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Forfeiture

Provided, That any violation of the conditions mentioned in this section shall operate as a forfeiture of all rights and privileges of said railway company under this act.

Record of mortgages.

SEC. 11. That all mortgages executed by said company conveying any portion of its railway with the franchises, that may be constructed in said Indian Territory and Oklahoma Territory, shall be recorded in the Department of the Interior, and the record thereof shall be evidence and notice of their execution, and shall convey all rights and properties of said company as therein expressed subject to the provisions of this act.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 12. That Congress may at any time amend, alter, or repeal this act, and the rights herein granted shall not be assigned or transferred in any way or form whatever except as to mortgages or other liens that may be given or secured thereon to aid in the construction thereof.

Approved, December 21, 1893.

January 11, 1894.

CHAP. 10.—An Act Relating to the disqualification of registers and receivers of the United States land offices, and making provision in case of such disqualification.

Public lands.
Registers and receivers not to proceed in cases where personally interested, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no register or receiver shall receive evidence in, hear or determine any cause pending in any district land office in which cause he is interested directly or indirectly, or has been of counsel, or where he is related to any of the parties in interest by consanguinity or affinity within the fourth degree, computing by the rules adopted by the common law.

Substitution of other officer.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of every register or receiver so disqualified to report the fact of his disqualification to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, as soon as he shall ascertain it, and before the hearing of such cause, who thereupon, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, shall designate some other register, receiver, or special agent of the Land Department to act in the place of the disqualified officer, and the same authority is conferred on the officer so designated which such register or receiver would otherwise have possessed to act in such case.

Approved, January 11, 1894.

January 22, 1894.

CHAP. 12.—An Act To amend an Act of Congress approved May twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety, granting to the Aransas Pass Harbor Company the right to improve Aransas Pass.

Aransas Pass Harbor.
Time for constructing work extended.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Aransas Pass Harbor Company, which is engaged in the improvement of Aransas Pass under the provisions contained in an Act of Congress entitled "An Act for the improvement of Aransas Pass," approved May twelfth, eighteen hundred and ninety, is hereby relieved from the conditions of said Act which require the construction of said work to be commenced within one year from the date of its approval and to be diligently prosecuted by the expenditure of at least three hundred thousand dollars per annum thereafter, and to secure a navigable depth over the outer bar of fifteen feet of water within three years after the date of approval of said Act, and of twenty feet within five years from said date; and the said company is hereby authorized to continue and complete its work of improvement as set forth in said Act: *Provided*, That work shall be resumed by the said Aransas Pass Harbor Company within six months from the date of approval of this act, and shall be diligently prosecuted to completion, and said company shall secure a navigable depth over the outer bar of at least twenty feet of water within two years from the date of approval of this act. And in the event of said company failing to resume said

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Resumption of work.

Revocation on failure.