

twenty north; and the southwest quarter, the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter, and lots three and four of section twenty-one; and the northwest quarter, the west half of the northeast quarter, lots one, two, and three, and the northeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section twenty-eight; and the south half of lot three and all of lots four and five, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty-one; the south half of the south half of the northwest quarter, the south half of the south half of the northeast quarter, and lots one and two and the west half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter and the southwest quarter of section thirty-two; and the south half of lot two and all of lot three of section thirty-three, in township twenty-one north, all in range two east of the Willamette meridian, in the State of Washington, or any part thereof, to be regularly surveyed or subdivided into tracts or lots of twenty acres each, more or less, to conform as nearly as practicable to the existing local survey.

SEC. 2. That after said survey and the approval thereof by the Commissioner of the General Land Office the plat thereof shall be filed in the office of the register and receiver in the manner provided by law, and thereafter any settler who was in actual occupation of any portion of the lands described in section one hereof on the first day of January, nineteen hundred and ten, who made actual settlement thereon in good faith for the purpose of securing a home, and who has since maintained his claim thereto, or any one who has, since said date, succeeded to the occupation and interest of any such prior settler, his heirs or assigns, shall be entitled to purchase the lands so occupied, not exceeding twenty acres to each settler, according to the Government surveys and subdivisions thereof, upon payment to the Government of a sum equal to the amount of the appraised valuation of same; said appraisal to be made under the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, in accordance with regulations to be approved by him: *Provided*, That in making such appraisal no account shall be taken of roads, wharves, or other general improvements in connection with said lands, nor of any improvements made thereon, but the same shall be appraised as nearly as may be as they were at the time when first settled upon: *And provided further*, That payment to the Government may be made in one sum, or one-tenth cash and the balance in nine equal annual installments, with interest at four per centum per annum, as the purchaser may elect: *Provided*, That any purchaser under the provisions of this section shall not thereafter have the right to make a homestead entry.

SEC. 3. That the following-described land, being a part of abandoned military reservation numbered twenty-four, is hereby granted to school district numbered seventy-one, of Pierce County, State of Washington, to wit: The east half of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section thirty-two in township twenty-one of range two east of the Willamette meridian, in the State of Washington, upon payment therefor to the United States of \$2.50 per acre.

SEC. 4. That if application to purchase any of the lands described in section one hereof be not filed with the Commissioner of the General Land Office, under the provisions of section two hereof, within one year after the approval of regulations for purchase, then, in that event, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized to dispose of such remaining lands under the provisions of the Act of Congress of July fifth, eighteen hundred and eighty-four, entitled "An Act to provide for the disposal of abandoned and useless military reservations."

Approved, July 3, 1916.

Opened to settlement.

Rights of present occupants to purchase.

Provisos.
Appraisal.

Payments.

No homestead right thereafter.

Pierce County, Wash.
Grant of land for school district.

Payment.
Disposal of unsold lands.

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