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CHAP. 200.—An act to provide for the survey and transfer of that part of the Fort Randall military reservation in the State of Nebraska to said State for school and other purposes.

March 3, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the odd numbered sections in the portion of the Fort Randall military reservation situated in the State of Nebraska, after the same shall have been surveyed as herein provided, may be selected by the State of Nebraska at any time within one year after the filing of the official plats of survey in the district land office as a part of the lands granted to said State as school indemnity for school lands lost in place under the provisions of "An act to provide for the admission of the State of Nebraska into the Union," approved February ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven: *Provided*, That no existing lawful rights under any of the land laws of the United States providing for the disposition of the public lands shall be prejudiced by this act: *And provided further*, That said lands shall be accepted by said State of Nebraska in full satisfaction of lawful claims now existing, or that may hereafter arise, for school-land indemnity for a corresponding number of acres, upon assignment of the bases of the claims by description and selection in accordance with the regulations of the Interior Department within the period of limitation aforesaid; such selections to be equally distributed, so far as practicable, among the several townships

Fort Randall Military Reservation, Nebr.

Odd sections granted to Nebraska as school indemnity lands.

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Provisos.
Existing rights.

Acceptance.

SEC. 2. That even numbered sections, and all of the odd numbered sections in said reservation not selected under the provisions of section one of this act, shall be open to settlement under the homestead law only: *Provided*, That before said lands shall be opened to settlement under this section, the Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a commission of three disinterested citizens of the United States, who shall appraise said lands and fix the value of each quarter section, and persons who may take such lands under the homestead laws, shall pay for such lands in three equal installments, at times to be fixed by the Secretary of the Interior, and they shall also comply with all provisions of the homestead laws of the United States.

Remaining sections, open to homestead settlement.

Proviso.
Commission of appraisement.

Payment for lands.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the lands embraced in that part of the said military reservation of Fort Randall in the State of Nebraska to be regularly surveyed by an extension of the public surveys over the unsurveyed portions of the same.

Public surveys extended.

Approved, March 3, 1893.

CHAP. 201.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge over the Tennessee River at or near Sheffield, Alabama.

March 3, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Tennessee Bridge and Ferry Company, of Alabama, a corporation duly and legally incorporated under the laws of the State of Alabama, its successors or assigns, to construct and maintain a bridge over the Tennessee River at or near Sheffield, in Colbert County, Alabama. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains, and, at the option of the persons by whom it may be built, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot passengers, for such reasonable rates of toll as may be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War.

Tennessee Bridge and Ferry Company may bridge Tennessee River at Sheffield, Ala.

Railway, etc., bridge.

Tolls.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under the provisions of this act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known as a post route, upon which also no higher charge shall be made for the transmission over the same of the mails, the troops, and the munitions of war of the United States, or passengers or freight passing over the said bridge, than the rate per mile paid for the transportation

Lawful structure and post route.