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SEC. 4. That the whole subject matter of reform and reorganization of the Army of the United States shall be referred to the commission hereinafter provided for, who shall carefully and thoroughly examine into the matter with reference to the demands of the public service, as to the number and pay of men and officers and the proportion of the several arms and also as to the rank pay and duties of the several staff corps, and whether any and what reductions can be made either in the line or staff, in numbers or in pay, by consolidation or otherwise consistently with the public service having in view a just and reasonable economy in the expenditure of public money, the actual necessities of the military service, and the capacity for rapid and effective increase in time of actual war. The Commission hereby created shall consist of two members of the Senate and two members of the House of Representatives to be appointed by the presiding officers of each House respectively of the Secretary of War, and two officers of the Army one from the line and one from the Staff Corps, to be selected by the President with special reference to their knowledge of the organization, and experience in service. Such Commission shall assemble as soon as practicable and proceed to the consideration of the matters with which they are charged, and make report to Congress by the first day of the next session through the President of the United States, with all the evidence record or otherwise which they shall have received and considered. And the sum of one thousand dollars is hereby appropriated from the Contingent fund of the War Department to defray the expenses of such commission to be expended under the direction of the President of said Commission.

Approved, July 24, 1876.

Reform and organization of Army.

Post, pp. 216, 409.

Commission constituted.

Duties.

Expenses.

CHAP. 227.—An act to declare forfeited to the United States certain lands granted to the State of Kansas in aid of the construction of railroads by act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty three.

July 24, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all lands which were granted by act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty three, to the State of Kansas to aid in the construction of a railroad, commencing at Leavenworth, Kansas, and running, by way of the town of Lawrence and the Ohio City crossing of the Osage River, to the southern line of the State, in the direction of Galveston Bay, in Texas, with a branch from Lawrence, by the Valley of the Wakarusa River, to a point on the Atchison, Topeka, and Santa Fe Railroad, where said road intersects the Neosho River, and which have not been patented to said railroad company by the United States under said grant or earned by the completion of said road and to which said company are not lawfully entitled, are hereby declared forfeited to the United States, and shall hereafter be subject to entry only under the provisions of the homestead laws of the United States.

Approved, July 24, 1876.

Lands granted to Kansas for railroad forfeited.

1863, ch. 98, 12 Stat., 772.

CHAP. 228.—An act to continue the public printing

July 24, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Congressional Printer is hereby authorized to continue the work required by law in advance of appropriations to be hereafter made; and this act shall continue in force for ten days.

Approved, July 24, 1876.

Public printing continued for ten days.

Ante, pp. 65, 91.
Post, p. 122.