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hundred and fifty-four north; thence along the Missouri River by the most convenient and practicable route to the valley of the Milk River; thence along the valley of the Milk River to Fort Assinniboine; thence southwesterly to the Great Falls of the Missouri River.

Dimension.

SEC. 3. That the right of way hereby granted to said company shall be seventy-five feet in width on each side of the central line of said railroad as aforesaid; and said company shall also have the right to take from said lands adjacent to the line of said road material, stone, earth, and timber necessary for the construction of said railroad; also ground adjacent to such right of way for station-buildings, depots, machine-shops, sidetracks, turnouts, and water-stations, not to exceed in amount three hundred feet in width and three thousand feet in length for each station, to the extent of one station for each ten miles of its road.

Ascertainment and payment of damages.

SEC 4. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to fix the amount of compensation to be paid the Indians for such right of way, and provide the time and manner for the payment thereof, and also to ascertain and fix the amount of compensation to be made individual members of the tribe for damages sustained by them by reason of the construction of said road; but no right of any kind shall vest in said railway company in or to any part of the right of way herein provided for until plats thereof, made upon actual survey for the definite location of such railroad, and including the points for station-buildings, depots, machine-shops, side-tracks, turnouts, and water-stations, shall be filed with and approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and until the compensation aforesaid has been fixed and paid; and the surveys construction and operation of such railroad shall be conducted with due regard for the rights of the Indians, and in accordance with such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may make to carry out this provision.

Right of way across military reservations.

SEC. 5. That the right of way across lands occupied or reserved for military purposes along the line of said railroad is hereby granted to said company the same as across said Indian reservations; *Provided, however*, That the survey and location of said railroad across such lands shall be first approved by the Secretary of War.

Not assignable before completion.

Provisos.

SEC. 6. That said company shall not assign or transfer or mortgage this right of way for any purpose whatever until said road shall be completed: *Provided*, That the company may mortgage said franchise, together with the rolling stock, for money to construct and complete said road: *And provided further*, That the right granted herein shall be lost and forfeited by said company unless the road is constructed and in running order within two years from the passage of this act.

Forfeited if road is not built in two years.

Approved, February 15, 1887.

CHAP. 131.—An act for the purchase of suitable grounds in the city of Owensborough, in the State of Kentucky, and the erection thereon of a public building for the post-office, United States collector's office, United States commissioner's office, and for the use of other United States officers in said city, and appropriating money for said purposes.

Feb. 16, 1887.

Owensborough, Ky.
Public building. Site.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to purchase suitable grounds in the city of Owensborough, in the State of Kentucky, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable public building, with a fire-proof vault extending to each story, for the post-office, United States collector's office, United States commissioner's office, and for the use of other United States officers in said city.

Cost.

The cost of the site, and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no money appropriated

Proviso.

Title.

for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the grounds for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Kentucky shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of any civil processes therein; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site, nor plan for said building, shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of fifty thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys.

Estimates.

Open space.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be used and expended in the purchase of said grounds and the erection of said building.

Approved, February 16, 1887.

Feb. 17, 1887.

CHAP. 132.—An act authorizing the Secretary of War to adjust and settle the account for arms, ammunition, and accouterments between the Territory of Montana and the United States.

Montana to be credited amount due on ordnance account.

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 directed to adjust and balance the account for arms, ammunition, and accouterments between the Territory of Montana and the Government of the United States, by crediting said Territory with the balance now standing against it on said account.

Approved, February 17, 1887.

Feb. 17, 1887.

CHAP. 133.—An act to grant the right of way through the Fort Bliss Military Reservation to the Rio Grande and El Paso Railroad Company.

Right of way through Fort Bliss, Tex., Reservation to Rio Grande and El Paso Railroad Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby granted to the Rio Grande and El Paso Railroad Company right of way one hundred feet wide, on such route as the Secretary of War may designate, through the Fort Bliss Military Reservation, Texas. If said railway shall not be built across said reservation within three years next after the passage of this act, this grant shall absolutely cease and determine.

Approved, February 17, 1887.

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CHAP. 134.—An act for the relief of Robert Strachan.

Robert Strachan. Claim against District of Columbia referred to Court of Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That jurisdiction be, and the same is hereby, conferred upon the United States Court of Claims to hear, try, and determine, according to the rules and practice now in force in said court, any claim for damage which Robert Strachan may have against the District of Columbia by reason of the said District of Columbia, or its agents, servants, or employees having turned the water