

December 18, 1897.

**CHAP. 2.**—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of War, in his discretion to purchase subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relief of people who are in the Yukon River country, to provide means for their transportation and distribution, and making an appropriation therefor.

Alaska.  
Relief of people in  
Yukon River country.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended (or so much thereof as may be necessary) in the discretion and under the direction of the Secretary of War for the purchase of subsistence stores, supplies, and materials for the relief of people who are in the Yukon River country, or other mining regions of Alaska, and to purchase transportation and provide means for the distribution of such stores and supplies: *Provided,* That with the consent of the Canadian Government first obtained, the Secretary of War may cause the relief herein provided for to be extended into Canadian territory.

*Proviso.*  
Canadian territory.

Sale of supplies, etc.

That the said subsistence stores, supplies, and materials may be sold in said country at such prices as shall be fixed by the Secretary of War, or donated, where he finds people in need and unable to pay for the same.

Use of Army; of  
reindeer, etc.

That the Secretary of War is authorized to use the Army of the United States in carrying into effect the provisions of this Act, and may, in his discretion, purchase and import reindeer and employ and bring into the country reindeer drivers or herders not citizens of the United States, or provide such other means of transportation as he may deem practicable. The said reindeer or other outfit may be sold and disposed of by the Secretary of War when he shall have no further use for them under the provisions of this Act, or he may turn over the same or any part thereof to the Department of the Interior, and the proceeds arising from all sales herein authorized shall be covered into the Treasury.

Report.

**SEC. 2.** The Secretary of War shall make report in detail to Congress at the beginning of its next regular session as to all purchases, employments, sales, and donations or transfers made under the provisions of this Act.

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**CHAP. 3.**—An Act Prohibiting the killing of fur seals in the waters of the North Pacific Ocean.

Fur seals.  
Killing, etc., in wa-  
ters of North Pacific  
Ocean forbidden.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That no citizen of the United States, nor person owing duty of obedience to the laws or the treaties of the United States, nor any person belonging to or on board of a vessel of the United States, shall kill, capture, or hunt, at any time or in any manner whatever, any fur seal in the waters of the Pacific Ocean north of the thirty-fifth degree of north latitude and including Bering Sea and the sea of Okhotsk.

Equipments, etc.,  
of vessels.

**SEC. 2.** That no citizen of the United States, nor person above described in section one, shall equip, use, or employ, or furnish aid in equipping, using, or employing, or furnish supplies to any vessel used or employed, or to be used or employed in carrying on or taking part in said killing, capturing, or hunting of fur seals in said waters, nor shall any vessel of the United States be so used or employed.

Penalty.

**SEC. 3.** That every person guilty of a violation of the provisions of this Act, or of any regulations made thereunder, shall, for each offense, be fined not less than two hundred dollars or more than two thousand dollars, or imprisoned not more than six months, or both; and every vessel, its tackle, apparel, furniture, and cargo, at any time used or employed in violation of this Act, or of the regulations made thereunder, shall be forfeited to the United States.

SEC. 4. That if any vessel of the United States shall be found within the waters to which this Act applies, having on board fur-seal skins or bodies of seals, or apparatus or implements suitable for killing or taking seals, it shall be presumed that such vessel was used or employed in the killing of said seals, or that said apparatus or implements were used in violation of this Act until the contrary is proved to the satisfaction of the court.

Presumption of violation of act.

SEC. 5. That any violation of this Act or of the regulations thereunder may be prosecuted either in the district court of Alaska or in any district court of the United States in California, Oregon, or Washington.

Jurisdiction of courts.

SEC. 6. That this Act shall not interfere with the privileges accorded to Indians dwelling on the coast of the United States under section six of the Act of April sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, but the limitations prescribed in said Act shall remain in full force.

Right of Indians to fish not affected. Vol. 28, p. 54.

SEC. 7. That this Act shall not affect in any way the killing or taking of fur seals upon the Pribilof Islands, or the laws of the United States relating thereto.

Pribilof Islands. R. S., sec. 1959, p. 344, etc.

SEC. 8. That any officer of the Naval or Revenue-Cutter Service of the United States, and any other officers duly designated by the President, may search any vessel of the United States in port or on the high seas suspected of having violated or of having an intention to violate the provisions of this Act, and may seize such vessel and the offending officers and crew and bring them into the most accessible port of the States and Territory mentioned in section five of this Act for trial.

Searching of suspected vessels.

SEC. 9. That the importation into the United States by any person whatsoever of fur-seal skins taken in the waters mentioned in this Act, whether raw, dressed, dyed, or manufactured, is hereby prohibited, and all such articles imported after this Act shall take effect shall not be permitted to be exported, but shall be seized and destroyed by the proper officers of the United States.

Prohibition of importation of fur-seal skins, etc.

SEC. 10. That the President shall have power to make all necessary regulations to carry this Act into effect.

Regulations by the President.

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CHAP. 4.—An Act To amend an Act granting to the Gila Valley, Globe and Northern Railway Company a right of way through the San Carlos Indian Reservation, in Arizona.

January 13, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section five of the Act entitled "An Act granting to the Gila Valley, Globe and Northern Railway Company a right of way through the San Carlos Indian Reservation, in the Territory of Arizona," approved February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that said section shall read as follows:

Gila Valley, Globe and Northern Ry. Co. Vol. 28, p. 666. Time extended for construction of road through San Carlos Indian Reservation.

"SEC. 5. That the right herein granted shall be forfeited by said company unless the road be constructed through the said reservation on or before February eighteenth, nineteen hundred."

Approved, January 13, 1898.

CHAP. 5.—An Act To confirm certain cash entries of public lands.

January 18, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all entries of the public lands made under the provisions of the Act entitled "An Act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators," approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, which are illegal and invalid because of the failure of the registers and

Public lands. Confirmation of certain cash entries. Vol. 10, p. 574.