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five yards, thence in a line perpendicular to said road to the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, thence along said canal to the south line of the reservation, jurisdiction over which is retained by the Secretary of War.

Intent of act.

SEC. 2. That the declared purpose of this Act is to set apart said tract of land as a general experimental farm in its broadest sense, where all that pertains to agriculture in its several and different branches, including animal industry and horticulture, may be fostered and encouraged, and the practice and science of farming in the United States advanced, promoted, and practically illustrated.

Secretary given immediate control of property, etc.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of Agriculture will take immediate and absolute control of said property described in section one, and by clearing, underdraining, grassing, laying out proper roads and driveways, constructing proper bridges and buildings, and in other ways as his judgment may dictate bring said property as rapidly as possible into the proper condition to answer the purposes for which it is set apart:

Provisos.
Existing sewers, etc., not to be obstructed.

Provided, That all improvements of or which may at any time be made upon said premises, as herein contemplated, shall be so located, constructed, and maintained as not to interfere with or obstruct the natural waterways or the sewers or other means now established or which may hereafter be provided, constructed, or maintained for the purpose of affording proper drainage and sewerage to the other portions of said estate: *And provided further*, That this Act shall not impair or interfere with any of the rights heretofore granted by Act of Congress to the Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway Company to construct, maintain, and operate its electric railroad across the said portion of the estate lying east of said public road.

—or rights of Washington, Alexandria and Mount Vernon Railway impaired.

Secretary given full discretion, etc.

SEC. 4. That in the development, improvement, and management of said property full discretion is hereby given the Secretary of Agriculture and his successors in office to carry into effect the declared purposes of this Act.

Effect.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be in force from its passage.

Approved, April 18, 1900.

April 18, 1900.

CHAP. 244.—An Act Repealing section forty-seven hundred and sixteen of the Revised Statutes, so far as the same may be applicable to the claims of dependent parents of soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the war with Spain.

Pensions.
Dependent parents of soldiers, etc., who served in the Confederate army and in the war with Spain may be pensioned.
R. S., sec. 4716, p. 919.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-seven hundred and sixteen of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, repealed, so far as the same may be applicable to the claims to pension of dependent parents of soldiers, sailors, and marines who served in the Army or Navy of the United States during the war with Spain.

Approved, April 18, 1900.

April 18, 1900.

CHAP. 245.—An Act To authorize the holding of a regular term of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia in the city of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Virginia western judicial district.
Term of district court to be held at Charlottesville.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a regular term of the district court of the United States for the western district of Virginia shall be held in each year in the city of Charlottesville, Virginia, on the second Monday in January.

Approved, April 18, 1900.