

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to cause said tract of land to be surveyed, sectionized, and subdivided as other public lands, and after said survey, to offer said land to actual settlers only at minimum price, under and in accordance with the provisions of the homestead laws: *Provided,* That if any person has made permanent improvements upon said land prior to the first day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, (being an actual settler thereon,) has exhausted his right to make a homestead entry, such person, or his heirs, may enter one quarter-section of said land under the provisions of the pre-emption-laws: *And provided further,* That the heirs of any deceased person who had made settlement and improvement as above described prior to June first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, may complete the pre-emption or homestead entry of the person so deceased.

Sale of Fort Kearney military reservation.

Homesteads.

Heirs of homesteader.

SEC. 2. That the sum of three thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

Approved, July 21, 1876.

CHAP. 221.—An act to continue the provisions of an act entitled "An act to provide temporarily for the expenditures of the Government."

July 21, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of an act entitled "An act to continue the provisions of an act entitled an act to provide temporarily for the expenditures of the Government" approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six approved July tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, be, and the same are hereby, extended and continued in full force and effect, until and including the thirty-first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-six

Appropriations for expenditures of Government continued.

Ante, pp. 65, 78.
Post, 122, 131, 168.

Approved, July 21, 1876.

CHAP. 222.—An act establishing the rank of the Paymaster-General

July 22, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, the rank of the Paymaster-General of the United States Army shall be brigadier-general; but no pay or allowances shall be made to said officer other than from the date of appointment under this act.

Post, p. 270.

Rank of Paymaster-General.

Approved, July 22, 1876.

CHAP. 223.—An act to provide for the construction of military posts on the Yellowstone and Muscleshell Rivers.

July 22, 1876.

Whereas, Lieutenant General Philip H. Sheridan and Brigadier General Alfred H. Terry have, in their reports to the Secretary of War for the year eighteen hundred and seventy-five, set forth the great importance and immediate necessity of the construction of Military posts at certain points on the Yellowstone and Muscleshell Rivers, in the Territory of Montana, and in the Military Department of Dakota, and such recommendations have been transmitted to Congress with the approval of the Secretary of War: Therefore,

Preamble.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United