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CHAP. 348.—An act to provide for the appraisement and sale of lots in the town of Peru, Dubuque County, Iowa

Lots in Peru, Iowa.
1836, vol. 5, ch. 262, p. 70.
1837, vol. 5, ch. 36, p. 178.

Preamble.

Whereas, under an act approved July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and an act amendatory thereto, approved March third eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, entitled "An act for laying off the towns of Fort Madison and Burlington, in the county of Des Moines, and the towns of Bellevue, Dubuque, and Peru, in the county of Dubuque," and so forth, certain disposition was therein provided for the lands set off for such towns; and

Whereas the site for the said town of Peru, in the year eighteen hundred and forty, and the lots thus reserved, have been settled upon by bona fide settlers, who have made valuable improvements thereon: Therefore

President to appoint commissioners to appraise.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States appoint three commissioners, any two of whom shall be a quorum to do business, who, before entering upon the discharge of their duties, shall take an oath to faithfully perform the same. Said commissioners shall have power, and it is hereby made their duty, to view said lots and appraise their value, not taking into consideration the improvements thereon; after which appraisement the proper register and the proper receiver shall expose said lots to public sale to the highest bidder, after advertising the same in three public newspapers at least three months, reserving from such sale such lots as, according to the records of the General Land Office, have already been paid for or patented: *Provided*, That the actual settlers upon said lots who have made valuable improvements thereon shall first be entitled to purchase the same at their appraised value.

Duties of commissioners.

Sale; how conducted.

Lots, paid for or patented, reserved.

Actual settlers may purchase at appraised value.

Pay of commissioners.

SEC. 2. That said commissioners shall each be entitled to five dollars per day for each day actually employed as provided above, to be paid by the receiver of public moneys of the proper land district.

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CHAP. 349.—An act relative to the Chinese indemnity fund.

Chinese indemnity fund.
President to convert into coin and return to Chinese Government.

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 directed to cause the residue of the indemnity received from China, which is now in the custody of the Secretary of State and is known and designated in the accounts and reports of the Department of State as the Chinese indemnity fund, to be converted into coin, and the sum of five hundred and eighty-three thousand four hundred dollars and ninety cents be returned to the Chinese Government, and the balance of said fund, if any, be covered into the Treasury of the United States: *Provided*, That before the payment to China the Secretary of State shall pay from said fund to the executors of Charles E, Hill the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars, upon receipt of a release in full for all claims upon China for the use and loss of the steamer Keorgeor, in or about the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Balance covered into Treasury.

Proviso, Charles E. Hill to be first paid for steamer Keorgeor.

Approved, March 3d, 1885.

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CHAP. 350.—An act to amend section fifteen hundred and fifty-six of the Revised Statutes, giving longevity pay to certain officers of the Navy.

Longevity pay to certain Navy officers.

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 passed assistant engineers of the Navy shall receive during the third five years after the date from which they take rank as