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CHAP. 293.—An act abolishing the military reservation at Fort Abercrombie, in the State of Minnesota, and authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to have the lands embraced therein made subject to homestead entry and sale the same as other public lands.

Abolition of military reservation at Fort Abercrombie, Minn.
Lands open to entry and sale.
Provisos.
Rights of actual settlers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the military reservation of Fort Abercrombie, in the State of Minnesota, be, and the same is hereby, abolished; and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to have the lands embraced therein made subject to town site homestead entry and sale the same as other public lands: *Provided*, That the rights of all actual settlers entitled to the benefits of the homestead laws of the United States, who now occupy in good faith any portion of the land embraced within said reservation, shall date from the day of their actual settlement thereon; and in perfecting their titles thereto, under the homestead laws, the time such settlers have occupied and improved their said lands shall be allowed.

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CHAP. 294.—An act to increase the water-supply of the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Increase of water-supply of Washington, D. C.
Survey, etc.
Reservoir capacity not less than 300,000,000 gallons.
Dam across Potomac River at Great Falls.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War shall cause to be made a survey and map of the land necessary to extend the Washington Aqueduct from its present eastern terminus to the high ground north of Washington near Sixth street extended, and of the land necessary for a reservoir at that point the capacity of which shall not be less than three hundred million gallons; and a like survey and map of the land necessary for a dam across the Potomac River at the Great Falls, including the land now occupied by the dam, and the land required for the extension of said dam across Conn's Island to and upon the Virginia shore; and when surveys and maps shall have been made the Secretary of War and the Attorney-General of the United States shall proceed to acquire to and for the United States the outstanding title, if any, to said land and water-rights, and to the land on which the gate-house at Great Falls stands by condemnation.

Title, etc.
Avenue over line of aqueduct.
Provisos.
Lands not donated, condemned.

And in obtaining title to the right of way for the extension of said aqueduct, the Secretary of War and Attorney-General may, in their discretion, secure title to a strip suitable for an avenue over such part of said aqueduct extended as they think proper: *Provided*, That at least one-half in value of such right of way shall be donated or dedicated by the owners to that public use: *And provided further*, That if it shall be necessary to resort to condemnation, the proceeding shall be as follows.

Conditions.
Appraisers.
Valuation.

When the map and survey are completed, the Attorney-General shall proceed to ascertain the owners or claimants of the premises embraced in the survey, and shall cause to be published, for the space of thirty days, in one or more of the daily newspapers published in the District of Columbia, a description of the entire tract or tracts of land embraced in the survey, with a notice that the same has been taken for the uses mentioned in this act, and notifying all claimants to any portion of said premises to file, within its period of publication, in the Department of Justice, a description of the tract or parcel claimed, and a statement of its value as estimated by the claimant. On application of the Attorney-General, the chief justice of the supreme court of the District of Columbia shall appoint three persons, not in the employ of the government or related to the claimants, to act as appraisers, whose duty it shall be, upon receiving from the Attorney-General a description of any tract or parcel the ownership of which is claimed separately, to fairly and justly value the same and report such valuation to the Attorney-General, who thereupon shall, upon being satisfied as to the title to the same, cause to be offered to the owner or owners the amount fixed