

of aiding in the construction of railroads, and for other purposes," approved September twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that the period within which settlers, purchasers, and others under the provisions of said act may make application to purchase lands forfeited thereby or to make or move to perfect any homestead entries which are preserved or authorized under said act when such period begins to run from the passage of the act shall begin to run from the date of the promulgation by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the instructions to the officers of the local land offices, for their direction in the disposition of said lands: *Provided*, That nothing herein shall extend any time or enlarge any rights given by said act to any railroad company.

Extension of time limit for homestead entries, etc.

*Ante*, pp. 496, 497 amended.

Time limit.

*Proviso*.

Railroad rights.

Approved, February 18, 1891.

**CHAP. 248.**—An act to provide for the selection of a site for a military post at San Diego, California, and for other purposes.

February 21, 1891.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause an examination to be made for a suitable site for a military post and harbor defenses at or near the city of San Diego, in the State of California, and to report to Congress a particular description of the land required for such purposes and the amount of money for which the owners of such land will convey the same to the United States for the purposes aforesaid. He shall further report what in his opinion is the value of such land, and if the price asked for the same is reasonable.

San Diego, Cal. Military post and harbor defenses. Site.

Examination and report.

Appraisalment.

Approved, February 21, 1891.

**CHAP. 249.**—An act to amend act authorizing Choctaw Coal and Railway Company to construct road through Indian Territory.

February 21, 1891.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provisions of an act approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, authorizing the Choctaw Coal and Railway Company to construct and operate a railway through the Indian Territory, and for other purposes, shall be extended for a period of two years, from February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, so that said company shall have until February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, to build its railway, under the provisions of said act and the act amendatory thereof, approved February thirteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine.

Right of way. Choctaw Coal and Railway Company through Indian Territory.

Extension of time for construction, etc., of railway.

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Approved, February 21, 1891.

**CHAP. 250.**—An act to amend section forty-one hundred and seventy-eight, Revised Statutes, in relation to the marking of vessels' names at bow and stern; and also to provide for marking the draft.

February 21, 1891.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section forty-one hundred and seventy-eight, of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended to read entire as follows:

Vessels' names and draught to be marked at bow and stern, etc. R. S., Sec. 4178, p. 805, amended.

Names.

"**SEC. 4178.** The name of every documented vessel of the United States shall be marked upon each bow and upon the stern, and the

Home port.	home port shall also be marked upon the stern. These names shall be painted, or carved and gilded, in Roman letters in a light color on a dark ground, or in a dark color on a light ground, and to be distinctly visible. The smallest letters used shall not be less in size than four inches. If any vessels of the United States shall be found without these names being so marked the owner or owners shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollars for each name omitted: <i>Provided, however,</i> That the names on each bow may be marked within the year eighteen hundred and ninety-one."
Penalty.	
<i>Proviso.</i>	
Limit of time.	
Draught.	SEC. 2. The draught of every registered vessel shall be marked upon the stem and stern post, in English feet or decimeters, in either Arabic or Roman numerals. The bottom of each numeral shall indicate the draught to that line.
Safe loading draught to be certified by owner, etc.	The owner, agent, or master of every inspected sea-going steam or sail vessel shall indicate the draught of water at which he shall deem his vessel safe to be loaded for the trade she is engaged in, which limit as indicated shall be stated in the vessel's certificate of inspection, and it shall be unlawful for such vessel to be loaded deeper than stated in said certificate.
Not to be exceeded.	

Approved, February 21, 1891.

February 21, 1891. **CHAP. 251.**—An act to constitute Nashville, Tennessee, a port of delivery, and for other purposes.

Nashville, Tenn. Established a port of delivery. Immediate transportation privileges. Vol. 21, p. 174.	<i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i> That Nashville, in the State of Tennessee, be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery; and that the privileges of immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise, conferred by the act of June the tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An act to amend the Statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods; and for other purposes," be, and the same are, extended to said port, and there shall be appointed a surveyor of customs for said port, to reside at such port, who shall receive a salary, to be determined in amount by the Secretary of the Treasury, not exceeding one thousand dollars.
Surveyor. Compensation.	

Approved, February 21, 1891.

February 21, 1891. **CHAP. 252.**—An act to facilitate the collection of commercial statistics required by section two of the river and harbor appropriation acts of eighteen hundred and sixty-six and eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.

Commercial statistics at river and harbor works. Vol. 14, pp. 73, 421. Vessel owners, etc., must furnish statement.	<i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i> That owners, agents, masters, and clerks of vessels arriving at or departing from localities where works of river and harbor improvement are carried on shall furnish, on application of the persons in local charge of the works, a comprehensive statement of vessels, passengers, freight, and tonnage.
Penalty.	SEC. 2. That every person or persons offending against the provisions of this act shall, for each and every offense, be liable to a fine of one hundred dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding two months, to be enforced in any district court in the United States within whose territorial jurisdiction such offense may have been committed.
Enforcement.	

Approved, February 21, 1891.