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Old River Company may dam, etc.

is hereby granted for the Old River Company, of the State of Texas, to construct a lock and dam in Old River at some suitable point, to be approved by the Secretary of War, and to make a cut or canal at the head of Pickett Bayou into Trinity River and dredge out and deepen the natural shoaled channel between Pickett Bayou and Old River, subject in each respect to the approval of the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That said lock and dam and other alterations shall be made, maintained, and operated wholly without expense to the United States, and in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Chief of Engineers and the Secretary of War: *Provided further*, That no toll shall be imposed at any time for the passage of any craft through said lock or through said canals or cuts.

Provisos.
Maintenance, etc.

Tolls forbidden.

Time limit.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall be null and void unless the privilege hereby granted shall be availed of within two years from the date hereof: *Provided*, That no dam constructed under the consent hereby granted shall be used to develop water power, nor to generate electricity, but the use of all the improvements to be constructed shall be limited to irrigation.

Proviso.
Use limited to irrigation.

Amendment.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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[Public, No. 334.]

CHAP. 106.—An Act To authorize the contesting and cancellation of certain homestead entries, and for other purposes.

Oklahoma.
Kiowa, etc., pasture reserves.
Cancellation of certain homestead entries in.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the homestead entries made for pasture and wood reserve lands in the Kiowa, Comanche, and Apache Reservations, in the State of Oklahoma, opened to settlement and entry upon sealed bids, as authorized by the Act of June fifth, nineteen hundred and six (Thirty-fourth United States Statutes at Large, page two hundred and thirteen), be, and the same are hereby, made subject to contest, upon charges alleging that the entryman never established residence upon the land, or that having established such residence he failed to maintain same, or to improve and cultivate the land in accordance with law; and upon proof sustaining such charges, submitted in accordance with the rules of practice, the entries will be canceled and the money paid by the entrymen in default will be forfeited: *Provided*, That any person who has been residing upon the land for at least two years prior to the cancellation of such entry, and if there be no such settler, then the successful contestant, shall, if qualified to make a homestead entry, have a preference right for a period of sixty days from notice, to make a homestead entry for the land, paying therefor the price bid by the original entryman, or a price to be fixed by appraisement upon the applicant's request, the improvements made by such settler not to be taken into consideration in making such appraisement: *Provided further*, That should there be two settlers on a tract, the land will be partitioned to them upon mutual agreement, or will be sold to the settler submitting the highest bid at a public offering: *And provided further*, That payment for the land shall be made in four equal installments, one installment at the date of entry, and the other installments in one, two, and three years thereafter: *And provided further*, That failure to comply with the homestead law or to make the annual payment when due in the case of any entry under this Act shall be a sufficient cause for the cancellation of the entry and the forfeiture of the money paid: *And provided further*, That any vacant lands in the wood and pasture reserves in said Indian reservations, opened to entry under said Act of June fifth, nineteen hundred and six,

Provisos.
Preference for new entries.

Partition of tracts.

Payment in installments.

Forfeiture for failure, etc.

Sale of vacant lands.

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for which no preference right of entry exists, as herein provided, or under the Act of June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six (Thirty-fourth Statutes at Large, page five hundred and fifty), shall be subject to sale at public auction to the highest bidder under rules and regulations to be provided by the Secretary of the Interior: *And provided further*, That the moneys received from the sale of the lands under this Act shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States, shall draw interest, and be administered in accordance with the provisions of section two of said Act of June fifth, nineteen hundred and six.

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Disposal of proceeds.

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CHAP. 107.—An Act To add certain lands to the Minam National Forest, Oregon.

Minam National Forest, Oreg.
Lands added to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following described lands be, and the same are hereby, included in and made a part of the Minam National Forest, subject to all prior valid adverse rights, and that said lands shall hereafter be subject to all laws affecting national forests: Sections thirty-four and thirty-five, the north half of section thirty-six, township seven south, range forty-three east, and sections two and three, township eight south, range forty-three east, all of Willamette meridian, in Oregon.

Approved, March 3, 1919.

March 3, 1919.
[H. R. 11219.]
[Public, No. 336.]

CHAP. 108.—An Act Providing for the appraisal and sale of the Gig Harbor abandoned military reservation in the State of Washington, and for other purposes.

Gig Harbor Military Reservation, Wash.
Survey, subdivision, etc., of abandoned.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Gig Harbor abandoned military reservation in sections five and eight, all in township twenty-one north, range two east, Willamette meridian, in the county of Pierce and in the State of Washington, be caused by the Department of the Interior to be surveyed and subdivided into tracts and lots to conform as far as practicable to the tracts and lots lawfully occupied by the tenants thereon on December fifth, nineteen hundred and seventeen.

Occupants under leases entitled to purchase tracts at appraised value.

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 lawful lessee in actual occupancy on December fifth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, of any portion of the lands described in section one hereof who made actual settlement thereon in good faith under the terms of a lease by the War Department, or a sublease thereunder on said date, or the heirs or assignees of such lessee or sublessee, shall be entitled to purchase for the appraised value one of such surveyed tracts so occupied, no right of purchase of such lessee or sublessee to exceed the lands actually occupied and improved by him on December fifth, nineteen hundred and seventeen, and in no case exceeding ten acres in a body, according to Government surveys and subdivisions thereof, upon the payment to the Government of a sum of money equal to the appraisal value thereof, such appraisement to be made as provided by law: *Provided*, That in making such appraisement the appraisers shall not include the improvements thereon made by the occupants of such lands: *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,

Maximum area.

Provisos.
Improvements.

Payment in installments.