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CHAP. 211.—An Act To encourage the development of coal deposits in the Territory of Alaska.

Alaska.
Development of coal deposits in.
Consolidation of claims, etc., permitted.
Limit of acreage.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all persons, their heirs or assigns, who have in good faith personally or by an attorney in fact made locations of coal land in the Territory of Alaska in their own interest, prior to November twelfth, nineteen hundred and six, or in accordance with circular of instructions issued by the Secretary of the Interior May sixteenth, nineteen hundred and seven, may consolidate their said claims or locations by including in a single claim, location, or purchase not to exceed two thousand five hundred and sixty acres of contiguous lands, not exceeding in length twice the width of the tract thus consolidated and for this purpose such persons, their heirs or assigns, may form associations or corporations who may perfect entry of and acquire title to such lands in accordance with the other provisions of law under which said locations were originally made:

Proviso.
Restriction.

Provided, That no corporation shall be permitted to consolidate its claims under this Act unless seventy-five per centum of its stock shall be held by persons qualified to enter coal lands in Alaska.

Preference right to purchase product for Army and Navy reserved.

SEC. 2. That the United States shall, at all times, have the preference right to purchase so much of the product of any mine or mines opened upon the lands sold under the provisions of this Act as may be necessary for the use of the Army and Navy, and at such reasonable and remunerative price as may be fixed by the President; but the producers of any coal so purchased who may be dissatisfied with the price thus fixed shall have the right to prosecute suits against the United States in the Court of Claims for the recovery of any additional sum or sums they may claim as justly due upon such purchase.

Price fixed by the President.
Litigation.

Unlawful trust, etc., forbidden.

SEC. 3. That if any of the lands or deposits purchased under the provisions of this Act shall be owned, leased, trusteed, possessed, or controlled by any device permanently, temporarily, directly, indirectly, tacitly, or in any manner whatsoever so that they form part of, or in any way effect any combination, or are in anywise controlled by any combination in the form of an unlawful trust, or form the subject of any contract or conspiracy in restraint of trade in the mining or selling of coal, or of any holding of such lands by any individual, partnership, association, corporation, mortgage, stock ownership, or control, in excess of two thousand five hundred and sixty acres in the district of Alaska, the title thereto shall be forfeited to the United States by proceedings instituted by the Attorney-General of the United States in the courts for that purpose.

Forfeiture.

Patents.

SEC. 4. That every patent issued under this Act shall expressly recite the terms and conditions prescribed in sections two and three hereof.

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CHAP. 212.—An Act To amend the laws relating to navigation, and for other purposes.

Navigation laws.
Entry, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-seven hundred and ninety-two of the Revised Statutes be, and is hereby, amended by adding thereto, thirty days after the passage of this Act, the following:

Vessels making triweekly trips exempt from fees.
R. S., sec. 2792, p. 541, amended.

"Any passenger vessel engaged triweekly or oftener in trade between ports of the United States and foreign ports shall be exempt from entrance and clearance fees and tonnage taxes while such service triweekly or oftener is maintained."