ner as hereinafter provided, all that portion of the military reservation known as Fort Gratiot, in St. Clair County, in the State of Michigan, which lies south of a line running due west from the south end of the Grand Trunk railroad wharf, on the St. Clair river, until it intersects the road known as the Lexington road, and all that portion which lies west of said Lexington road.

Portion of reservation to be divided into blocks, &c. and sold by lots at public auction.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all that portion of the above-described lands which lies east of a line running due south from the point of intersection with the Lexington road, mentioned in the foregoing section of this act, shall be divided into blocks and lots of convenient size for building purposes, with public streets conforming as near as may be, without detriment to the interests of the government or the State, to the public streets of the city of Port Huron, adjoining such ground, and sold by lots at public auction, at the city of Port Huron, to the highest bidder, public notice of such sale having first been given for thirty days by advertisement in all the papers published in the city of Port Huron, and in at least two papers published in the city of Detroit, Michigan. A plat of this division, made in accordance with the laws of the State of Michigan, shall be filed with the register of deeds of the county of St. Clair, State of Michigan. The remaining portion of said military reservation, for the sale of which provision is made in the first section of this act, shall be sold at public auction at the city of Port Huron, after due notice, as prescribed in the foregoing paragraph, at such times and in such parcels as may be deemed most advantageous to the interests of the government, by the Secretary of War.

Notice.

Plat of division.

Rest of reservation to be sold when and how.

Proceeds of sales.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the proceeds arising from the sale herein provided for, shall be paid into the treasury of the United States in the same manner as the proceeds from the sale of other public lands.

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CHAP. CLXXXIV. — *An Act to aid the Improvement of the Des Moines and Rock Island Rapids, in the Mississippi River.*

Right of way, materials, &c. may be taken in making improvements at Des Moines or Rock Island Rapids;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever in the prosecution of the improvements of the Mississippi River, at either the Des Moines or Rock Island rapids therein, it becomes necessary or proper to take possession of the right of way over any lands, or to use any earth, quarries, or other material lying adjacent or near to either of said works, and needful for its prosecution, the officer in charge of said work, or his assistant, may, in the name of the United States, take possession of and use the same, after having first paid, or secured to be paid, the value thereof, which may have been ascertained in the mode provided by the laws of the State wherein such property or material lie[s], for adjudging the value of private property which may be needed for any public improvement: *Provided, however*, That when the owner of such property or material shall fix a price for the same, which, in the opinion of the said officer in charge, shall be reasonable, he may take the same at such price without further delay.

value to be first paid or secured.

Proviso.

Part of appropriation may be applied, &c.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a portion of the appropriations made or to be made for the prosecution of the improvements aforesaid, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars in amount, may be applied in payment of the property or material taken and used as aforesaid.

Approved, July 20, 1868.

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