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Proceedings.

That said court may allow amendments in form or substance in any petition, process, record, or proceeding, or in the description of property proposed to be taken, or of property assessed for benefits whenever such amendments will not interfere with the substantial rights of the parties interested.

Compensation of jurors.

SEC. 9. That each juror shall receive as compensation the sum of five dollars per day for his services during the time he shall be actually engaged in such services under the provisions hereof.

Appropriation for expenses.

SEC. 10. That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, to provide the necessary funds for the costs and expenses of the condemnation proceedings taken pursuant hereto.

Appeals not to delay opening of street, etc.

SEC. 11. That no appeal by any interested party from the decision of the supreme court of the District of Columbia confirming the assessment or assessments of benefits or damages herein provided for, nor any other proceeding at law or in equity by such party against the confirmation of such assessment or assessments, shall delay or prevent the payment of award to others in respect to the property condemned, nor delay or prevent the taking of any of said property sought to be condemned, nor the opening of such street: *Provided, however*, That upon the final determination of said appeal or other proceeding at law or in equity the amount found to be due and payable as damages sustained by reason of the extension of said street under the provisions hereof shall be paid as hereinbefore provided.

Proviso.
Payment of final decision.

Approved, April 28, 1904.

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[Public, No. 212.]

CHAP. 1780.—An Act To grant to the State of Minnesota certain lands for forestry purposes.

Minnesota.
Grant of lands for forestry purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Minnesota, through its State land commissioner and State forestry board, is hereby authorized to select for experimental forestry purposes not to exceed twenty thousand acres of vacant public land within said State not heretofore withdrawn or reserved, and as nearly as practicable in one body and from lands which, according to the field notes of the Government surveyors, are third or fourth rate; which lands are hereby granted to said State of Minnesota for forestry purposes: *Provided*, That said selection of lands shall have the approval of the Secretary of the Interior: *And provided further*, That no tract shall be included in this grant which, in the opinion of the Forester of the United States Bureau of Forestry, should form a part of any United States forest reserve.

Provisos.
Selection.

Restriction.

Patent in fee simple issued to State.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to make accurate lists and plats of all such lands, and transmit the same to the governor of said State, to cause patents to be issued to said State therefor conveying to said State the fee simple of said lands: *Provided*, That this Act shall not prejudice any adverse claim to any of said lands: *And provided further*, That the land hereby granted shall be cared for and managed by the State of Minnesota, and shall be used for forestry purposes only; and if the said land, or any part thereof, shall cease to be so used the said lands or such part shall revert to the United States and become a part of the public domain.

Provisos.
Adverse claims not affected.
Lands to be used for forestry purposes only.

Approved, April 28, 1904.