

CHAP. LXXVII. — *An Act to vacate and sell the present Indian Reservations in Utah Territory, and to settle the Indians of said Territory in the Uinta Valley.* May 5, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause the several Indian reservations heretofore made, or occupied as such, in the territory of Utah, excepting Uinta valley, to be surveyed into tracts or lots, not exceeding eighty acres each, under the direction of the commissioner of the general land-office, and upon the completion of such surveys shall cause said tracts or lots to be sold, upon sealed bids, to be duly invited by public advertisement, for a period not less than three months, in a newspaper of general circulation published in the territory of Utah, and also a newspaper published in Washington, to the highest and best bidder; said bids may be filed with the governor of said territory at the seat of government thereof, and with the Secretary of the Interior in Washington; such bids as may be received by said governor shall, without opening the same, be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, when the same, with the bids filed with him, shall be opened in the presence of the Secretary of the Interior, the commissioner of public lands, and the commissioner of Indian affairs, and any bidders who may choose to be present at the opening thereof; and the Secretary of the Interior shall apply the proceeds of such sales to the construction of improvements upon the reservations which may be established under the provisions of this act, or by other lawful authority, or to the purchase of stock, agricultural implements, or such other useful articles as to him may seem best adapted to the wants and requirements of the Indians: *Provided*, That no tract of land shall be sold under the provisions of this section for less than its appraised value in cash, to be duly ascertained by commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Interior for that purpose.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the superintendent of Indian affairs for the territory of Utah be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to collect and settle all or so many of the Indians of said territory as may be found practicable in the Uinta valley, in said territory, which is hereby set apart for the permanent settlement and exclusive occupation of such of the different tribes of Indians of said territory as may be induced to inhabit the same.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, for the purpose of making agricultural improvements in the Uinta valley for the comfort of the Indians who may inhabit the same, and to enable them to become self-sustaining by means of agriculture, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, which sum shall be expended by the superintendent of Indian affairs for said territory, under the instruction of the Secretary of the Interior.

APPROVED, May 5, 1864.

CHAP. LXXVIII. — *An Act for the Prevention and Punishment of Frauds in Relation to the Names of Vessels.* May 5, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every steamboat of the United States shall, in addition to having her name painted on her stern, as now required by law, also have the same conspicuously placed in distinct, plain letters, of not less than six inches in length, on each outer side of the pilot-house, if it has such, and (in case the said boat has side-wheels) also on the outer side of each wheel-house; and if any such steamboat shall be found without having her name placed as herein required, she shall be subject to the same penalty and forfeiture as is now provided by law in the case of a vessel of the United States found without having her

Indian reservations in Utah Territory to be surveyed and sold.

Uinta valley excepted.

Mode of sale.

Proceeds of sales, how to be applied.

Minimum price.

The Indians in the territory to be settled in Uinta valley.

Appropriation for agricultural improvements therein.

Names of steamboats, where to be placed on the vessel.

Penalty.