

September 30, 1890.

CHAP. 1127.—An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas.

Lands of certain New York Indians in Kansas.
Sale of, to certain settlers, etc.

Entry, etc.
Limit of time.

Proceeds of sale, in trust, etc.

Payment.
Proof of identity,
Limit of time.

Unpaid proceeds, covered in.

Lands not entered, at sale.

Notice.
Private entry.

Repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That those persons, being heads of families or single persons over twenty-one years of age, who have made settlement and improvement upon, and are bona fide claimants and occupants of, either in person or by tenant, the lands in Kansas which were allotted to certain New York Indians, and for which certificates of allotment, dated the fourteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty, for three hundred and twenty acres of land each, were issued to thirty-two of said Indians, shall be, and hereby are, authorized and permitted to enter and purchase at the proper land office, at any time within one year from the passage of this act, said lands so occupied by them, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, according to the Government surveys, at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, payment to be made in cash at time of purchase; and the moneys arising from such sales shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States, in trust for and to be paid to said Indians, respectively, to whom said certificates were issued, or to their heirs, upon satisfactory proof of their identity to the Secretary of the Interior, at any time within five years from the passage of this act; and in case such proof is not made within the time specified, then the proceeds of such sale, or so much thereof as shall not have been paid under the provisions of this act, shall become a part of the public moneys of the United States.

SEC. 2. That any lands not entered by such settlers at the expiration of twelve months from the passage of this act shall be offered at public sale, in the usual manner, at not less than three dollars per acre, notice of said sale to be given by public advertisement of not less than thirty days; and any tract or tracts not then sold shall be thereafter subject to private entry at three dollars per acre.

SEC. 3. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, September 30, 1890.

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CHAP. 1128.—An act in recognition of the merits and services of Chief Engineer George Wallace Melville, United States Navy, and of the other officers and men of the Jeannette Arctic Expedition.

Jeannette Arctic expedition.
Recognizing services, etc., of Chief Engineer George Wallace Melville, U. S. Navy, and others of the
George Wallace Melville promoted.

Pay.

Rank.
Grade.
Limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to advance Chief Engineer George Wallace Melville, United States Navy, one grade, to take rank from the same date but next after the junior chief engineer having the relative rank of commander at the passage of this act, as a recognition of his meritorious services in successfully directing the party under his command after the wreck of the Arctic exploring steamer Jeannette, and of his persistent efforts through dangers and hardships to find and assist his commanding officer and other members of the expedition before he himself was out of peril; and that he be allowed the pay of a chief engineer as if he had been commissioned on the same date as the junior chief engineer having the relative rank of commander at the passage of this act; such increased rate of pay to begin from the date of the passage of this act.

SEC. 2. That the said Melville shall hereafter continue to be next junior to the junior chief engineer having the relative rank of commander at the passage of this act; and whatever grade he may hereafter occupy shall be increased by one number, but the total number