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of aiding in the construction of railroads, and for other purposes," approved September twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that the period within which settlers, purchasers, and others under the provisions of said act may make application to purchase lands forfeited thereby or to make or move to perfect any homestead entries which are preserved or authorized under said act when such period begins to run from the passage of the act shall begin to run from the date of the promulgation by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the instructions to the officers of the local land offices, for their direction in the disposition of said lands: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall extend any time or enlarge any rights given by said act to any railroad company.

Extension of time limit for homestead entries, etc.

Ante, pp. 496, 497 amended.

Time limit.

Proviso.

Railroad rights.

Approved, February 18, 1891.

CHAP. 248.—An act to provide for the selection of a site for a military post at San Diego, California, and for other purposes.

February 21, 1891.

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 cause an examination to be made for a suitable site for a military post and harbor defenses at or near the city of San Diego, in the State of California, and to report to Congress a particular description of the land required for such purposes and the amount of money for which the owners of such land will convey the same to the United States for the purposes aforesaid. He shall further report what in his opinion is the value of such land, and if the price asked for the same is reasonable.

San Diego, Cal. Military post and harbor defenses.

Site.

Examination and report.

Appraisement.

Approved, February 21, 1891.

CHAP. 249.—An act to amend act authorizing Choctaw Coal and Railway Company to construct road through Indian Territory.

February 21, 1891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of an act approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, authorizing the Choctaw Coal and Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes, shall be extended for a period of two years, from February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, so that said company shall have until February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, to build its railway, under the provisions of said act and the act amendatory thereof, approved February thirteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Right of way. Choctaw Coal and Railway Company through Indian Territory.

Extension of time for construction, etc., of railway.

Vol. 25, p. 38.

Vol. 25, p. 668.

Approved, February 21, 1891.

CHAP. 250.—An act to amend section forty-one hundred and seventy-eight, Revised Statutes, in relation to the marking of vessels' names at bow and stern; and also to provide for marking the draft.

February 21, 1891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-one hundred and seventy-eight, of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended to read entire as follows:

Vessels' names and draught to be marked at bow and stern, etc.

R. S., Sec. 4178, p. 805, amended.

"SEC. 4178. The name of every documented vessel of the United States shall be marked upon each bow and upon the stern, and the

Names.