CHAP. CCIX. — *An Act to establish an additional Land District in the State of Kansas.* July 7, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of the "western district" land district, created by the act approved March three, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled "An act to establish three additional land districts in the Territory of Kansas," which is situated north of the township line dividing townships ten and eleven, south, in said State, shall constitute a new land district to be called the Republican land district.

Republican land district established in Kansas. 1857, ch. 94. Vol. xi. p. 187.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, whenever the public interests shall require, to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, or during the recess thereof, and until the end of the next session of Congress after such appointment, a register and a receiver for the district hereby created, who shall respectively be required to reside at the site of their offices, have the same powers, responsibilities, and emoluments, and be subject to the same acts and penalties, which are or may be prescribed by law in relation to other land officers of the United States in said State.

Register and receiver.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the public lands in said district shall be subject to sale and disposal upon the same terms and conditions as other public lands of the United States: *Provided*, That all sales and locations made at the office of the old district of lands situated within the limits of the new district, which shall be valid and right in other respects, up to the day on which the new office shall go into operation, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed.

Public lands subject to sale and disposal. Proviso.

APPROVED, July 7, 1870.

CHAP. CCX. — *An Act for the Improvement of Water Communication between the Mississippi River and Lake Michigan, by the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers.* July 7, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to adopt for the improvement of the navigation of the Wisconsin river such plan as may be recommended by the chief of the Bureau of Engineers.

Secretary of War may adopt plan for improvement of navigation of Wisconsin river;

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary aforesaid is hereby authorized to ascertain at any time he shall deem proper within three years from the passage of this act, the sum which ought in justice to be paid to the Green Bay and Mississippi Canal Company, a corporation existing under the laws of Wisconsin, as an equivalent for the transfer of all and singular its property and rights of property in and to the line of water communication between the Wisconsin river aforesaid and the mouth of the Fox river, including its locks, dams, canals, and franchises, or so much of the same as shall, in the judgment of said Secretary, be needed; and to that end is authorized to join with said company in appointing a board of disinterested and impartial arbitrators, one of whom shall be selected by the Secretary aforesaid, another by said company, and the third by the two arbitrators so selected. The Secretary aforesaid is authorized to employ a competent agent or attorney to represent the interests of the United States upon the hearing before such board: *Provided*, That in making their award the said arbitrators shall take into consideration the amount of money realized from the sale of lands heretofore granted by Congress to the State of Wisconsin to aid in the construction of said water communication, which amount shall be deducted from the actual value thereof as found by said arbitrators.

to ascertain, within, &c. amount which should equitably be paid to the Green Bay and Mississippi Canal Company for transfer of its property.

Arbitrators.

Attorney for the United States.

Amount to be deducted from award.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That no money shall be expended on the improvement of the Fox or Wisconsin river until the Green Bay and Mississippi Canal Company shall make and file with the Secretary of War an agreement in writing, whereby it shall agree to grant and convey

No expenditure to be made for the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin river until, &c.

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