

count or interest shall be charged on money so advanced; and that the Secretary of the Treasury may at any time withdraw the said deposite, or any part thereof, or may, at his discretion, allow the coins formed at the mint to be given for their equivalent in other money: *Provided*, That the bonds given by the United States treasurers and superintendents of the mint shall be renewed or increased at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, under the operation of this act.

APPROVED, May 23, 1850.

Proviso.

CHAP. XVI.—*An Act authorizing the Negotiation of Treaties with the Indian Tribes in the Territory of Oregon, for the Extinguishment of their Claims to Lands lying west of the Cascade Mountains, and for other Purposes.*

June 5, 1850.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be authorized to appoint one or more commissioners to negotiate treaties with the several Indian tribes in the Territory of Oregon, for the extinguishment of their claims to lands lying west of the Cascade Mountains; and, if found expedient and practicable, for their removal east of said mountains; also, for obtaining their assent and submission to the existing laws regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes in the other Territories of the United States, so far as they may be applicable to the tribes in the said Territory of Oregon; the compensation to such commissioner or commissioners not to exceed the rate heretofore allowed for similar services.

Commissioners to be appointed, and their duties defined.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a Superintendent of Indian Affairs for the Territory of Oregon, who shall receive an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars, and whose duty it shall be to exercise a general superintendence over all the Indian tribes in Oregon, and to exercise and perform all the powers and duties assigned by law to other superintendents of Indian affairs.

Superintendent of Indian Affairs for Oregon to be appointed.

Salary.
Duty.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the act to establish the territorial government of Oregon, approved the eleventh [14th] August, 1848, as requires the governor of said Territory to perform the duties of Superintendent of Indian Affairs, and authorizes him to receive a salary therefor, in addition to the salary allowed for his services as governor, be repealed; and that the governor of said Territory shall hereafter receive an annual salary of three thousand dollars.

Part of former act repealed.

1848, ch. 177.

Governor of Oregon's salary, \$3,000.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint one or more Indian agents, not exceeding three, as he shall deem expedient, each of whom shall receive an annual salary of fifteen hundred dollars, give bond as now required by law, and perform all the duties of agent to such tribe or tribes of Indians in the Territory of Oregon as shall be assigned to him by the superintendent to be appointed by the provisions of this act, under the direction of the President.

Indian agents to be appointed.

Salaries and duties.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the law regulating trade and intercourse with the Indian tribes east of the Rocky Mountains, or such provisions of the same as may be applicable, be extended over the Indian tribes in the Territory of Oregon.

Laws to be extended over Indian tribes specified.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, June 5, 1850.