

pute which may arise as to the propriety of the decisions of the superintendent making deductions on account of work which the superintendent may refuse to receive, or which, in his opinion, may not be done with proper despatch, as required by law; and the said committee shall pass upon the accounts of the superintendent of the public printing. Said committee shall have power to adopt such measures as may be deemed necessary to remedy any neglect or delay in the execution of the public printing, provided that no contract, agreement, or arrangement entered into by this committee shall take effect until the same shall have been approved by that house of Congress to which the printing belongs, and when the printing delayed relates to the business of both houses, until both houses shall have approved of such contract or arrangement. All motions to print extra copies of any bill, report, or other public document, shall be referred to the members of the Committee on Printing from the house in which the same may be made.

Motions to print extra copies to be referred.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts or joint resolutions conflicting with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed; but nothing herein contained shall be construed to authorize the cancelment of any contract now or heretofore entered into with any printer under the laws heretofore in force, or to abrogate his rights in any way without his consent. Nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize the printing of the census, but the same shall be done as may be provided by law hereafter.

Conflicting acts, &c. repealed.

Subsisting contracts to remain in force.

Census printing.

APPROVED, August 26, 1852.

CHAP. XCII.—*An Act granting to the State of Michigan the Right of Way, and a Donation of Public Land for the Construction of a Ship Canal around the Falls of St. Mary's, in said State.*

August 26, 1852.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be, and is hereby, granted to said State, the right of locating a canal through the public lands, known as the military reservation at the Falls at St. Mary's River in said State; and that four hundred feet of land in width extending along the line of such canal be, and the same is hereby granted, to be used by said State, or under the authority thereof for the construction and convenience of such canal, and the appurtenances thereto, and the use thereof is hereby vested in said State forever, for the purposes aforesaid, and no other: *Provided*, That in locating the line of said canal through said military reservation, the same shall be located on the line of the survey heretofore made for that purpose, or such other route between the waters above and below said falls, as under the approval of the Secretary of War may be selected. *And provided further*, That said canal shall be at least one hundred feet wide, with a depth of water twelve feet, and the locks shall be at least two hundred and fifty feet long, and sixty feet wide.

Right to locate a canal round the Falls of St. Mary granted to Michigan.

Proviso as to route.

Size of the canal.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and hereby is granted to the said State of Michigan, for the purpose of aiding said State in constructing and completing said canal, seven hundred and fifty thousand acres of public lands, to be selected in subdivisions, agreeably to the United States surveys, by an agent or agents to be appointed by the Governor of said State, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, from any lands within said State, subject to private entry.

750,000 thousand acres of land granted to Michigan to enable it to construct said canal.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said lands hereby granted, shall be subject to the disposal of the Legislature of said State for the purposes aforesaid and no other; and the said canal shall be, and remain a public highway for the use of the Government of the United States, free from toll or other charge upon the vessels of said government engaged

Said lands to be applied to no other use.

No toll to be charged to the United States.

Proceeds of sales of said lands to be paid to the U. S. if said canal is not commenced within three and completed within ten years.

Accounts to be kept and rendered annually, and until said State is fully reimbursed it may charge a toll for the use of said canal, and afterwards only enough to keep it in repair, &c.

Route of the canal to be established and filed before said lands can be sold.

in the public service, or upon vessels employed by said government in the transportation of any property or troops of the United States.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That if the said canal shall not be commenced within three and completed within ten years, the said State of Michigan shall be bound to pay to the United States, the amount which may be received upon the sale of any part of said lands by said State not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the title to the purchasers under said State remaining valid.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Legislature of said State shall cause to be kept, an accurate account of the sales and net proceeds of the lands hereby granted and of all expenditures in the construction, repairs, and operating of said canal, and of the earnings thereof, and shall return a statement of the same annually to the Secretary of the Interior; and whenever said State shall be fully reimbursed for all advances made for the construction, repairs, and operating of said canal, with legal interest on all advances, until the reimbursement of the same, or upon payment by the United States, of any balance of such advances over such receipts from said lands and canal, with such interest, the said State shall be allowed to tax for the use of said canal, only such tolls as shall be sufficient to pay all necessary expenses for the care, charge, and repairs of the same.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That before it shall be competent for said State to dispose of any of the lands to be selected as aforesaid, the route of said canal shall be established as aforesaid, and a plat or plats thereof shall be filed in the office of the War Department, and a duplicate thereof, in the office of the Commissioner of the General Land-Office.

APPROVED, August 26, 1852.

August 26, 1852. CHAP. XCV.—*An Act to reduce and define the Boundaries of the Military Reserve at the Saint Peter's River, in the Territory of Minnesota.*

1855, ch. 135.

Boundaries of the military reserve at Fort Snelling in Minnesota reduced and defined.

*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 required to cause the lines of the present military reserve at Fort Snelling, in the Territory of Minnesota, to be so contracted as to embrace the following boundaries, to wit:—

Beginning at the middle of the channel of the Mississippi River below Pike's Island; thence ascending along the channel of said river in such a direction as to include all the islands of the river, to the mouth of Brown's Creek; thence up said creek to Rice Lake; thence through the middle of Rice Lake to the outlet of Lake Amelia; thence through said outlet and the middle of Lake Amelia, to the outlet of Mother Lake; thence through said outlet and the middle of Mother Lake, to the outlet of Duck Lake; thence through said outlet and the middle of Duck Lake, to the southern extremity of Duck Lake; thence in a line due south to the middle of the channel of the Saint Peter's River; thence down said river so as to include all the islands to the middle of the channel of the Mississippi River; reserving further, for military purposes, a quarter section on the right bank of the St. Peter's River, at the present ferry; and also a quarter section on the left bank of the Mississippi River, at the present ferry across that stream.

Land reserved therefrom.

The remainder of said reserve to be surveyed and sold.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office be, and he is hereby required to cause to be surveyed as soon as practicable, so much of the lands heretofore included in the military reserve aforesaid, but without the limits of the said military reserve aforesaid, as defined by this act, as have not already been surveyed; and to cause the same, together with such of said lands as