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United States, has been ascertained and paid for by the Secretary of War, as required by the aforesaid act of September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty, and the legislation supplemental thereto.

Approved, February 28, 1877.

CHAP. 75.—An act to provide for the sale of certain lands in Kansas

Feb. 28, 1877.

Preamble.

Whereas, certain lands in the State of Kansas, known as the Cherokee strip, being a strip of land on the southern boundary of Kansas, some two or three miles wide, detached from the lands patented to the Cherokee Nation by the act known as the Kansas-Nebraska bill, in defining the boundaries thereof, said lands still being, so far as unsold, the property of the Cherokee Nation; and

1872, ch. 157, 17 Stat., 98.

Whereas an act was passed by the Forty-second Congress, which became a law on its acceptance by the Cherokee national authorities, and which fixed the price of the lands east of Arkansas River at two dollars per acre, and west of said river at one dollar and fifty cents per acre; and

Whereas portions of the same have been sold under said law, and portions remain unsold, the price being too high: Therefore,

Cherokee strip, residue to be sold.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary shall offer for sale to settlers all of said tract remaining unsold at the passage of this act at the local land offices in the districts in which it is situated, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; and all of said lands remaining unsold after one year from the date at which they are so offered for sale at the local land-offices shall be sold by the Secretary of the Interior for cash, in quantities or tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, at not less than one dollar per acre.

Terms.

Proceeds; how disposed of.

SEC. 2. That the proceeds of said lands shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States, and placed to the credit of the Cherokee Nation, and shall be paid to the treasurer of the Cherokee Nation, on the order of the legislative council of the Cherokee Nation.

When this act to be in force.

SEC. 3. That this act shall take effect and be in force from the date of its acceptance by the legislature of the Cherokee Nation, who shall file certificate of such acceptance.

Approved, February 28, 1877.

CHAP. 76.—An act to authorize the Ocean City Bridge Company to maintain and operate a bridge heretofore erected over and across Synepuxent Bay in Worcester County, Maryland.

Feb. 28, 1877.

Ocean City Bridge Company may maintain bridge.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Ocean City Bridge Company, a corporation created by an act of the general assembly of the State of Maryland, passed at the January session thereof, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, be, and it is hereby, authorized to maintain and operate a bridge heretofore built across Synepuxent Bay, from Hommock Point to Ocean City in Worcester County in said State, with all the powers, rights, and franchises, and subject to all the conditions, duties, and obligations, which are conferred and imposed upon said corporation in and by the several provisions of the said act of incorporation.

Changes or removal of bridge.

SEC. 2. If the bridge authorized by the preceding section, shall at any time, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, substantially or materially obstruct the free navigation of the Synepuxent Bay, the same shall under the direction of the Secretary and at the expense of the owner or owners, be so altered or changed as to obviate the obstruction, and if in the opinion of the Secretary, the removal of the bridge shall be necessary to secure the navigation of said bay, such bridge shall within sixty days after notice to that effect, be removed by the owner or owners at his or their expense.

Approved, February 28, 1877.