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successors and assigns, for the construction and operation of its railroad and telegraph lines through the Nez Perces Indian Reservation in the State of Idaho, and also through lands formerly embraced within said reservation which have been allotted to the individual members of the Nez Perces tribe of Indians, beginning at a point on the western boundary of the said Nez Perces Indian Reservation, to the east boundary line of said Nez Perces Indian Reservation, together with a branch therefrom beginning at or near Spalding town site, in section twenty-two of township thirty-six north of range four west, Boise meridian, and extending to the south line of said Indian reservation.

Location.

Branch line.

SEC. 2. That the right of way hereby granted shall be fifty feet in width on each side of the central line of said railroad as aforesaid, and said company shall also have the right to take from said lands adjacent to the line of said road material, stone, earth, and timber necessary for the construction of said railroad; also ground adjacent to such right of way for station buildings, depots, and machine shops, side tracks, turn-outs, and water stations, not to exceed in amount three hundred feet in width and three thousand feet in length for each station, to the extent of one station for each ten miles of road.

Width.

Additional ground for stations, etc.

SEC. 3. That before said railroad shall be constructed through any land, claim, or improvement held by individual occupants or owners according to any treaties or laws of the United States, compensation shall be made such occupant or owner or claimant for all property to be taken or damage done by reason of the construction of such railroad. In case of failure to make satisfactory settlement with any such claimant the district court of the State of Idaho for the county within which such land may be situated shall have jurisdiction, upon petition of either party, to determine such just compensation in accordance with the laws of the State of Idaho provided for determining the damage when property is taken for railroad purposes, and such compensation shall be determined as provided for by the laws of the State of Idaho; and the amount of damages resulting to the tribe of Indians pertaining to such reservation in their tribal capacity by reason of the construction of said railroad through such lands of the reservation as are not occupied in severalty, and the time and manner of making payment therefor, shall be ascertained and determined in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior may direct, and be subject to his final approval.

Damages.

Tribal lands.

SEC. 4. That said company shall cause maps showing the route of its line through said reservation and allotted lands, including the grounds for station buildings, depots, machine shops, side tracks, turn-outs, and water stations, to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior before constructing any portion of said railroad.

Maps to be filed.

SEC. 5. That the rights herein granted shall be forfeited by said company unless the road shall be constructed through the said reservation and allotted lands within three years after the passage of this Act.

Completion of construction.

SEC. 6. That nothing herein contained shall restrict or impair the rights which said company may now have or hereafter acquire to the benefits and provisions of the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States."

Railroad rights on public lands.

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Approved, March 1, 1899.

March 1, 1899.

CHAP. 317.—An Act For the erection of a public building at Fitchburg, Massachusetts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase, acquire by condemnation, or otherwise provide a site and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building with fireproof

Fitchburg, Mass. Public building authorized.

Limit of cost.

vaults, for the use and accommodation of the post-office and for other Government uses at Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodation for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site nor plan for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys.

Site.

Fire space.

Approved, March 1, 1899.

March 1, 1899.

CHAP. 318.—An Act To accept a site as a donation and erect thereon a custom-house and post-office building in the city of Bristol, State of Tennessee.

Bristol, Tenn. Public building authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to accept as a donation suitable grounds in the city of Bristol, State of Tennessee, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable public building for the custom-house, post-office, and United States commissioner's office. The cost of the site and building thereon, when completed, shall not be more than fifty thousand dollars, the plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; nor shall any site be accepted until estimates of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the purposes aforesaid, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site has been accepted and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and no plan for said building shall be approved by said Secretary involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of fifty thousand dollars for the site and building. The site so accepted shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by a space at least forty feet, including streets and alleys.

Donation of site.

Limit of cost.

Fire space.

Approved, March 1, 1899.

March 1, 1899.

CHAP. 319.—An Act For enlarging the public building at Topeka, Kansas.

Topeka, Kans. Enlargement of public building authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the public building at Topeka, Kansas, now occupied as a post-office and other Government offices, to be enlarged, so as to make a suitable building, with fireproof vaults and elevator therein, for the further accommodation of the post-office and other Government offices, the plans and specifications to be drawn with respect to the present building, so as to furnish to the post-office more room and better accommodation of the Government offices. The plans, specifications, and full estimation of said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not cost to exceed the sum of eighty-five thousand dollars: *Provided*, That said building, so enlarged, shall be unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet.

Limit of cost.

Proviso. Fire space.

Approved, March 1, 1899.