Tax, how to be levied and collected.

the time before mentioned, the Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a collector, whose duty it shall be to proceed with the collection of the taxes as assessed by the legislative assembly in such manner and form as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior. And if the said District of Columbia shall neglect, fail, or refuse to assess such tax, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to make such levy and proceed to its collection as aforesaid. And all acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, June 1, 1872.

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CHAP. CCLXI.—*An Act granting a Right of Way to the Utah, Idaho, and Montana Railroad Company.*

Right of way through public lands granted to the Utah, Idaho & Montana R. R. Co., for railroad and telegraph purposes.

Corporation legalized;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of enabling the Utah, Idaho, and Montana Railroad Company, a corporation organized under the laws of the Territory of Utah, which said organization is hereby legalized and made valid, to build and extend their line by way of Malade River and Snake River valleys, through Utah, Idaho, and Montana Territories, to a connection with the Northern Pacific railroad, or with the Helena and Utah Northern railroad, by the most eligible route, to be selected by said company, the right of way to the extent of one hundred feet in width on each side of the centre of said road, through the public lands, be, and the same is hereby, granted to said company, their successors and assigns, for the construction of a railroad and telegraph from Corinne city, Utah Territory, to the Northern Pacific railroad, or to said Helena and Northern Utah railroad, as said company may elect, together with the right to increase their capital stock in proportion to the increased length of their line by resolution of their board of directors, and the filing with the auditor of public accounts of Utah of an additional certificate setting forth said increase, and to take from the public lands adjacent to the line of said road material of earth, stone, timber, and water for the construction and maintenance thereof, and the necessary ground for station-buildings, work-shops, depots, machine-shops, switches, side-tracks, turn-tables, and water-stations, not exceeding twenty acres for every ten miles of the main line of said road: *Provided*, That no private property shall be taken for the use of said company except in manner prescribed by the laws of Utah Territory, or by section three of an act entitled "An act to amend 'An act to aid in the construction of a railroad and telegraph line from the Missouri river to the Pacific ocean, and to secure to the government the use of the same for postal, military, and other purposes,' approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two," approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.

may increase its capital stock;

may take materials, &c., from public lands, &c.

No private property to be taken except by, &c.
1864, ch. 216, § 3. Vol. xiii. p. 357.
1862, ch. 120. Vol. xii. p. 489.

SEC. 2. That said company shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to mortgage, in the usual manner, their franchise, roadbed, and all property belonging to said company, to an amount not exceeding thirty thousand dollars per mile for the entire length of said road, upon such terms as may seem to them best; and upon said mortgage may issue mortgage-bonds, not to exceed thirty thousand dollars per mile: *Provided*, That in no case shall the United States be responsible for said bonds.

Corporation may mortgage its road, &c., for not over, &c., and issue bonds.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. That the rights herein granted shall not preclude the construction of other roads through any canyon, defile, or pass on the route of said road; nor shall any thing herein contained be construed as recognizing or denying the authority of the governor and legislature of Utah Territory to create railroad corporations.

Other roads may be built through any defile on the route of this road.

SEC. 4. That said company shall locate said railroad and telegraph line within eighteen months from the passage of this act, and shall complete the same within ten years thereafter, failing in which this act shall be null and void.

Road when to be located and completed.

SEC. 5. That Congress hereby reserves the right to alter, amend or

Act may be altered, &c.

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repeal this act at any time, having due regard to the rights of said company.

APPROVED, June 1, 1872.

CHAP. CCLXII. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make Partition of the Reservation to Me-shin-go-me-sia, a Miami Indian.* June 1, 1872.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, on written application of the chief of said band being first filed in his office, to cause partition to be made of the reservation in trust for the band of Me-shin-go-me-sia, of ten sections of land made by the seventh article of the treaty between the United States and the Miami tribe of Indians, entered into on the twenty-eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty, and by the Senate amendment thereto; and the United States hereby release to said band all right of purchase of said reservation. The expenses of said partition to be paid by said band, and the amount to be deducted by the Secretary of the Interior from any annuities or other moneys due or to become due the several persons to whom partition shall be made: *Provided*, That any costs or expenses made by claimants who shall not be found entitled to share in said lands shall not be a lien thereon, but shall be paid by said claimants, to be retained by said Secretary, out of any moneys that may be due or become due them from the United States: *And provided further*, That if from any cause the chief of said band shall fail to make said written application within six months next after the passage of this act any person or persons interested in said lands may make the same.

Partition to be made of the reservation in trust for the band of Me-shin-go-me-sia. Vol. vii. p. 583.

Right to purchase released.

Expenses of partition.

If chief fails to make application, within, &c.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior shall ascertain, by name, what persons constituted the band of Me-shin-go-me-sia on the twenty-eighth day of November, anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty, and then shall proceed to make partition of said reserved land per capita, share and share alike in value, to the survivors of said band, and to their descendants, and to descendants of those who were members of said band at said date, but who have since deceased. He shall also include in said partition-list those persons of Miami blood not of said band, but who have intermarried with a member of said band, and who may be living at the date of said partition. In making said partition-lists the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to take or cause to be taken such testimony as he may deem necessary with the information now in his office, to enable him to discharge his duties under this act. Such testimony may be taken before any person authorized to take and certify depositions under the law of the State of Indiana. The testimony to be taken on said reservation.

Names of members of band Nov. 28, 1840, to be ascertained, and partition made to survivors, &c.

Certain persons intermarried to be included in list.

Testimony how to be taken.

SEC. 3. That in the partition of said reservation the homes and improvements of the several persons entitled under section two of this act shall be set apart to the occupants as far as can be done in justice to all the parties in interest, the value of said improvements not in any case to be estimated where the same shall be on land awarded to the person who made or caused them to be made, the corners of the several tracts to be distinctly marked and witnessed, and a record kept thereof and filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior; and certified copies thereof and of the lists so made, as heretofore provided, to be forwarded to and filed in the offices of the auditors of Grant and Wabash counties, in the State of Indiana, where said land lies. The Secretary of the Interior shall, so soon as said partition is made, cause patents to issue to the several persons to whom partition is made under this act, conveying in fee to each the tract of land so set apart to him or her, which shall entitle the owner thereof to the use, occupancy, and control of the same against all claims whatsoever: *Provided*, That after the date of partition the said lands

Homes and improvements.

Value of improvements.

Copies to be sent to auditors of Grant and Wabash counties, Indiana.

Patents to issue.

After partition,