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pany unless at least twenty-five miles of said railroad shall be constructed through the said reservation within two years after the passage of this Act.

SEC. 6. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act in whole or in part. Amendment.

Approved, June 4, 1898.

CHAP. 378.—An Act Granting additional powers to railroad companies operating lines in the Indian Territory. June 4, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall and may be lawful for any company operating a line of railroad, either wholly or partially, in the Indian Territory to enter into contracts for the use or lease of the railroad and other property of any railroad company whose line may now or hereafter connect with its line upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the respective companies, and to use and operate such road or roads in accordance with the terms of such contract or lease, but subject to the obligations imposed upon the respective companies by their charters or by the laws of the United States or of the State or Territory in which such leased road may be situate: *Provided*, That the terms of this Act shall not apply to parallel or competing lines. Indian Territory. Leases by railroads with connecting lines authorized. *Proviso.* Parallel, etc., lines excepted.

Approved, June 4, 1898.

CHAP. 379.—An Act Appointing commissioners to revise the statutes relating to patents, trade and other marks, and trade and commercial names. June 4, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint three commissioners, to serve without compensation, whose duty it shall be to revise and amend the laws of the United States concerning patents, trade and other marks, and trade or commercial names, which shall be in force at the time such commission shall make its final report, so far as the same relates to matters contained in or affected by the Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property concluded at Paris March twentieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, the agreements under said Convention concluded at Madrid April fourteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and the protocols adopted by the conference held under such Convention at Brussels, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and the treaties of the United States, and the laws of other nations relating to patents, trade and other marks, and trade or commercial names. Patents, trade-marks, etc. Commission to revise laws concerning. Vol. 27, p. 958.

That they shall report to Congress as soon as possible. Report.

That the report shall be so made as to indicate any proposed change in the substance of existing law, and shall be accompanied by notes which shall briefly and clearly state the reasons for any proposed change. It shall also be accompanied by references to such treaties and foreign laws relating to patents, trade and other marks, and trade or commercial names, as, in the opinion of the commissioners, may affect citizens of the United States. —what to contain.

That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the necessary expenses of the commissioners in making their report, which sum shall be immediately available. Appropriation for expenses.

Approved, June 4, 1898.