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May 31, 1878.

CHAP. 147.—An act supplementary to the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three entitled An act supplemental to the act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one incorporating Columbia College District of Columbia.

Columbian College, D. C. 1873, ch. 328, 17 Stat., 629. Amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, ratifying and confirming the act for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia, enacted by the legislative assembly of the said District, and approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, be so modified as to authorize the trustees and overseers of the Columbian University to hold their annual meeting on such day in May or June as the said trustees and overseers shall appoint, instead of being held on "the Tuesday next preceding the last Wednesday in June".

Approved, May 31, 1878.

June 1, 1878.

CHAP. 148.—An act for the relief of certain settlers on the public lands.

Homesteaders; injured by grasshoppers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for homestead settlers on the public lands whose crops were destroyed or seriously injured by grasshoppers in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, who left their land in said year, if no other settlement shall have been made thereon by, or right or interest therein accrued to, any other person, to return to said land at any time within three months from and after the passage of this act; and upon the return of such settlers to such land, such absence therefrom shall in no wise affect the original settlements or homestead rights, but such settlers shall be allowed to resume and perfect their settlement, as if no such absence had occurred: *Provided*, That proof of such destruction or injury of crops, absence and return of such settlers, shall be made in such manner as the Commissioner of the General Land Office may prescribe

Approved, June 1, 1878.

June 3, 1878.

CHAP. 150.—An act authorizing the citizens of Colorado, Nevada and the Territories to fell and remove timber on the public domain for mining and domestic purposes.

Timber and mineral lands may be taken for certain purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all citizens of the United States and other persons, bona fide residents of the State of Colorado, or Nevada, or either of the Territories of New Mexico, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Dakota, Idaho, or Montana, and all other mineral districts of the United States, shall be, and are hereby, authorized and permitted to fell and remove, for building, agricultural, mining, or other domestic purposes, any timber or other trees growing or being on the public lands, said lands being mineral, and not subject to entry under existing laws of the United States, except for mineral entry, in either of said States, Territories, or districts of which such citizens or persons may be at the time bona-fide residents, subject to such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe for the protection of the timber and of the undergrowth growing upon such lands, and for other purposes: *Provided*, the provisions of this act shall not extend to railroad corporations.

Proviso.

Taking etc., for unauthorized purposes

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the register and the receiver of any local land-office in whose district any mineral land may be situated to ascertain from time to time whether any timber is being cut or used upon any such lands, except for the purposes authorized by this act, within their respective land districts; and, if so, they shall immediately notify the Commissioner of the General Land Office of that fact; and all necessary expenses incurred in making such proper examinations shall be paid and allowed such register and receiver in making up their next quarterly accounts.