State of Alabama in aid of the construction of the railroad known as the Mobile and Girard Railroad has been canceled because of a superior claim to the land through purchase from the railroad company, which claim has been held to have been confirmed and a confirmatory patent issued for the land under the provisions of section four of the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven (Twenty-fourth Statutes, page five hundred and fifty-six), or where any homestead entry has been made on lands granted by the Congress of the United States to the State of Ala-

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bama, to aid in the construction of the Mobile and Girard Railroad, or the Tennessee and Coosa Railroad, which said lands lie opposite to and coterminus with those portions of either of said roads which were constructed prior to the passage of the forfeiture Act of September twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety (Twenty-fifth Statutes, page four hundred and ninety-six), the title to which is asserted and claimed by the vendee, or successor in interest of either of said railroad companies, such homesteader is hereby accorded the privilege of transferring his claim thus initiated under the homestead laws to any other nonmineral unappropriated public land subject to homestead entry, with full credit for the period of residence and for improvements made upon his said homestead entry prior to the order of its cancellation, or prior to the passage of this Act: *Provided*, That he has not forfeited or voluntarily abandoned his homestead claim and that his application for transfer is presented within one year from the date of the passage of this Act.

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Proviso.
Restriction.

Relinquishment of patented title.

“Should such homesteader elect, however, to retain the tract embraced in his homestead entry heretofore canceled, or the tract so entered by him, the title to which may be claimed by the vendee or successor in interest of either of said railroad companies, the holder of the patented title, through the railroad grant, or of the title so claimed and asserted by any person, association, or corporation under either of said railroad grants as aforesaid shall thereupon be invited to relinquish or reconvey to the United States of America the land included in such homestead entry, and upon filing such relinquishment or reconveyance the party making such relinquishment or reconveyance shall be entitled to select and receive patent for an equal quantity of nontimbered, nonmineral, and unappropriated surveyed public lands subject to homestead entry within three years after the passage of this Act, and upon the filing of such relinquishment or reconveyance all right, title, and interest under and through either of the said railroad grants or the confirmatory patent hereinbefore referred to shall revert to the United States, and the tract thus relinquished or reconveyed shall be treated and disposed of as other public lands of the United States: *Provided, however*, That such previous homesteader shall be reinstated in his rights and permitted to complete title to the land previously entered as though no cancellation of his homestead entry had been made or the title to the land had not been claimed and asserted adversely to him as aforesaid: *Provided*, That such homesteader or vendee or successor in interest of either of said railroad companies shall not be permitted to select more than one hundred and sixty acres of lands in one section nor more than three hundred and twenty acres of contiguous lands.”

Patentee entitled to equal acreage of nontimbered, etc., lands.

Reversion.

Provisos.
May complete title to land formerly entered.

Restriction.

Regulations.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe rules and regulations for the administration of this Act.

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CHAP. 2925.—An Act To provide for the establishment of an immigration station at New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, and the erection in said city, on a site to be selected for said station, of a public building.

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[S. 7247.]

[Public, No. 260.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to establish an immigration station at the city of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, and to cause to be erected on a site to be selected a public building to temporarily accommodate and care for immigrants arriving at said city: *Provided*, That the land and dock room necessary for said station and building be transferred to the Government of the United States free of any cost to the United States.

New Orleans, La.
Public building at
for immigration station, authorized.

Proviso.
Site free of cost.