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CHAP. CXLVIII. — *An Act relating to the Time for finding Indictments in the Courts of the United States in the late Rebel States.*

Time for finding indictments in courts of the United States in the late rebel States for certain crimes, extended for two years from, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for finding indictments in the courts of the United States in the late rebel States for offences cognizable by said courts, and which may have been committed since said States went into rebellion, be, and hereby is, extended for the period of two years from and after [the time when] said States are or may be restored to representation in Congress: *Provided, however*, That the provisions hereof shall not apply to treason or other political offences.

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CHAP. CXLIX. — *An Act relating to the Proof of Wills in the District of Columbia*

Commission may issue to take the deposition of a witness to a will, &c. offered for probate in the District of Columbia, who resides out of, or is absent from, the District.

Effect of deposition.

Will to accompany commission, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever a will or codicil shall be exhibited for probate to the orphans' court of the District of Columbia, if any of the witnesses to the same shall reside out of said District, or be temporarily absent therefrom at the time when said will or codicil shall be so exhibited for probate, it shall and may be lawful for said court to issue upon personal notice of not less than twenty days to all parties in interest, a commission to one or more competent persons, to take the deposition of such absent witness or witnesses, in such form as said court may prescribe, touching the execution of such will or codicil, and the competency of the testator or testatrix, at the time of the execution thereof, and such deposition when returned to said court shall be received therein as competent evidence, and have the same force and effect as if said witness or witnesses were personally present and testifying in said court: *Provided*, That in all such cases the original will or codicil shall accompany such commission, and be exhibited to the witnesses so testifying.

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CHAP. CL. — *An Act granting Lands to the State of Oregon to aid in the Construction of a military Wagon Road from the navigable Waters of Coos Bay to Roseburg in said State.*

Land grant to Oregon for military wagon road from Coos Bay to Roseburg.

Lands granted, how to be applied and disposed of.

Conditions of grant.

Lands heretofore reserved not included in this grant, except right of way.

Mineral lands, &c. not embraced.

Lands granted not to be disposed of for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, granted to the State of Oregon, to aid in the construction of a military wagon road from the navigable waters of Coos bay to Roseburg, alternate sections of public lands, designated by odd numbers, to the extent of three sections in width on each side of said road: *Provided*, That the lands hereby granted shall be exclusively applied to the construction of said road and to no other purpose, and shall be disposed of only as the work progresses: *Provided further*, That the grant of lands hereby made shall be upon the condition that the lands shall be sold to any one person only in quantities not greater than one quarter section, and for a price not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per acre: *And provided further*, That any and all lands heretofore reserved to the United States, or otherwise appropriated by act of Congress or other competent authority, be, and the same are hereby, reserved from the operation of this act, except so far as it may be necessary to locate the route of said road through the same, in which case the right of way to the width of one hundred feet is granted: *And provided further*, That the grant hereby made shall not embrace any mineral lands of the United States, or any lands to which homestead or pre-emption rights have attached.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands hereby granted to said State shall be disposed of by the legislature thereof for the purpose aforesaid, and for no other; and the said road shall be and remain a

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