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Subdivision into tracts.

SEC. 2 That the Secretary of the Interior, if in his opinion the public interests require it, may cause the said lands in said reservation, or any part thereof, to be subdivided into tracts less than forty acres each, and into town-lots, or either; and, in such cases, each subdivision or lot shall be appraised and offered separately for sale to the highest bidder, as before provided, after which any tract or lot so offered, and not sold for want of bidders, shall be subject to sale at private entry at the appraised value.

Separate appraisement and offer.

Appraisement and sale of improvements.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior shall cause the improvements, buildings, materials, and other property, which may be situate upon said reservation, or upon any such tract or into which the same may be subdivided, to be appraised, and may cause the same to be sold, together with the tract or lot upon which the same may be situate, at not less than the appraised value of the land and improvements, or may, in his discretion, cause the said improvements to be sold separately at public sale at not less than the appraised value, to be removed by the purchaser within such time as the Secretary of the Interior may direct; and if the improvements are offered and not sold for want of bidders, then the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to sell the same at private sale for not less than the appraised value.

Lands between certain boundaries of reservation, how disposed of.
R. S., Title xxxii, p. 438.

SEC. 4. That the land lying between the northern boundary of said military reservation and the northern boundary of the military reservation, as established by order of Major G. I. Rains in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, shall be disposed of under and according to the provisions of title thirty-two, chapter eight, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, except any portion of the same to which there may be a valid pre-emption claim; and all controversies arising under this act, in regard to the right or title to any part of said lands, shall be decided by the register and the receiver of the proper land-office, subject to an appeal to the Commissioner of the General Land-Office by any person or party interested therein.

Controversies.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 130.—An act to authorize the President to restore Thomas J. Spencer to his former rank in the Army.

March 3, 1877.

Thomas J. Spencer may be restored to rank in Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to restore to his former rank and relative grade in the Army Thomas J. Spencer, late first lieutenant, Tenth United States Cavalry: *Provided*, That said Spencer shall not be entitled to any pay or allowances as an Army officer for the time he may have been out of the military service. And the law of promotion in the line is hereby suspended in this case for the purpose

Approved, March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 131.—An act authorizing the changing of the name of the sloop Addie Parker of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

March 3, 1877.

Name of sloop Addie Parker changed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to allow the owner of the sloop Addie Parker, a vessel of American ownership and license, to change her name, and be hereafter known as the Addie.

Approved, March 3, 1877.