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CHAP. CCXXXVII.—*An Act authorizing the Allowance of the Claim of the State of Minnesota to Lands for the Support of a State University.*

Certain selections of lands made by the governor of Minnesota to be approved, and to what amount.

1857, ch. 60.

Vol. xi. p. 166.

1861, ch. 79.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of the general land office be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, in adjusting the claim of the State of Minnesota to lands for the support of a State university, to approve and certify selections of land, made by the governor of said State, to the full amount of seventy-two sections mentioned in the act of Congress approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred [and] fifty-seven, without taking into the account the lands that were reserved at the time of the admission of the State into the Union, and donated to said State by the act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

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CHAP. CCXXXVIII.—*An Act to provide for the Paving of Pennsylvania Avenue.**Post*, p. 504.

Commission to select pavement and pave portion of Pennsylvania Avenue;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, Brevet Brigadier-General N. Michler, engineer in charge of public buildings and grounds, and the mayor of the city of Washington, or their successors in office, be, and they are hereby, appointed a commission to select and determine the best kind of pavement to be used in paving Pennsylvania Avenue, and to have said thoroughfare paved therewith from the northwest gate of the Capitol grounds to the crossing of Fifteenth Street west, as hereinafter provided.

to organize in ten days;

to contract for paving within thirty days after, &c.

Advertisement of the letting.

Bond.

Cost of laying pavement to be borne and in what proportion by Washington and Georgetown Railroad Co.; by private abutters;

by corporation of Washington.

Railroad company may construct certain

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That within ten days after the passage of this act the commissioners named herein shall meet and organize by the election of a president and secretary, from among their number, and shall proceed to perform the duties herein devolved upon them; and within thirty days after they shall have determined upon the pavement to be used, they shall contract for the paving of said avenue between the points named, on the lowest and most favorable terms possible, after having caused notice of the letting thereof to be given in one or more newspapers published in Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and New York, for twenty days prior to the letting, giving the time and place of such letting, and kind of pavement, requiring the paving to be done in the best and most substantial manner, and without unnecessary delay; and that a good and sufficient bond, with sureties, to be approved by the chief justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia [shall be exacted], guaranteeing that the terms of such contract shall be strictly and faithfully observed.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the cost of laying down said pavement shall be borne and paid for in the following proportions and manner: By the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company for that portion of the work lying between the tracks of their road and for a distance of two feet on each side thereof; by the owners of private property lying and abutting on said Pennsylvania Avenue, and in proportion to their frontage thereon, for that portion of the work in front of their lots or parts of lots from the curb line of said avenue to the line two feet from the track of the railroad aforesaid; by the corporation of Washington for the intersections of all streets and avenues and opposite to all public parks lying and abutting on said avenue, except such portions of the intersections lying between the tracks of the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company, and two feet on each side thereof, which will be paid by said company as hereinbefore provided. The said railroad company shall have the right to construct that portion of the pavement which it is required to pay for under the direction of said