

Loan of hospital
tents, etc.

Proviso.
Indemnity.

under the supervision of the said citizens' executive committee and in accordance with plans and designs to be approved by the Superintendent of the Capitol, the Commissioner of Public Buildings and Grounds, and the building inspector of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 6. That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to loan to the chairman of the medical department of the citizens' executive committee for said reunion, or his successor in said office, for the purpose of caring for the sick, injured, and infirm on the occasion of the said reunion, such hospital tents and camp appliances and other necessities, hospital furniture, and utensils of all descriptions, ambulances, horses, drivers, stretchers, and Red Cross flags and poles belonging to the Government of the United States as in his judgment may be spared and are not in use by the Government at the time of the encampment: *Provided*, That the said chairman, or his successor in said office, shall indemnify the War Department for any loss to such hospital tents and appliances as aforesaid not necessarily incident to such use.

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CHAP. 127.—Joint Resolution Authorizing the removal of the statue of Admiral Dupont in Dupont Circle in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and the erection of a memorial to Admiral Dupont in place thereof.

District of Columbia.
Memorial to Admiral
Dupont may be erected
in place of statue.

Provisos.
Disposal of present
statue.

Approval by Com-
mission of Fine Arts,
etc.

Area limited.

Time for erection.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to grant permission for the removal of the statue and pedestal and foundations of Admiral Dupont in Dupont Circle in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and the erection in place thereof within the circle of a memorial to said Admiral Dupont: *Provided*, That the present statue and pedestal may, after the completion of the memorial in place thereof, be turned over to the donors of the memorial for relocation outside the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That the site and design of the memorial shall be approved by the Commission of Fine Arts, and that the United States shall be put to no expense in or by the removal of the statue, pedestal, and foundations and the erection of said memorial, complete: *Provided further*, That no greater area in the said Dupont Circle shall be taken for the memorial herein authorized than the small circle now occupied by the statue of Admiral Dupont: *Provided further*, That if the erection of this memorial shall not be begun within three years from and after the passage of this joint resolution, the permission granted may, in the discretion of the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, be revoked at any time.

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Indian Reservations.
Agricultural entries
allowed for surface of
coal lands in.

CHAP. 133.—An Act To authorize agricultural entries on surplus coal lands in Indian reservations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in any Indian reservation heretofore or hereafter opened to settlement and entry pursuant to a classification of the surplus lands therein as mineral and nonmineral, such surplus lands not otherwise reserved or disposed of, which have been or may be withdrawn or classified as coal lands or are valuable for coal deposits, shall be subject to the same disposition as is or may be prescribed by law for the nonmineral lands in such reserva-

tion whenever proper application shall be made with a view of obtaining title to such lands, with a reservation to the United States of the coal deposits therein and of the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same: *Provided*, That such surplus lands, prior to any disposition hereunder, shall be examined, separated into classes the same as are the nonmineral lands in such reservations, and appraised as to their value, exclusive of the coal deposits therein, under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior for that purpose.

SEC. 2. That any applicant for such lands shall state in his application that the same is made in accordance with and subject to the provisions and reservations of this Act, and upon submission of satisfactory proof of full compliance with the provisions of law under which application or entry is made and of this Act shall be entitled to a patent to the lands applied for and entered by him, which patent shall contain a reservation to the United States of all the coal deposits in the lands so patented, together with the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

SEC. 3. That if the coal-land laws have been or shall be extended over lands applied for, entered, or patented hereunder the coal deposits therein shall be subject to disposal by the United States in accordance with the provisions of the coal-land laws in force at the time of such disposal. Any person qualified to acquire coal deposits or the right to mine and remove the coal under the laws of the United States shall have the right at all times to enter upon the lands applied for, entered, or patented under this Act for the purpose of prospecting for coal thereon, if such coal deposits are then subject to disposition, upon the approval by the Secretary of the Interior of a bond or undertaking to be filed with him as security for the payment of all damages to the crops and improvements on such lands by reason of such prospecting. Any person who has acquired from the United States the coal deposits in any such lands, or the right to mine or remove the same, may reenter and occupy so much of the surface thereof as may be required for all purposes reasonably incident to the mining and removal of the coal therefrom, and mine and remove the coal, upon payment of the damages caused thereby to the owner thereof, or upon giving a good and sufficient bond or undertaking in an action instituted in any competent court to ascertain and fix said damages: *Provided*, That the owner under such limited patent shall have the right to mine coal for personal use upon the land for domestic purposes at any time prior to the disposal by the United States of the coal deposits: *Provided further*, That nothing herein contained shall be held to deny or abridge the right to present and have prompt consideration of applications made under the applicable land laws of the United States for any such surplus lands which have been or may be classified as coal lands with a view of disproving such classification and securing a patent without reservation.

SEC. 4. That the net proceeds derived from the sale and entry of such surplus lands in conformity with the provisions of this Act shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the same fund under the same conditions and limitations as are or may be prescribed by law for the disposition of the proceeds arising from the disposal of other surplus lands in such Indian reservation: *Provided*, That the provisions of this Act shall not apply to the lands of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians in Oklahoma.

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Proviso.
Classification, appraisal, etc.

Conditions of applications.

Issue of conditional patent.

Coal deposits subject to laws in force.

Bond for prospecting.

Mining entries, etc., permitted.

Provisos.
Coal for personal use.

Application to disprove classification as coal lands.

Proceeds to credit of Indians.

Proviso.
Lands of Five Civilized Tribes excluded.