

March 2, 1909.
[S. 8654.]

CHAP. 238.—An Act For the relief of certain occupants of unsurveyed public lands in Craighead County, Arkansas.

[Public, No. 295.]

Cane Island, Ark.
Acceptance of State
survey.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the survey, made under the authority of the State of Arkansas in the year eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, of a small area of land known as Cane Island, situated in Saint Francis River, in townships numbered fourteen and fifteen north, range six east, Craighead County, Arkansas, into blocks numbered, respectively, from one to thirty-three, inclusive, shall, upon the filing in the local land office, and with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, of the plat of said survey and the field notes thereof, be accepted as the governmental official survey of said body of land.

Homestead entries
by occupants allowed.

SEC. 2. That, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, all persons who at the date of the passage of this Act are bona fide occupants and owners of improvements situated upon any of the blocks returned by said survey, shall have a preferred right at any time within one year from the passage of this Act to make entry, under the provisions of the homestead laws, of the block or blocks so occupied and upon which their improvements are situated, as their respective interests may appear, or to make purchase of such lands at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *Provided*, That no person shall be permitted to acquire title under this Act to more than one hundred and sixty acres: *Provided further*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to grant to any person title to any part of the island, herein referred to, which is shown to be within the limits of land previously surveyed and disposed of by the Government.

Approved, March 2, 1909.

Purchase.

Provisos.
Limit.

Previous surveys.

March 2, 1909.
[H. R. 25823.]

CHAP. 239.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to extend the time for the completion of the Valdez, Marshall Pass and Northern Railroad, and for other purposes," approved February twenty-first, nineteen hundred and seven.

[Public, No. 296.]

Alaska.

Valdez, Marshall
Pass and Northern
Railroad Company.

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 to extend the time for the completion of the Valdez, Marshall Pass and Northern Railroad, and for other purposes," approved February twenty-first, nineteen hundred and seven, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Time extended for
completing road.
Vol. 30, p. 410.
Vol. 34, p. 915,
amended.

"That the time for the compliance of the Valdez, Marshall Pass and Northern Railroad Company with the provisions of sections four and five of the Act entitled 'An Act extending the homestead laws and providing for the right of way for railroads in the district of Alaska, and for other purposes,' approved May fourteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, by locating and completing its railroad in Alaska, is hereby extended—

Further extension.

"First. Said company shall have four years from the passage of this Act within which to complete the first twenty miles of its railroad, by way of Keystone Canyon, Marshall Pass to Copper River, and from thence to Tanana River, and six years from the date of the passage of this Act within which to complete said railroad to the Tanana River, all to be within such rights as it possesses and not in any way affecting or contravening any vested rights of any other company or person or the rights of the Government, provided said company carry out the requirements of law.

License tax exemp-
tion.

Provisos.

Time.

Condition.

"Second. Said company shall be exempt from license tax during the period of construction and for four years thereafter: *Provided*, That the total period of exemption shall not exceed ten years from the time of the passage of this Act: *And provided further*, That this exemption