

March 2, 1889.

**CHAP. 418.**—An act to amend sections forty-four hundred and eighty-eight and forty-four hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes requiring life-saving appliances on steamers.

Life-saving appliances on steamers.  
R. S., secs. 4488, 4489, p. 868, amended.  
To provide line-carrying projectiles.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That sections forty-four hundred and eighty-eight and forty-four hundred and eighty-nine of the Revised Statutes shall be amended by inserting after the words "life preservers," wherever they occur, the words "line-carrying projectiles, and the means of propelling them."

Effect.

**SEC. 2.** This act to take effect February first, eighteen hundred and ninety.

Approved March 2, 1889.

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**CHAP. 419.**—An act for establishing a light at the mouth of Otter Creek, Lake Champlain and for other purposes.

Light-houses, etc.  
Otter Creek, Vt.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a light be established at or near the mouth of Otter Creek, Lake Champlain, in the State of Vermont, at a cost not to exceed one thousand dollars. Also that a site be purchased, and a light house and fog signal be constructed, on Patos Island, Washington Territory, at a cost not to exceed twelve thousand dollars.

Patos Island, Wash.

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**CHAP. 420.**—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to convey to the State of Kansas certain lands therein.

Kansas.

Part of Fort Dodge reservation may be sold to.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized to sell and convey to the State of Kansas the following-described lands, being the remaining portion of the Fort Dodge Military Reservation in said State, to wit: Lots numbered three, five, six, and seven of section three, township twenty-seven south, of range twenty-four west, on condition that said State shall, within twelve months from the passage of this act, pay or cause to be paid therefor the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, and shall within three years establish and provide for the maintenance thereon a home in which provision shall be made for the care and maintenance of officers, soldiers, sailors, and marines, who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States, their dependent parents, widows, or orphans, and under such rules and regulations as said State may provide.

Price.

To be used for soldiers', etc., home.

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**CHAP. 421.**—An act for the disposition of the agricultural lands embraced within the limits of the Pipestone Indian Reservation in Minnesota.

Red Pipestone Indian Reservation, Minn.

Appraisal of lands to be made.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to appoint three discreet persons, at least one of whom shall be a resident and freeholder of the State of Minnesota, to appraise and report to him the actual value, exclusive of improvements, of all the lands embraced within the exterior limits of the Red Pipestone Indian Reservation in the State of Minnesota, save and except the southwest quarter of section one, in township one hundred and six north, of range forty-six west, and also the actual value of the strip of land one hundred feet in width

over and across said reservation, now occupied by the Cedar Rapids, Iowa Falls and Northwestern Railway Company, as well as the damage to the balance of the lands of said reservation by reason of the taking and occupying of said strip for railroad purposes; and said commissioners shall also appraise and report the value of any improvements that may be found on any of said lands with the name of the person who made the same.

Right of way reserved.

SEC. 2. That any person who has heretofore resided on and made improvements on any of said lands, but who was compelled by the military authorities of the United States to abandon the same, shall be entitled to the prior right for the period of six months after the filing of the said report, to enter and purchase the land (not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres) so occupied and improved by such person at the price at which the same was appraised by said commissioners, exclusive of improvements. But if the person entitled to make such purchase shall fail to avail himself of his prior right within the time stated, then the Secretary of the Interior shall cause said lands, or such thereof as remain unentered, to be sold to the highest bidder, and at a price not less than the appraised valuation of such lands and improvements; such sale to be held at the local land office for the district in which they are located; and the said railroad company shall be entitled to enter and purchase the aforesaid strip of land of the width aforesaid, now occupied by its road-bed by paying the amount so assessed as the value thereof together with the amount of damages assessed as aforesaid.

Prior right to former dispossessed settlers.

Auction sale of land

SEC. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force and authorize the entry and sale of the said right of way, or of any tract or parcel of land so appraised, so soon as, and not until, a majority of the adult male Indians of the Yankton tribe of Sioux Indians consent to the entry and sale of such right of way, or of said appraised lands, or of any part of the same. And if said Indians shall at any future time consent in the manner above stated, to the sale or disposal of any tract or parcel of said appraised land, to the sale of which their consent had not theretofore been given, such tract or parcel shall then be sold in the manner hereinbefore provided. Patents shall be issued in due form for any lands, or the right of way, entered or sold by virtue of this act, and the moneys arising from the sale of said land, right of way, and damages, after deducting the expense of said appraisal, shall be covered into the annuity fund of said Indians, or expended in such manner as the Indians may determine, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior; that the commissioners hereunder shall be paid the sum of five dollars per day for the time actually occupied in performing the duties conferred upon them by this act; *Provided*, That any officer or employee of the Government detailed to act as commissioner shall be paid his actual and necessary traveling and other expenses only.

Consent of Indian requisite.

Patents to issue.

Proceeds.

Compensation.

*Proviso.*  
Employees of the Government.

SEC. 4. That there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to defray the expense of procuring the consent of said Indians, and to pay said commissioners.

Appropriation for expenses.

Approved, March 2, 1889.

CHAP. 422.—An act to provide for allotment of land in severalty to United Peorias and Miamies in Indian Territory, and for other purposes.

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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 provisions of chapter One hundred and Nineteen of the acts of eighteen hundred and eighty seven, entitled "An act to provide for the allotment of lands in severalty to Indians on the various reservations,

Lands in severalty to Wea, Peoria, Kaskaskia, Piankeshaw, and Western Miami Indians.  
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