

said railway's right of way or may be by the proper authorities laid out across the same.

Condition of acceptance.

SEC. 11. That the said Fort Smith and Western Railroad Company shall accept this right of way upon the express condition, binding upon itself, its successors and assigns, that they will neither aid, advise, nor assist any effort looking toward the changing or extinguishing the present tenure of the Choctaw Indians or Creek Indians in their land, and will not attempt to secure from the Choctaw Nation or Creek Nation any further grant of land or its occupancy than is hereinbefore provided: *Provided*, That any violation of the condition mentioned in this section shall operate as a forfeiture of all the rights and privileges of said railway company under this Act.

*Proviso.*  
Violation of forfeit.

Record of mortgages.

SEC. 12. That all mortgages, deeds of trust, and other conveyances executed by said railway company, conveying any portion of its railway, telegraph, and telephone lines, with its franchises, that may be constructed in said Choctaw Nation and Creek Nation shall be recorded in the Department of the Interior, and the record thereof shall be evidence and notice of their execution and shall convey all rights and property of said company as therein expressed.

Amendment.

SEC. 13. That Congress may at any time amend, add to, alter, or repeal this Act.

Assignment, etc., of right of way.

SEC. 14. That the right of way herein and hereby granted shall not be assigned or transferred in any form whatever prior to the construction and completion of the road except as to mortgages or other liens that may be given or secured thereon to aid in the construction thereof.

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March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 454.—An Act Amending the Act entitled "An Act to allow the return free of duty of certain articles exported from the United States for exhibition purposes," approved May eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

Return, duty free, of animals taken abroad for exhibition with circuses, etc.  
Vol. 29, p. 122.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Act entitled "An Act to allow the return free of duty of certain articles exported from the United States for exhibition purposes," approved May eighteenth; eighteen hundred and ninety six, is hereby amended so as to include in the privilege of free entry conferred thereby wild and other animals of foreign origin taken abroad temporarily for exhibition in connection with any circus or menagerie, subject, however, to the conditions and limitations prescribed in said Act: *Provided, however*, That the provision of this amendment shall apply only in such cases as those of foreign-born animals taken abroad, and inventories of which are filed prior to their leaving the country with the collector of customs at the port of their departure.

*Proviso.*  
Inventories, etc.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 455.—An Act To provide a site for a building for the Washington Public Library.

District of Columbia.  
Site for Washington Public Library.  
Commission.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That authority is hereby conferred upon a commission, to consist of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the officer in charge of public buildings and grounds, and the president of the board of trustees of the Washington Public Library, to cause to be erected upon Mount Vernon square, in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, a building for the use of the Washington Public Library, with funds to be contributed by Andrew Carnegie: *Provided*, That such building shall be commenced within twelve months and completed within three years from the passage of this Act: *And provided further*, That no liability shall be incurred by the United States or the District of Columbia for the cost of the erection of said building.

*Proviso.*  
Commencement and completion.  
No liability to United States, etc.

SEC. 2. That said commission shall invite ten architects or firms of architects, of conspicuous ability and experience, to submit competitive designs for the said building, upon a carefully drawn programme, said competition to be adjudged by said commission acting with two other persons to be selected by the competing architects. The architect, or firm of architects, whose design shall thus be adjudged most acceptable shall be employed as architect of the building, to act under the direction of the office of construction hereinafter provided for, and to furnish all designs and drawings required for the construction of the building and personal services requisite for their artistic execution. Said architect shall receive as full compensation for the said designs, drawings, and personal services the sum of three per centum of the total cost of said building, to be paid from time to time as the work progresses; and all designs and drawings furnished by him for the said building shall become the property of the District of Columbia.

Designs, etc.

SEC. 3. That the construction of said building shall be placed in charge of an officer of the Government especially qualified for the duty, to be appointed by the aforesaid commission, who shall receive for his additional services an increase of forty per centum of his present salary, to be paid out of any available funds, and he shall disburse the funds under rules to be prescribed by the said commission, make all contracts, and employ all necessary personal services not herein otherwise provided for.

Supervisor of construction.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 456.—An Act To authorize the Washington and Gettysburg Railway Company, of Maryland, to extend its line of road into and within the District of Columbia.

March 3, 1899.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Washington and Gettysburg Railway Company, a corporation duly incorporated under the laws of the State of Maryland, is hereby authorized to construct a city and suburban division of said railway in the District of Columbia, with single or double tracks, equip and operate the same for the carrying of passengers, parcels, milk, garden truck, and other small freight, with the necessary switches, turn-outs, buildings, and necessary mechanical devices, along the following-named route:

Washington and Gettysburg Railway Company may extend road into District of Columbia.

ROUTE.

Beginning at the boundary line of the District of Columbia at the intersection of said boundary line with Fourteenth street northeast extended, as shown on the proposed plans of street extensions; thence by double track south on said Fourteenth street for a distance of eight hundred and fifty feet; thence in a westerly direction to Thirteenth street northeast extended, as shown on the plans of street extensions; thence south on Thirteenth street to the north line of Bunker Hill road; thence along the north side of said road, and wholly outside the limits thereof, to Twelfth street, Brookland; thence south by single track on Twelfth and Duncan streets to Rhode Island avenue; thence in a south-westerly direction on Rhode Island avenue to Tenth street; thence north on Tenth and Wallace streets to and across Bunker Hill road to the north side thereof; thence along said road and wholly outside thereof to Twelfth street, connecting with the double tracks at that point: *Provided*, That no freight cars or passenger cars shall be switched in the public streets of the District of Columbia, and that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby empowered to make and to enforce all proper regulations in regard to handling cars at terminal points.

Route.

*Proviso.* Switching freight cars, etc.

COINCIDING ROUTE.

SEC. 2. That where this route coincides with an existing street railway, one set of tracks shall be used in common, upon terms mutually

Coinciding route.