Inconsistent laws declared inapplicable.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby, declared inapplicable to the lands herein above relinquished and granted.

APPROVED, July 1, 1870.

July 1, 1870.

CHAP. CXCVIII. — *An Act for the Disposal of the Lands within the Fort Ridgely Military Reservation, Minnesota.*

Lands within the Fort Ridgely military reservation, Minnesota, to be disposed of.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the War Department having abandoned the Fort Ridgely reservation, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War, immediately upon the passage of this act, to cause to be appraised the government improvements upon said reservation, and shall report the value thereof to the commissioner of the general land office, designating the particular legal subdivision of land upon which the same exist; and the lands within said reservation not heretofore entered and patented shall be subject to disposal under the pre-emption laws of the United States, or at private entry after public offering, and for cash only, and persons entering upon or purchasing said lands shall pay the appraised value of the government improvements that may appear to exist on their respective claims at the date of proving up, or of purchase at private entry.

Certain entries confirmed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all entries which have been made on lands within the limits of the said reserve, and for which the general land office may have issued patents in regular form, not having, at the time, knowledge of said reserve, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed: *Provided*, That the value of the government improvements thereon have been, or shall be, paid for by the persons making said entries, or by their assigns: *And provided further*, That the same shall be paid for within one year from the passage of this act; and if the same are not paid for within the time designated, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to, and shall immediately thereafter, institute judicial proceedings against any and all of the said parties, or their assigns, failing to make said payment, with the view to vacate the patents which may have issued.

Value of improvements to be paid for in one year, if not, &c.

Certain entries heretofore made declared null.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all entries heretofore made on said lands, and not yet patented, are hereby declared, at the discretion of the commissioner, null and void, and directed to be cancelled by the said commissioner of the general land office, and the lands embraced therein shall be disposed of under the provisions of this act.

APPROVED, July 1, 1870.

July 1, 1870.

CHAP. CXCIX. — *An Act in Relation to certain unsold Lands in the Counties of Porter and Lake, in the State of Indiana.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS there is lying along the Little Calumet river, in the counties of Porter and Lake, in the State of Indiana, a body of lands supposed to contain about four thousand acres, which has never been sold or surveyed, and which was described in the original government surveys as impassable morass; and whereas the Calumet Draining Company has been organized under the laws of said State, for the purpose of draining the valley of said river including said morass: Therefore,

Certain unsold lands on Little Calumet river, Indiana, declared subject to State lien for cost of drainage.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That said unsold lands shall be subject to a lien under the laws of the State of Indiana for its proper proportion of the cost of such drainage, and such lien may be enforced against said lands in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said lands were owned by private persons: *Provided*, That no claim shall be held to exist against the United States for such drainage.

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