

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the Relief of the Inhabitants of Cities and Towns upon the public Lands," approved March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.*

June 8, 1868.
1867, ch. 177.
Vol. xiv. p. 541.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the inhabitants of any town located on the public land of the United States may avail themselves, if the town authorities elect so to do, of the provisions of the act of March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the public lands." *Provided,* This act shall not prevent the issuance of patents to persons who have made, or may make, entries and elect to proceed under existing laws: *And provided further,* That no title under said act of March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, shall be acquired to any valid mining claim or possession held under the existing laws of Congress: *Provided also,* That in addition to the minimum price of the lands included in any town site entered under the provisions of this act and "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of cities and towns upon the public lands," approved March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, there shall be paid by the parties availing themselves of the provisions of said acts all costs of surveying and platting any such town site, and expenses incident thereto, incurred by the United States, before any patent shall issue therefor.

Inhabitants of towns, &c. may enter public lands occupied as town sites at minimum price, &c. if authorities so elect to do.

Patents to issue to those making entries under existing laws.

No title given to valid mining claim.

Costs of survey, &c. to be paid.

APPROVED, June 8, 1868.

CHAP. LIV.—*An Act to extend the Time for completing the military Road authorized by an Act entitled "An Act granting Lands to the States of Michigan and Wisconsin to aid in the Construction of a military Road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, Kewenaw County, in the State of Michigan, to Fort Howard, Green Bay, in the State of Wisconsin."*

June 8, 1868.
1863, ch. 104.
Vol. xii. p. 797.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for completing the military road, and for the sales of lands, authorized by an act entitled "An act granting lands to the States of Michigan and Wisconsin to aid in the construction of a military road from Fort Wilkins, Copper Harbor, Kewenaw county, in the State of Michigan, to Fort Howard, Green Bay, in the State of Wisconsin," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, be, and the same is hereby, extended to March first, eighteen hundred and seventy.

Time of completing military road, &c. extended.

APPROVED, June 8, 1868.

CHAP. LV.—*An Act to further provide for giving Effect to the various Grants of public Lands to the State of Nevada.*

June 8, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the State of Nevada is authorized to select the alternate even-numbered sections within the limits of any railroad grant in said State, in satisfaction, in whole or in part, of the several grants made in the following acts of Congress, to wit: the act organizing the Territory of Nevada, passed March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one; the act admitting the State of Nevada into the Union, passed March twenty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and the act concerning certain lands granted to Nevada, passed July fourth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six: *Provided,* That this privilege shall not extend to lands upon which there may be rightful claims under the pre-emption and homestead laws: *And provided,* That if lands be selected, the minimum price of which is two dollars and fifty cents per acre, each acre so selected shall be taken by the State in satisfaction of two acres, the minimum price of which is one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *And provided further,* That the lands granted in the eighth and ninth sections of the said act admitting Nevada into the Union shall be selected within four years from the passage of this act, and the period for the selection of said lands is hereby so extended.

Selection of lands by Nevada under railroad grants by Congress.

1864, ch. 36.
Vol. xiii. p. 30.
1866, ch. 166.
Vol. xiv. p. 85.

Pre-emption and homestead.

Land taken at minimum price of \$ 2.50 per acre to equal two acres at \$ 1.25 per acre.

Certain selections when to be made.

Agricultural college lands. 1862, ch. 130. Vol. xii. p. 503. 1866, ch. 209. Vol. xiv. p. 208.

Land district created.

Location of office. Boundaries and locations of land office may be changed.

Selection of agricultural college lands by California.

Limitation upon such selection.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands known and designated for the establishment of an agricultural college by the act of July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and the acts amendatory thereto, shall be selected in the same manner and of the same character of lands as may be selected in satisfaction of any other grants referred to in the first section of this act. But this act shall not authorize the selection of lands valuable for mines of gold, silver, quicksilver, or copper.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the county of Esmeralda, in the State of Nevada, and the counties of Mono and Inyo, in the State of California, are hereby created a land district; and the land office for such district shall be located at Aurora, in Esmeralda county; and the President shall be authorized hereafter, from time to time, as circumstances may require, to adjust the boundaries of any and all of the land districts in said State, and change the location of the land office from time to time, when the same shall be expedient.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands granted to the State of California for the establishment of an agricultural college by the act of July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and acts amendatory thereto, may be selected by said State from any lands within said State subject to pre-emption and sale: *Provided*, that this privilege shall not extend to lands upon which there may be rightful claims under the pre-emption and homestead laws, nor to mineral lands: *And provided further*, That if lands be selected as aforesaid, the minimum price of which is two dollars and fifty cents per acre, each acre so selected shall be taken by the State in satisfaction of two acres, the minimum price of which is one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *And provided further*, That such selections shall be made in every other respect subject to the conditions, restrictions, and limitations contained in the acts hereby modified.

APPROVED, June 8, 1868.

June 17, 1868.

CHAP. LXI. — *An Act making Appropriations for the naval Service for the Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.*

Navy appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine:

Pay of officers and seamen.

For pay of commission, warrant, and petty officers, and seamen, eight million dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary.

Preservation of vessels, materials, stores, repairs, &c.

For preservation of wood and iron vessels and ships in ordinary, and for those that are on the stocks; vessels for the naval academy; for purchase of material and stores of all kinds; labor in navy yards; tools, transportation of material, repair of vessels, and maintenance of the navy afloat, three million dollars.

Bureau of yards and docks.

Bureau of Yards and Docks. — For contingent expenses that may accrue for the following purposes, viz.

For freight and transportation; for printing, advertising, and stationery; for books, models, and drawings; for the purchase and repair of fire engines; for machinery of every description; for purchase and maintenance of oxen and horses, and driving teams; for carts, timber-wheels, and workmen's tools; for telegrams and postage of letters on public service; for furniture for government offices and houses; for candles, oil, and gas; for cleaning and clearing up yards; for flags, awnings, and packing boxes; for rent of landings; for tolls and ferriages; for coal and other fuel; for water tax and for rent of stores, eight hundred thousand dollars.

Navy yard at Portsmouth;

Navy Yard at Portsmouth, New Hampshire. — For the necessary repairs of all kinds, fifty thousand dollars.

Boston.

Navy Yard at Boston. — For repairs of buildings, and repairs of all kinds, one hundred thousand dollars.