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of officers and civilian employees as may be authorized by the Secretary of the Navy.

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[S. 4344.]
[Public, No. 423.]

CHAP. 669.—An Act To provide for the permanent withdrawal of Memaloose Island in the Columbia River for the use of the Yakima Indians and Confederated Tribes as a burial ground.

Memaloose Island, Oreg.
Withdrawn for a burial ground of Yakima, etc., Indians, Wash.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Memaloose Island in the Columbia River, described as lot 2 of section 16, township 2 north, range 14 east of the Willamette meridian in Oregon, be, and is hereby, withdrawn from entry, sale, or other disposition and set aside for the use of the Yakima Indians and Confederated Tribes as a burial ground: *Provided*, That the grave and monument of Victor Trevitt on said island shall remain undisturbed.

Proviso.
Grave, etc., of Victor Trevitt to be undisturbed.

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June 25, 1926.
[S. 1821.]
[Public, No. 424.]

CHAP. 674.—An Act Authorizing investigations by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly to determine the location, extent, and mode of occurrence of potash deposits in the United States, and to conduct laboratory tests.

Potash deposits.
Amount authorized for determining location, etc., of.
Post, pp. 1057, 1220.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of $100,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1927, and a similar amount for each succeeding fiscal year for four years, to be expended as may be mutually agreed upon by the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce for the purpose of determining the location, extent, and mode of occurrence of potash deposits in the United States and conducting the necessary laboratory tests incident thereto.

Cooperation under formal agreements with individuals, etc.
Post, p. 1388.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly are hereby authorized, within their discretion, to cooperate under formal agreement with individuals, associations, corporations, States, municipalities, educational institutions, or other bodies, for the purposes of this Act: *Provided*, That before undertaking drilling operations upon any tract or tracts of land the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly, shall enter into a contract or contracts with the owners or lessees, or both, of the mineral rights therein, which contract shall provide, among other things, that not more than the actual cost of the exploration shall constitute a preferred claim in favor of the United States and its cooperators against any minerals developed; and the aforesaid contract or contracts shall provide that the owners or lessees, or both, of said lands and/or mineral rights within the radius hereinafter mentioned, shall pay to the Government and its cooperators an amount equal to the actual costs of said explorations, said payments to be made at such time or times, in such manner, and in such proportions as said Secretaries may, in their discretion, determine to be equitable: *Provided further*, That such contract shall not restrict the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce jointly in the choice of drilling locations within the property or in the conduct of the exploratory operations, so long as such selections or conduct do not interfere unreasonably with the use of the surface of the land or with the improvements thereon, and such contract shall provide that the United States and its cooperators shall not

Provisos.
Contracts with owners, etc., of lands before commencing drilling.

Conditions.

Payment of costs of exploration.

No restriction on drilling locations, etc.

Conditions.