

rent, contingent expenses.

Surgeon-General's Office, additional clerks.

Office of Adjutant-General, additional clerks.

Furniture in Surgeon-General's Office.

Appropriation.

Additional clerks for office of Second Auditor.

ated, to be available during the current fiscal year, the sum of forty-eight thousand dollars for the employment of additional clerks in the Pension Office, but the salaries of said clerks shall not exceed the sum of one hundred dollars per month; also for rent of additional office room for the Pension Office, the sum of four thousand nine hundred dollars, and for contingent expenses of the office, nine thousand dollars, making in all, sixty-one thousand nine hundred dollars.

That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint seventy additional clerks, forty for the office of the Surgeon-General, at a salary of eighty-three and one-third dollars per month each, and thirty clerks for the office of the Adjutant-General, at a salary of one hundred dollars per month each; and purchase furniture for the use of said clerks in the office of the Surgeon-General at a cost not exceeding one thousand dollars; and that said clerks shall be exclusively engaged in preparing and making reports to expedite the settlement of pension applications called for by the Commissioner of Pensions, and the sum of thirty-two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the use of the War Department for said purposes, which shall be available immediately for the purposes of the current fiscal year.

That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four thousand eight hundred dollars for the employment of twelve additional clerks in the office of the Second Auditor of the Treasury, at a salary not exceeding one hundred dollars per month, for the remainder of this current fiscal year, to be available immediately, which clerks shall be employed exclusively in matters relating to pensions.

Approved, March 16, 1880.

March 16, 1880. **CHAP. 39.**—An act for the relief of certain actual settlers on the Kansas trust and diminished reserve lands in the State of Kansas.

Settlers on Kansas trust and diminished reserve lands.

1876, ch. 168.
19 Stat., 74.

Newly appraised value, terms of payment, interest.

Proviso.
Payments in arrears.
1874, ch. 471.
18 Stat., 272.

Bonds to prevent waste.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the persons included in the provisions of section one of the act approved July five, eighteen hundred and seventy-six entitled, "An act providing for the sale of the Kansas Indian lands in Kansas to actual settlers, and for the disposition of the proceeds of the sale", or the heirs, legal representatives and assigns of said persons, shall be permitted to complete the payment for the lands to which they are entitled under said act, at the newly appraised value as ascertained and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, under section three of said act, and in completing such payment credit shall be given for all sums heretofore paid as principal and interest, which sums shall be considered as constituting one instalment upon the present appraised value at the date when the last payment thereof was made; and the balance shall be paid in three equal instalments, the first to be paid on or before the first day of January eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and the remaining instalments shall be payable annually from the date of the first; each instalment to draw interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the date when the last payment heretofore made, was received by the district office: *Provided,* That if any of said persons have failed to make payment heretofore of any portion of the purchase money, as required under the act aforesaid, or the act of June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to these lands, such persons, their heirs, legal representatives or assigns, being in possession thereof shall be required, prior to the first day of January eighteen hundred and eighty-one, to make entry and pay for their respective claims in three equal instalments, the first on the day of entry and the remaining instalments annually from that date and drawing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum until paid; bond being required in case of timbered lands to prevent

waste as in section one of said act; and where such persons their heirs legal representatives or assigns are not in possession of said lands then the same may be entered as others of the said Kansas Indian lands, by actual settlers only.

When not in possession.

SEC. 2. That all persons who have made entries under section two of the act of June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, relating to these lands, may complete their payments upon such entries at the newly appraised value thereof in the same manner and upon the same terms, credits, and limitations as are provided in section one of this act.

1874, ch. 471,
18 Stat., 272.
Entries.

SEC. 3. That the terms of the proviso of section two of the act of July fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, relating to default and forfeiture shall extend to all entries and requirements under the provisions of this act.

1876, ch. 168,
19 Stat., 74.
Default and forfeiture.

SEC. 4. Actual settlement on any of said lands shall be regarded as sufficient in all cases where the claimant actually resides on contiguous land to which he holds the legal title, and has heretofore cultivated and made valuable improvements on his adjoining claim, in good faith, for the purpose of a home for himself: *Provided*, Said claimant shall in all other respects comply with the law and the regulations issued thereunder by the General Land Office.

Actual settlement on contiguous land.

Proviso.

Approved, March 16, 1880.

CHAP. 40.—An act to restore to the public domain the military reservation known as the Fort Ripley Reservation, in the State of Minnesota, and for other purposes.

April 1, 1880.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to turn over to the Department of the Interior all of the military reservation known as the Fort Ripley reservation, in the State of Minnesota, except a strip or tract of land fifty feet in width from the centre of the railroad track on each side of said track of the Western Railroad Company of Minnesota, as the said track is located and constructed, being a distance of about fifteen miles across said reservation on the east side of the Mississippi River; together with a tract of land fifteen hundred feet in length and three hundred feet in width for depot and station purposes at the present location of the Fort Ripley side track, the same being for right of way for said railroad as heretofore granted by acts of Congress in the years eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and eighteen hundred and sixty-five and which is hereby granted for that purpose.

Fort Ripley reservation of land restored to the public domain.

Western Railroad Company of Minnesota.

Right of way.
1857, ch. 99,
Stat., 11, 195.
1865, ch. 105,
Stat., 13, 526.
Subjected to entry.

SEC. 2. All the lands embraced in said Fort Ripley reservation hereby required to be turned over to the Secretary of the Interior shall be subject to entry by actual settlers under the pre-emption and homestead laws as minimum lands, of the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, from and after the passage of this act. The rights of all actual settlers entitled to the benefits of the pre-emption or homestead laws who now occupy said lands shall date from the day of their actual settlement thereon; and in perfecting their titles thereto under the homestead or pre-emption laws the time such settlers have occupied and improved their said lands shall be allowed: *Provided*, That all persons who purchased and paid for any of said lands at the sale authorized by the War Department in the year anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-seven and paid therefor the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre shall be entitled to patents for the same without further payment: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior shall, prior to offering any quarter section, half quarter section, or quarter quarter section whereon are situate any public buildings or improvements, erected or made by the government, cause the said tracts with the improvements thereon to be appraised by three disinterested persons,

Rights of actual settlers preserved.

Titles perfected.

Proviso.

Proviso.