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said railway's right of way or may be by the proper authorities laid out across the same.

Condition of acceptance.

SEC. 11. That the said Fort Smith and Western Railroad Company shall accept this right of way upon the express condition, binding upon itself, its successors and assigns, that they will neither aid, advise, nor assist any effort looking toward the changing or extinguishing the present tenure of the Choctaw Indians or Creek Indians in their land, and will not attempt to secure from the Choctaw Nation or Creek Nation any further grant of land or its occupancy than is hereinbefore provided: *Provided*, That any violation of the condition mentioned in this section shall operate as a forfeiture of all the rights and privileges of said railway company under this Act.

Proviso.
Violation of forfeit.

Record of mortgages.

SEC. 12. That all mortgages, deeds of trust, and other conveyances executed by said railway company, conveying any portion of its railway, telegraph, and telephone lines, with its franchises, that may be constructed in said Choctaw Nation and Creek Nation 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 property of said company as therein expressed.

Amendment.

SEC. 13. That Congress may at any time amend, add to, alter, or repeal this Act.

Assignment, etc., of right of way.

SEC. 14. That the right of way herein and hereby granted shall not be assigned or transferred in any form whatever prior to the construction and completion of the road except as to mortgages or other liens that may be given or secured thereon to aid in the construction thereof.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 454.—An Act Amending the Act entitled "An Act to allow the return free of duty of certain articles exported from the United States for exhibition purposes," approved May eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Return, duty free, of animals taken abroad for exhibition with circuses, etc.
Vol. 29, p. 122.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to allow the return free of duty of certain articles exported from the United States for exhibition purposes," approved May eighteenth; eighteen hundred and ninety six, is hereby amended so as to include in the privilege of free entry conferred thereby wild and other animals of foreign origin taken abroad temporarily for exhibition in connection with any circus or menagerie, subject, however, to the conditions and limitations prescribed in said Act: *Provided*, *however*, That the provision of this amendment shall apply only in such cases as those of foreign-born animals taken abroad, and inventories of which are filed prior to their leaving the country with the collector of customs at the port of their departure.

Proviso.
Inventories, etc.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 455.—An Act To provide a site for a building for the Washington Public Library.

District of Columbia.
Site for Washington Public Library.
Commission.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority is hereby conferred upon a commission, to consist of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, and the president of the board of trustees of the Washington Public Library, to cause to be erected upon Mount Vernon square, in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, a building for the use of the Washington Public Library, with funds to be contributed by Andrew Carnegie: *Provided*, That such building shall be commenced within twelve months and completed within three years from the passage of this Act: *And provided further*, That no liability shall be incurred by the United States or the District of Columbia for the cost of the erection of said building.

Proviso.
Commencement and completion.
No liability to United States, etc.