ling, equipping, and provisioning militia forces to aid in suppressing the rebellion," approved February second, eighteen hundred and seventy-one; the said sum of three hundred and thirty-seven thousand and fifty-four dollars and thirty-eight cents being the amount reported due to the State of Kansas by James A. Hardie, J. D. Bingham, and T. H. Stanton, commissioners appointed by the Secretary of War to examine and audit the claims of the said State, in pursuance of the said act. Kansas.

APPROVED, June 8, 1872.

CHAP. CCCLXVII. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to release twenty-five Acres of the Lands of the United States at Plattsburgh, New York, to the New York and Canada Railroad Company, and for other Purposes.* June 8, 1872.

[Amended. 1873, ch. 285. *Post*, p. 609.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War, if, in his opinion, it is not needed for military purposes, is hereby authorized and empowered to release, upon the conditions hereinafter in this act provided, to the New York and Canada Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the north twenty-five acres of the lands owned and possessed by the United States, in the town of Plattsburgh, Clinton county, New York, and situated upon the westerly banks of Lake Champlain, together with a right of way from the south thereto; such release to be with such restrictions as the Secretary of War may think necessary to protect the interests of the United States: *Provided*, That before the execution of such release the said railroad company shall first pay into the treasury of the United States the full value of said twenty-five acres of land, and the right of way to the same to be fixed by a board of three officers of the army, appointed by the Secretary of War, whose report shall be approved by him: *Provided further*, That the dwelling-house now standing on the said twenty-five acres shall be removed by the said railroad company, to such place as may be designated by the Secretary of War, without expense to the United States: *Provided further*, That said premises shall be used exclusively for railroad purposes, and that said company, its successors and assigns, shall, within three years from the passage of this act, complete and operate a railroad within the State of New York, connecting the railroads leading from the city of New York with the Canadian frontier.

Certain lands of the United States in Plattsburgh, N. Y., to be released to the New York and Canada R. R. Co.

Full value to be first paid.

Right of way to same.

Dwelling-house to be removed, &c.

Land to be used exclusively for railroad purposes.

Road to be completed, &c.

APPROVED, June 8, 1872.

CHAP. CCCLXVIII. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to establish and to protect national Cemeteries," approved February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.* June 8, 1872.

1867, ch. 61, § 1. Vol. xiv. p. 399.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of an act entitled "An act to establish and to protect national cemeteries," approved February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, be amended as follows: The Secretary of War shall cause each grave to be marked with a small headstone, with the name of the soldier and the name of the State inscribed thereon, when the same are known, in addition to the number required to be inscribed by said section; and he shall, within ninety days from the passage of this act, advertise for sealed proposals of bids for the making and erection of such headstones, which advertisements shall be made for sixty days successively in at least twenty newspapers of general circulation in the United States, and shall call for bids for the doing of said work, in whole or in part; and upon the opening of such bids, the Secretary of War shall, without delay, award the contracts for said work to the lowest responsible bidder or bidders, in whole or in part; and said bidders shall give bond to his satisfaction for the faithful completion of the work.

Each grave to be marked with a headstone, and name of soldier, &c., inscribed thereon.

Proposals for making, &c., headstones, &c. See *Post*, p. 545.

Contracts to lowest responsible bidder.

Bond.

APPROVED, June 8, 1872.

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