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CHAP. 433.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of War to exchange with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company certain tracts of land situate in the city of Philadelphia, and State of Pennsylvania.

Army.
Exchange of tracts in Philadelphia with Pennsylvania Railroad Company.
Location of reservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized in his discretion, to exchange, upon such terms and conditions as he considers advisable, with the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, or its nominee, a tract of land extending from the west side of Delaware Avenue to the east side of Swanson Street situate and lying between Bigler Street and Packer Avenue, in the thirty-ninth ward, in the city of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, containing eleven and thirty-eight one-hundredths acres, said tract now forming a part of War Department reservation at Oregon and Delaware Avenues, situate in the city of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, which said tract is no longer needed for military purposes, and to execute and deliver in the name of the United States and in its behalf any and all contracts, conveyances, or other instruments necessary to effectuate the conveyance of the fee title thereof to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, or its nominee; and in return for the said tract of land so conveyed by him, the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to receive and take title thereto in the name of the United States and in its behalf, a tract of land situate on the west side of Delaware Avenue between Packer Avenue and Pattison Avenue, in the thirty-ninth ward, in the city of Philadelphia and State of Pennsylvania, containing eleven and thirty-eight one-hundredths acres, which tract upon its acquisition shall form a part of the said War Department reservation and be subject to the same control and right of disposition as other portions of said reservation: *Provided,* That before any such exchange, the War Department shall have both of said parcels of real estate appraised by competent and disinterested persons acquainted with the values of real estate in the vicinity of such property, at the expense of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and if such appraisal show that the parcel of real estate to be conveyed to the United States be of less value than the parcel to be conveyed by the United States, then in such event any difference in value shall be paid in money into the Treasury of the United States, and be credited to the Military Post Construction Fund, prior to the conveyance of the title hereby authorized: *Provided further,* That if it should appear by such appraisal that there is a difference in favor of the Pennsylvania Railroad, then said finding shall never constitute the basis of any claim against the Government by said railroad.

Tract to be received in return.

Provisos.
Appraisal.

Payment, if value of Army parcel exceeds that conveyed therefor.

Difference in favor of railroad not a claim against the Government.

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CHAP. 434.—An Act To accept the cession by the State of Colorado of exclusive jurisdiction over the lands embraced within the Mesa Verde National Park, and for other purposes.

Mesa Verde National Park.

Acceptance of jurisdiction of Colorado over territory included in.

Rights reserved to State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the act of the Legislature of the State of Colorado, approved May 2, 1927, ceding to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the territory embraced and included within the Mesa Verde National Park, are hereby accepted, and sole and exclusive jurisdiction is hereby assumed by the United States over such territory, saving, however, to the State of Colorado the right to serve civil or criminal process within the limits of the aforesaid park in suits or prosecutions