SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the superintendent of said branch mint be authorized, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and on terms to be prescribed by him, to issue in payment of the gold dust and bullion deposited for assay and coinage or bars, drafts, or certificates of deposit, payable at the treasury or any sub-treasury of the United States, to any depositor electing to receive payment in that form.

Superintendent may pay for dust, &c., deposited, by drafts or certificates of deposit.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That all the laws and parts of laws now in force for the regulation of the mint of the United States, and for the government of the officers and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of all offences connected with the mint or coinage of the United States shall be, and they are hereby, declared to be in full force in relation to the branch of the mint by this act established, as far as the same may be applicable thereto.

Laws regulating mint, &c., made applicable to this branch.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and to meet the expenses of the current year and for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

Appropriation to carry this act into effect.

APPROVED, March 3, 1863.

CHAP. XCVII. — *An Act to provide for the Disposal of certain Lands therein named.*

March 3, 1863.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of the general land-office shall, as soon as may be, cause that portion of the public domain known as the Fort Howard Military Reserve, including the site of the fort, containing three acres and four-hundredths of an acre, which is situated in the county of Brown and State of Wisconsin, between Fox River and Beaver Dam Run, and which is not included in the confirmations to Talbot C. Dousman and Daniel Whitney, nor in the grant to the State of Wisconsin under the resolution of Congress approved April twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, entitled "A resolution explanatory of, and in addition to, the act of June third, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, granting public lands to the State of Wisconsin to aid in the construction of railroads in said State," as heretofore surveyed under the direction of the surveyor-general of Wisconsin and Iowa, to be surveyed and subdivided into lots of such form and of such size, not less than one fourth of an acre, and not more than forty acres, as he may deem expedient, dedicating such portions of the same to the use of the public for streets and highways as he may think the public interest and convenience may require; and shall cause a plat thereof to be duly and properly certified by such surveyor-general, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for said county of Brown; and when so surveyed, platted, and recorded, he shall cause each and all said lots to be sold separately at public auction, giving not less than two months' notice of the time and place of such sale by advertising the same in such newspapers and for such period of time as he may deem best. Every such lot shall be sold to the highest bidder for cash, and when not paid for within twenty-four hours from the time of purchase, it shall be liable to be resold under the order of the commissioner of the general land-office aforesaid, but no sale shall be binding until approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Fort Howard Military Reserve to be surveyed and subdivided into lots.

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Streets.

Plats to be certified and recorded.

Lots to be sold separately at public auction.

Sale not binding unless approved.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the President to cause patents to be issued in due form of law for each and every such lot as soon as may be after the purchase of and payment for the same.

Patents.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall also be the duty of the commissioner of the land-office to cause so much of the public domain adjacent to said reserve as lies between said Beaver Dam Run and Duck Creek to be re-surveyed into lots, the lines of which shall conform as

Portion of the public domain adjacent to Fort Howard Military Reserve

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to be surveyed into lots, near as may be to the lines of the survey formerly made by Albert G. Ellis, and shall cause certified plats thereof to be returned as is provided by law in the case of other surveys of the public domain; and he shall thereupon proceed to dispose of the same as other public lands are disposed of, saving to every person who upon the passage of this act may be in possession of any part of said lands, and shall have made improvements thereon, as provided under the preëmption laws of the United States, the right to purchase any lots so improved, lying contiguous to each other, and not exceeding in the aggregate eighty acres, upon making proof of such possession and improvements, and paying for such lots the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, within six months after public notice shall be given of the time and place for making such proof and payment.

and disposed of.

Rights of persons in possession, who have made improvements.

Military reserve of Fort Crawford to be surveyed and disposed of.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner of the general land-office shall cause the military reserve of Fort Crawford, in the county of Crawford, in the same State, to be surveyed and disposed of in the manner prescribed in the first and second sections of this act for the disposition of the Fort Howard Reserve.

Approved, March 3, 1863.

March 3, 1863.

Chap. XCVIII.—*An Act for a Grant of Lands to the State of Kansas, in alternate Sections, to aid in the Construction of certain Railroads and Telegraphs in said State.*

Alternate sections of land, &c., granted to Kansas to aid in construction of railroads.

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 the State of Kansas, for the purpose of aiding in the construction: First, of a railroad and telegraph from the city of Leavenworth by the way of the town of Lawrence, and via the Ohio City crossing of the Osage River, to the southern line of the State, in the direction of Galveston bay in Texas, with a branch from Lawrence by the valley of the Wakarusa River, to the point on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fé Railroad where said road intersects the Neosho River. Second, of a railroad from the city of Atchison, via Topeka, the capital of said State, to the western line of the State, in the direction of Fort Union and Santa Fé, New Mexico, with a branch from where this last-named road crosses the Neosho, down said Neosho valley to the point where the said first-named road enters the said Neosho valley; every alternate section of land, designated by odd numbers, for ten sections in width on each side of said roads and each of its branches. But in case it shall appear that the United States have, when the lines or routes of said road and branches are definitely fixed, sold any section or any part thereof, granted as aforesaid, or that the right of preëmption or homestead settlement has attached to the same, or that the same has been reserved by the United States for any purpose whatever, then it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to cause to be selected, for the purposes aforesaid, from the public lands of the United States nearest to tiers of sections above specified, so much land, in alternate sections or parts of sections, designated by odd numbers, as shall be equal to such lands as the United States have sold, reserved, or otherwise appropriated, or to which the rights of preëmption or homestead settlements have attached as aforesaid; which lands, thus indicated by odd numbers and selected by direction of the Secretary of the Interior as aforesaid, shall be held by the State of Kansas for the use and purpose aforesaid: *Provided*, That the land to be so selected shall, in no case, be located further than twenty miles from the lines of said road and branches: *Provided, further*, That the lands hereby granted for and on account of said roads and branches severally, shall be exclusively applied in the construction of the same, and for no other purpose whatever, and shall be disposed of only as the work progresses through the same, as in this act hereinafter provided: *Provided, also*, That no part of the

If any section has been sold, &c., an equal quantity to be given in lieu thereof.

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