

Aug. 2, 1854. CHAP. CLXXXVII.—*An Act for the Purchase of the Copyright of a Work published by Thomas H. Sumner, wherein he describes his New Method of ascertaining a ship's position at Sea.*

\$10,000 to be paid to Thomas H. Sumner, upon the transfer of the copyright of said work to the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in consideration of the transfer to the United States of the copyright of a work wherein Thomas H. Sumner fully describes his new method of ascertaining a ship's position at sea, when a meridian observation of the sun cannot be obtained, there be paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the said Thomas H. Sumner, or his lawful agent or attorney, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

When said book may be published as if no copyright had existed.

SEC. 2. *And* be it further enacted, That after the said transfer shall be made, and the said sum paid, the said copyright shall be deemed extinct, and said book may thereafter be published as if no such right had existed.

APPROVED, August 2, 1854.

Aug. 2, 1854. CHAP. CXC.—*An Act to Relinquish the Reversionary Interest of the United States to a certain Reservation therein mentioned, and to confirm the title of Charles G. Gunter thereto.*

All the right, &c. which might accrue or revert to the U. S. to certain lands are relinquished to C. G. Gunter, his heirs and assigns.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest which might accrue or revert to the United States to a certain fraction or [of] section number nineteen of township number sixteen and range number sixteen, including an island in the Alabama River, commonly called Manac's Island, a little below the mouth of Catoma Creek, and being the reservation to which Samuel Manac, a Creek Indian, became entitled under the Treaty of Fort Jackson, be, and the same are hereby relinquished to Charles G. Gunter, his heirs and assigns, and a patent shall be issued to the said Charles G. Gunter, his heirs or assigns, for the same, upon the payment to the receiver of the land office at Cahaba, in the State of Alabama, of the minimum price per acre of the public lands now subject to entry in said State.

When patent to be issued.

APPROVED, August 2, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854. CHAP. CXCVII.—*An Act authorizing the Extension of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad into the District of Columbia, and conferring certain Privileges on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.*

Extension into the District of Columbia authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, incorporated by the legislature of Virginia, on the twenty-seventh of February, eighteen hundred and fifty four, to construct a railroad from Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, to the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, be, and are hereby, authorized to extend their road from any point on the Virginia side of the Potomac River to which said road may be constructed, at or above the aqueduct of the Alexandria Canal, into the District of Columbia, connecting with the Baltimore and Washington Railroad depot by the most convenient and practicable route or routes, passing through and along such streets or avenues, except the Pennsylvania Avenue of Washington and Georgetown, as the corporate authorities thereof may respectively approve, subject to certain provisions hereinafter expressed.

Bridge across the Potomac.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company are hereby authorized to construct a bridge over the Potomac River, on, or above, or west of the aqueduct of the Alexandria Canal Company: *Provided,* said bridge shall only be built on or over the piers of the aqueduct, with the consent of the Alexandria Canal Company: *And provided further,* in constructing said bridge, and