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H. Starkweather of Connecticut, deceased, late a member of the House of Representatives as authorized by the resolution of the House of Representatives of May fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and concurred in by the Senate May twentieth eighteen hundred and seventy-six; said portraits to accompany the eulogies ordered to be printed by the same resolution.

SAM' J. RANDALL
Speaker of the House of Representatives
T. W. FERRY
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Received by the President December 16, 1876.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 18.—An act providing for the sale of Saline lands. Jan. 12, 1877.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever it shall be made appear to the register and the receiver of any land office of the United States that any lands within their district are saline in character, it shall be the duty of said register and said receiver, under the regulations of the General Land office, to take testimony in reference to such lands to ascertain their true character, and to report the same to the General Land office; and if, upon such testimony, the Commissioner of the General Land office shall find that such lands are saline and incapable of being purchased under any of the laws of the United States relative to the public domain, then, and in such case, such lands shall be offered for sale by public auction at the local land office of the district in which the same shall be situated, under such regulations as shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of the General Land office, and sold to the highest bidder for cash, at a price not less than one dollar and twenty five cents per acre; and in case said lands fail to sell when so offered, then the same shall be subject to private sale, at such land office, for cash, at a price not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, in the same manner as other lands of the United States are sold, *Provided*, That the foregoing enactments shall not apply to any State or Territory which has not had a grant of salines by act of Congress, nor to any State which may have had such a grant, until either the grant has been fully satisfied, or the right of selection thereunder has expired by efflux of time. But nothing in this act shall authorize the sale or conveyance of any title other than such as the United States has, and the patents issued shall be in the form of a release and quit-claim of all title of the United States in such lands.

Saline lands to be examined and reported on.

To be offered at public auction.

Minimum price.

To be sold at private sale.

When act not to apply.

Form of patent.

SEC. 2. That all executive proclamations relating to the sales of Public Lands shall be published in only one newspaper, the same to be printed and published in the State or Territory where the lands are situated, and to be designated by the Secretary of the Interior.

Advertisements.
Post, p. 357.

Approved, January 12, 1877.

CHAP. 19.—An act authorizing the use of certain funds now in the Treasury, belonging to the Osage Indians. Jan. 12, 1877.

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 hereby is authorized to use a sum not exceeding Fifty Thousand dollars from funds now in the Treasury belonging to the Osage

Appropriation of funds of Osage Indians.