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CHAP. 24.—An act to provide for the sale of the site of Fort Bliss, Texas, the sale or removal of the improvements thereof, and for a new site and the construction of suitable buildings thereon.

Fort Bliss, near El Paso, Tex.

Military reservation may be removed.

Sale of site, etc.

Platting, etc.

Appraisement.

Expenses and proceeds of sale.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to sell the military reservation known as Fort Bliss, near the city of El Paso, in the State of Texas, and such of the buildings and improvements thereon as can not be economically removed to the new site herein provided for. In disposing of said property the Secretary of War shall cause the grounds to be platted in blocks, streets, and alleys, if in his judgment it would inure to the benefit of the Government in making sale of said site, having due reference to the requirements of the houses and buildings located on said grounds, in such cases as they may be sold with the ground. The Secretary of War shall also cause the lots, lands, and buildings to be appraised and sold at public or private sale, at not less than the appraised value, having first been offered at public sale. The expense of advertising, appraisement, survey, and sale shall be paid out of the proceeds of said sale, and the balance paid into the Treasury of the United States.

Selection of new site.

New buildings.

Name.

Appropriation.

Proviso.
Title.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is authorized to select and acquire title to suitable grounds of not less than one thousand acres in extent, to be situate within a distance of ten miles of the limits of said city of El Paso, in the State of Texas, and construct thereon the necessary buildings, with appurtenances, sufficient for a military post, to be known as Fort Bliss, in accordance with estimates to be prepared by the War Department; and a sufficient sum of money, not exceeding one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of War to comply with the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That the title to the lands authorized to be acquired under the second section of this act shall be approved by the Attorney-General, and that said title shall be obtained without expense to the Government.

New site to be acquired before sale of the old.

SEC. 3. That section one of this act shall be of effect when the acquirement of a new site provided for in section two shall have been effected.

Approved, March 1, 1890.

March 4, 1890.

CHAP. 25.—An act to increase the pensions of certain soldiers and sailors who are totally helpless from injuries received or diseases contracted while in the service of the United States.

Pensions.

Increase to totally helpless soldiers, etc.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all soldiers, sailors, and marines who have since the sixteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty, or who may hereafter become so totally and permanently helpless from injuries received or disease contracted in the service and line of duty as to require the regular personal aid and attendance of another person, or who, if otherwise entitled, were excluded from the provisions of "An act to increase pensions of certain pensioned soldiers and sailors who are utterly helpless from injuries received or disease contracted while in the United States service," approved June sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, shall be entitled to receive a pension at the rate of seventy-two dollars per month from the date of the passage of this act or of the certificate of the examining surgeon or board of surgeons showing such degree of disability made subsequent to the passage of this act.

Approved, March 4, 1890.