servation in California restored to public lands, &c.

dian reservation in Round Valley California which lies south of the township line running east and west between townships twenty-two and twenty-three north, of ranges twelve and thirteen west of the Mount Diablo meridian, be, and the same is hereby restored to the public lands of the United States, and the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the same to be surveyed and offered for sale in legal subdivisions, at not less

Improvements.

than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; *Provided*, That the improvements owned by persons on the lands hereby restored before the passage of this act shall be the sole property of such persons, who shall have priority of right to purchase not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres of land in adjacent quarter-sections, containing and adjoining said

Sales for cash.

improvements; and all said lands shall be sold and disposed of for cash only, the same to be done through the local land-office — within the jurisdiction of which these lands are situated; *And provided further*, That the

Proceeds of sales how to be applied.

proceeds of the sale of the lands hereby restored, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be used to pay for the improvements and claims of settlers now residing within the limits of the new reservation created under this act, and for improvements of Indians on lands hereby restored to the public lands, after such improvements shall have been appraised and the appraisement approved, as hereinafter provided.

Southern and western boundaries of the Round Valley reservation.

SEC. 2. That said township line between townships twenty-two and twenty-three north, extending from the Middle Fork of Eel river on the east to Eel river on the west, shall hereafter be the southern boundary of the Indian reservation in Round Valley; and the centre of the Middle Fork of Eel river shall be the eastern boundary, and the centre of Eel river shall be the western boundary of said reservation, with the privilege

Inquiry to locate the northern boundary.

of fishing in said streams. And the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to appoint three commissioners, who shall proceed to make an examination of the country in that locality and report their views in regard to where the northern line of this reservation should be

Appraisement of improvements.

located; they shall also make an appraisement of all improvements of white persons north of said southern boundary of the reservation, as established by this section of this act, within the limits proposed by them for a reservation, and of all Indians south of said line, and report the same to the Secretary of the Interior, who shall cause the same to be paid to such settlers or Indians out of the money hereinbefore reserved for such purpose.

Certain lands to be withdrawn from entry or sale under the homestead and pre-emption laws.

SEC. 3. That immediately after the passage of this act the President shall cause to be withdrawn from sale or entry under the homestead and pre-emption laws all the land lying north of the southern boundary of the reservation, as herein defined, and bounded north by the Eel river and the North Fork of said river, east by the Middle Fork, and West by Eel river; and the report of said commission fixing the north boundary of said

Settlers to be required to remove, when, &c.

reservation shall have been approved; and all settlers now residing upon the tract herein described lying north of the south boundary of said reservation shall be required to remove therefrom as soon as they shall be paid for or tendered the amount of the appraised value of their improvements.

Appropriation.

SEC. 4. That there shall hereafter be appropriated out of any money in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the commission provided for in this act.

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CHAP. CCCXXXIV. — *An Act to quiet the Title to the Lands of the Settlers on Lands claimed by the West Wisconsin Railway Company.*

Preamble.

Whereas, by the neglect of the commissioner of the general land-office to have the lands withdrawn from market embraced in the grant of lands from the town of Pomah to the city of Hudson, in the State of Wisconsin,

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as soon as the West Wisconsin Railway Company (to which company the said grant belongs) had finally located its road and filed the map of such location, a large amount of lands — about twenty thousand acres — were taken up under the homestead laws and otherwise entered: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That provided said West Wisconsin Railway Company shall waive and release all claims to any lands taken up under the homestead laws or otherwise entered after the final location of their road, as aforesaid, it shall be lawful for said company to make up any such deficiency in their grant, not however to exceed twenty thousand acres, from the vacant odd-numbered sections from the south-eastern part or portion of the indemnity limits of the former grant for the branch roads from the said city of Hudson to Lake Superior.

The West Wisconsin Railway Company may make up a deficiency in their land grant, from, &c.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.