examine and report upon the practicability of securing more suitable sites for powder magazines than those now used in the vicinity of New York, Boston, and Portsmouth, New Hampshire; also to report the cost of procuring the said sites and the probable expense of erecting magazines thereon.

APPROVED, May 19, 1868.

May 20, 1868.

[No. 30.] *Joint Resolution concerning certain Lands granted to Railroad Companies in the States of Michigan and Wisconsin.*

Lands granted to Michigan and Wisconsin for certain railroads not to be forfeited, &c. 1865, ch. 103. Vol. xiii. p. 520.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a failure to grade twenty miles of the roads within two years from the passage of the act entitled "An act to extend the time for the completion of certain railroads to which land grants have been made in the States of Michigan and Wisconsin," approved on the third day of March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and twenty miles additional thereof in each year thereafter, as required by said act, shall not cause any forfeiture or reversion to the United States of any lands granted to the said States, or either of them, to aid in the construction of the railroads described:

Proviso.

Provided, That said companies, or either of them, shall fully complete their said railroads in the manner required by law on or before the thirty-first December, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-two, at which time a failure shall forfeit the lands to the United States:

Proviso.

Provided, [That] the provisions of this section shall apply only to the chartered and projected line of railway from the city of Fond du Lac in the State of Wisconsin, northerly to Esconaba, in the State of Michigan, and the chartered and projected line of railway from Marquette, in the State of Michigan, westerly to Ontonagon, in the same State:

Proviso.

And provided further, That if the said Marquette and Ontonagon Railroad Company, in the State of Michigan, shall not have completed according to law ten additional miles of their railroad, on or before the first day of January A. D. eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and shall not in like manner complete ten miles of said railroad in each and every year thereafter, then it shall be lawful for the legislature of the said State of Michigan to declare the grant of lands to said company to be forfeited and to confer the said grant of lands upon some other company in the same manner as if the said grant was now for the first time made to the said State of Michigan.

Patent to Chicago and Northwestern Railroad Company for eighty acres of land of Fort Howard military reserve. Vol. xii. p. 618.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved*, That the commissioner of the general land office be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to cause a patent, in due form of law, to be issued to the Chicago and Northwestern Railway Company, in pursuance of a resolution passed by Congress granting the same to the State of Wisconsin, approved April twenty-five, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and an act of the legislature of Wisconsin, approved June sixteen, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two, granting the same to said company for eighty acres of land of the Fort Howard military reserve, as the same was surveyed and approved by said commissioner on the eleventh June, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

APPROVED, May 20, 1868.

June 5, 1868.

[No. 31.] *Joint Resolution in Relation to the Breakwater at Portland, Maine.*

Appropriation for breakwater at Portland, Maine, may be expended how.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the unexpended balance of the appropriation for the breakwater in Portland harbor, Maine, as the chief engineer shall deem proper, may be expended under his direction in excavating the "middle ground" near said breakwater, and in otherwise protecting the channel from injury by filling and improving the same.

APPROVED, June 5, 1868.

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