

Michigan at the time of such fires, upon claims under the laws of the United States, on lands of the United States, whose property and buildings were destroyed by such fires, and the heirs of all such persons who perished by such fires, and all persons who by reason of such fires and loss of property were obliged to leave their homesteads, are hereby granted two years' additional time in which to make final proof. And temporary absence for any period within two years from the date of this Act shall be deemed constructive possession and residence, but shall not be deducted from the time required to make final proof.

Homestead settlers in burnt districts, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Michigan, given two years for final proof.

SEC. 2. That all persons whose property was destroyed by such fires, and the heirs of all persons who were actual occupants of the homesteads at the time of the fire, and who lost their lives in and by that fire, may, by proving such actual occupancy at the date of such fires, make proof showing compliance with the law up to the date of the fire, and shall make payment at the minimum price under existing statutes, in the same manner as if such claimants were alive, and upon receipt of such proof of loss of property by such fires, or death of the claimant, heirs surviving, and upon payment as aforesaid, a patent shall be issued to such claimant, or his or her heirs.

Patents when property burned, etc.

SEC. 3. That the claimant upon any homestead, who by reason of not having lived thereon the necessary length of time to enable him to commute under section twenty-three hundred and one of the Revised Statutes as amended by the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, his heirs, executor, administrator, or guardian of his minor heirs, may, when the quantity of timber destroyed upon his or her homestead shall not exceed seventy-five thousand feet of merchantable green timber, file an estimate in the land office where such homestead was entered with such reasonable proofs as the Commissioner of Public Lands may prescribe, as to the quantity of timber destroyed upon any sectional subdivision, and thereupon the register and receiver may, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Lands, issue a license or permit to cut the burned timber on any homestead or sectional fraction thereof, upon payment of the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for such sectional subdivision, and the Government shall issue a patent for the same to the claimant or his or her heirs.

Permission to cut timber by persons losing by fires.
R. S., sec. 2301, p. 421.
Vol. 26, p. 1098.

Payment.

Approved, January 19, 1895.

CHAP. 36.—An Act To make disposition of the accretions upon the fund received by the Government of the United States upon the account of the payment of the Caracas awards of eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and to apply said accretions to the payment of the new awards made in eighteen hundred and eighty-nine and eighteen hundred and ninety under the Washington Commission.

January 21, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to apply all the accretions of the said fund to the payment of the said new awards, and to credit the Venezuelan Government on account of the said new awards with the said accretions as well as with the principal of the said funds.

Venezuelan claims. Accretions of former fund added to new award.
Vol. 16, p. 713.
Post, p. 1053.

Approved, January 21, 1895.

CHAP. 37.—An Act To permit the use of the right of way through the public lands for tramroads, canals, and reservoirs, and for other purposes.

January 21, 1895.

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 hereby is, authorized and empowered, under general regulations to be fixed by him, to permit the use of the right of way through the public lands of the United States, not within the limits of

Public lands. Right of way for tramroads, canals, and reservoirs.

R. S., sec. 2339, p. 429. any park, forest, military or Indian reservation, for tramroads, canals or reservoirs to the extent of the ground occupied by the water of the canals and reservoirs and fifty feet on each side of the marginal limits thereof; or fifty feet on each side of the center line of the tramroad, by any citizen or any association of citizens of the United States engaged in the business of mining or quarrying or of cutting timber and manufacturing lumber.

Approved, January 21, 1895.

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CHAP. 38.—An Act To provide for the measurement of vessels.

Shipping.
Register of vessels
may have space and
tonnage added.

Post, p. 743.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon application by the owner or master of an American vessel in foreign trade, collectors of customs, under regulations to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, are authorized to attach to the register of such vessels an appendix, stating separately, for use in foreign ports, the measurement of spaces and gross and net tonnage, according to the rules in force in the foreign nation for which said vessel may clear.

Approved, January 21, 1895.

January 22, 1895.

CHAP. 39.—An Act Authorizing the establishment of lights, fog signal, and beacon on the Kennebec River, Maine.

Kennebec River, Me.
Lights, etc., estab-
lished at certain
points.

Post, p. 915.

Proviso.
Cost limited.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be established on Kennebec River, Maine, a light, range lights, and fog signal at or near Doubling Point; a light at Ames Ledge; a light at or near the southwest point of Perkins Island; a light at or near Squirrel Point, and a day beacon on or near Ram Island; and that the Light-House Board be authorized to lease the land necessary for the sites of said aids to navigation, pending the acquisition of titles in the manner provided by law: *Provided,* That the cost of said lights, fog signal, and beacon, together with the sites, shall not exceed seventeen thousand dollars.

Approved, January 22, 1895.

January 25, 1895.

CHAP. 43.—An Act Making appropriations to supply urgent deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and for other purposes.

Urgent deficiencies
appropriations.

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 the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and for other objects hereinafter stated, namely:

Treasury Depart-
ment.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Contingent expenses.

For freight, expressage, telegraph and telephone service, three thousand two hundred dollars.

Transporting silver
coin.

TRANSPORTATION OF SILVER COIN: For transportation of silver coin, including fractional silver coin, by registered mail or otherwise, twenty thousand dollars; and in expending this sum the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed to transport from the Treasury or subtreasuries, free of charge, silver coin when requested to do so: