Proof and payment.

within six months from the date of this act; and proof and payment shall be made within one year from the date of such filing; but where such mining premises may be on lands hereafter to be surveyed, such declaratory statement shall be filed within three months from the return to the district land-office of the official township plat; and proof and payment shall be made within one year from the date of such filing.

Town or city sites on the public lands.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in the case of any city or town which, at the passage of this act, may be existing on the public lands, in which the lots therein may be variant as to size from the limitation fixed in the said act of first July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, and in which the lots and buildings as municipal improvements shall cover an area greater than six hundred and forty acres, such variance as to size of lots or excess in area shall prove no bar to such city or town claim, under said act of first July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, effect to be given to this act according to such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That the minimum price of each said lots in any such town or city, which may contain a greater number of square feet than the maximum named in the act to which this is an amendment, shall be increased to such reasonable amount as the Secretary of the Interior may by rule establish: *Provided, further*, That where mineral veins are possessed, which possession is recognized by local authority, and to the extent so possessed and recognized, the title to town lots to be acquired shall be subject to such recognized possession and the necessary use thereof: *Provided, however*, That nothing contained herein shall be so construed as to recognize any color of title in possessors for mining purposes as against the government of the United States.

Minimum price of lots.

Mineral veins.

No title recognized in possessors for mining purposes.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

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Chap. CVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to amend an Act entitled 'An Act making a Grant of alternate Sections of Public Lands to the State of Michigan, to aid in the Construction of certain Railroads in said State, and for other Purposes.'"*

1864, ch. 110. *Ante*, p. 119.

Time for completing a certain railroad in Michigan extended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act making a grant of alternate sections of public lands to the State of Michigan, to aid in the construction of certain railroads in said state, and for other purposes,'" which said amendatory act was approved June seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to make the last proviso in said section to read as follows, to wit: *Provided, further*, That the time specified in the fourth section of the act hereby amended, for the completion of said road, shall be, and the same is hereby, extended eight years.

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Chap. CIX. — *An Act to authorize the Issuing of Patents for certain Lands in the Town of Stockbridge, State of Wisconsin, and for other Purposes.*

Patents may issue for certain lands in Stockbridge, Wisconsin.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, upon satisfactory proof being made that any occupant[s] of unpatented land in the town of Stockbridge, Calumet County, in the State of Wisconsin, which has, by treaty or otherwise, been allotted to any individual members of the Stockbridge or Munsee tribe of Indians, are the purchasers, grantees, or assignees of such members of said tribes, the President of the United States be authorized to issue patents for the land so occupied to such purchasers, grantees, or assignees, respectively: *Provided*, That in case of conflicting claims to any of the lots of land the commissioner of the general land-office is authorized to hear the proofs of the respective claimants, and to decide which of such claimants are justly entitled to said land, and patents shall be issued in accordance with such decision.

Conflicting claims.

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