public highway for the use of the government of the United States, free from tolls or other charges upon the transportation of any property, troops, or mails of the United States.

Road to be a public highway and free from tolls to the United States.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said road shall be constructed with such width, graduation, and bridge as to permit of its regular use as a wagon road, and in such other special manner as the State of Oregon may prescribe.

Construction of road.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the State of Oregon is authorized to locate and use in the construction of said road an additional amount of public lands, not previously reserved to the United States nor otherwise disposed of, and not exceeding six miles in distance from it, equal to the amount reserved from the operation of this act in the first section of the same, to be selected in alternate odd sections, as provided in section first of this act.

Oregon may use in the construction of the road an additional amount of public lands not, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That lands hereby granted to said State shall be disposed of only in the following manner, that is to say, when the governor of said State shall certify to the Secretary of the Interior that ten continuous miles of said road are completed, then a quantity of the land hereby granted, not to exceed thirty sections, may be sold, and so on from time to time, until said road shall be completed; and if said road is not completed within five years no further sales shall be made, and the lands remaining unsold shall revert to the United States: *Provided, however*, That the entire amount of public land granted by this act shall not exceed three sections per mile for each mile actually constructed.

Lands granted, how only to be disposed of.

Road to be completed within five years; if not, then, &c.

Whole grant not to exceed, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the United States surveyor-general for the district of Oregon shall cause said lands, so granted, to be surveyed at the earliest practicable period after said State shall have enacted the necessary legislation to carry this act into effect.

Lands granted to be surveyed at earliest practicable period after, &c.

APPROVED, March 3, 1869.

CHAP. CLI. — *An Act to define the Fees of Recorder of Deeds and to provide for the Appointment of Warden of the Jail in the District of Columbia, and for other Purposes.*

March 3, 1869.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the style of the "register of deeds of the District of Columbia" shall be "recorder of deeds of the District of Columbia."

Register of deeds of the District of Columbia to be called recorder, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the legal fees for the services of said recorder of deeds shall be as follows, viz:

Legal fees of recorder.

The filing, recording, and indexing, or for making certified copy of any instrument containing two hundred words or less, fifty cents, and fifteen cents for each additional hundred words, to be collected at the time of filing, and when the copy is made.

Filing, recording, &c. or copy.

For each certificate and seal, twenty-five cents.

Certificate and seal.

For searching records extending back two years or less next preceding current date, twenty-five cents, and five cents for each additional year, to be paid by the party for whom the search may be made.

Searching records.

For recording a town plat, three cents for each lot such plat may contain.

Recording plats.

For recording a plat or survey, five cents for each course such survey may contain.

For filing and indexing any paper required by law to be filed in his office, fifteen cents.

Filing and indexing papers.

For each examination of title by the party or his attorney, fifty cents.

Examination of title by party, &c.

For taking any acknowledgement, fifty cents.

Acknowledgment.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all deeds of conveyance, leases, powers of attorney, and other written instruments required by law to be filed and recorded, and all copies of instruments and records and certifi-

Deeds, leases, &c. recorded, &c. by William

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G. Flood, since, &c. declared legally recorded, &c.

cates authorized by law, filed, recorded, made, and certified by William G. Flood, as acting register of deeds for said District since the death of Edward C. Eddie, late register, up to the date of the appointment and qualification of his successor shall be, and are hereby, declared to be legally performed, the same as if the said William G. Flood had been legally appointed and qualified as register of deeds. And the said William G. Flood is hereby declared to be entitled to all the legal fees and emoluments of said office for his said services which have been hitherto allowed the register of deeds, and which accrued during said period.

Flood entitled to fees.

Warden of jail of the District of Columbia, appointment, removal, &c. of.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act the supreme court of the District of Columbia shall have authority to appoint a suitable person to act as warden of the jail of said District, and to remove said officer whenever in the opinion of said court the public interests may require it, and to fill all vacancies which may occur.

Warden to appoint subordinate officers, &c. subject to approval, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the warden of said jail shall have authority to appoint such subordinate officers, guards, and employe[e]s as are necessary for the proper management and safe-keeping of prisoners, which now are or may hereafter be authorized by law, subject to the approval of the chief justice of said court.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1869.

March 3, 1869.

CHAP. CLII. — *An Act to confirm certain private Land Claims in the Territory of New Mexico.*

Certain private land claims in New Mexico confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That private land claims numbered forty-one, forty-two, forty-four, forty-six, and forty-seven, Territory of New Mexico, as known and designated by the numbers aforesaid in the reports of the surveyor-general of the said Territory and on the books of the commissioner of the general land office, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed: *Provided*, That such confirmation shall only be construed as a quit-claim *on* [or] relinquishment of all title or claim on the part of the United States to any of the lands not improved by or on behalf of the United States, and not including any military or other reservation embraced in either of the said claims, and shall not affect the adverse rights of any person or persons to the same, or any part or parcel thereof.

Certain rights not affected.

Claims to be surveyed and platted, and patents to issue.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner of the general land office shall, without unreasonable delay, cause the lands embraced in said several claims to be surveyed and platted, at the proper expense of the claimants thereof, and upon the filing of said surveys and plats in his office he shall issue patents for said lands in said Territory which have heretofore been confirmed by acts of Congress and surveyed, and plats of such survey filed in his office as aforesaid, but for which no patents have heretofore been issued.

Surveys to conform to public surveys.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all surveys authorized by this act shall conform to and be connected with the public surveys of the United States in said Territories, so far as the same can be done consistently with the landmarks and boundaries specified in the several grants upon which said claims are founded: *Provided, however*, That when said lands are so confirmed, surveyed, and patented, they shall in each case be held and taken to be in full satisfaction of all further claims or demands against the United States.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1869.