

tons register and less than one thousand, and within twenty working days if it is of one thousand tons register and less than fifteen hundred, and within twenty-five working days if it is of fifteen hundred tons register and upward, not including legal holidays and days when the condition of the weather prevents the unloading of the vessel with safety to its cargo, after the time within which the report of the master of any vessel is required to be made to the collector of the district, if there is found any merchandise other than has been reported for some other district or some foreign port, the collector shall take possession thereof; but with the consent of the owner or consignee of any merchandise, or with the consent of the owner or master of the vessel in which the same may be imported, the merchandise may be taken possession of by the collector after one day's notice to the collector of the district. All merchandise so taken shall be delivered pursuant to the order of the collector of the district, for which a certificate or receipt shall be granted."

Approved, May 9, 1896.

May 11, 1896.

CHAP. 167.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange in behalf of the United States the tract of land at Choctaw Point, Mobile County, Alabama, now belonging to the United States and held for light-house purposes, with the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Company for any other tract or parcel of land in said county equally well or better adapted to use for light-house purposes.

Choctaw Point
Light, Ala.
Exchange of site au-
thorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to exchange in behalf of the United States the tract of land at Choctaw Point, Mobile County, Alabama, belonging to the United States and held for light-house purposes, with the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Company for any other tract or parcel of land in said county which it may offer in exchange therefor and which shall be approved of by the Light-House Board as equally well or better adapted to use for light-house purposes and of equal value. And, upon making such exchange, the Secretary of the Treasury shall execute and deliver to said company a quitclaim deed for said Choctaw Point tract, and shall take from it a proper conveyance vesting in the United States title to the tract or parcel of land to be taken in exchange, together with delivery of possession of such tract, such title to be passed upon by the Attorney-General of the United States in the usual manner. And said tract or parcel of land so taken in exchange shall be held and used for light-house purposes: *Provided*, That the exchange herein provided for shall be without expense to the United States.

Deed.

Proviso.
Expense.

Approved, May 11, 1896.

May 11, 1896.

CHAP. 168.—An Act To provide for the disposal of public reservations in vacated town sites or additions to town sites in the Territory of Oklahoma.

Oklahoma.
Homestead entry
authorized on vacated
town sites.
Vol. 26, p. 91.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where a town site, or an addition to a town site, entered under the provisions of section twenty-two of an Act entitled "An Act to provide a temporary government for the Territory of Oklahoma, to enlarge the jurisdiction of the United States court in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes," approved May second, eighteen hundred and ninety, shall be vacated in accordance with the laws of the Territory of Oklahoma, and patents for the public reservations in such vacated town site, or addition thereto, have not been issued, it shall be lawful for the Commissioner of the General Land Office, upon an official showing that such town site, or addition thereto, has been vacated, and upon payment of

the homestead price for such reservations, to issue a patent for such reservations to the original entryman.

If the original entryman shall fail or neglect to make application for the reservations within six months from the vacation of such town site, or from the passage of this Act, the reservations shall be subject to disposal under the provisions of section twenty-four hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

SEC. 2. That if a patent has already issued, or shall hereafter issue, for any such reservation, to any town or municipality, such town or municipality, upon the vacation of the town site or addition thereto, as aforesaid, may sell the same at public or private sale to the highest bidder after thirty days' public notice of such sale, and convey said lands to the purchaser by proper deed of conveyance, and cover the proceeds of such sale into the school fund of such town or municipality: *Provided*, That where, by reason of the vacation of an entire town site and all its additions, the municipal organization has ceased to exist, the reservations in such vacated town site which may have been patented to the town may be disposed of as isolated tracts under the provisions of section twenty-four hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by the Act approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

SEC. 3. That all laws and parts of laws, in so far as they conflict with this Act, are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 11, 1896.

Sales in open market.

R. S., sec. 2455, p. 449. Vol. 28, p. 687.

Public sales of vacated lands.

Proviso. Sales of isolated tracts.

R. S., sec. 2455, p. 449. Vol. 28, p. 687.

Repeal.

CHAP. 169.—An Act To authorize and direct the Secretary of the Navy to donate one condemned cannon and four pyramids of condemned cannon balls to the cemetery association in the city of Saint Paul, Minnesota, to be used at or near the foot of the soldiers' monument in said cemetery.

May 11, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to donate one condemned cannon and four pyramids of condemned cannon balls to the cemetery association in the city of Saint Paul, Minnesota, for the purpose of placing the same at or near the monument erected to the memory of Union soldiers who are buried in the said cemetery: *Provided*, That in the judgment of the Secretary of the Navy such articles can be spared without detriment to the public interests: *And provided further*, That the United States shall not be subjected to any expense on account of such donation.

Condemned cannon. Donated to cemetery, St. Paul, Minn.

Provisos. Condition. Expense.

Approved, May 11, 1896.

CHAP. 175.—An Act Making provision for the deportation of refugee Canadian Cree Indians from the State of Montana and their delivery to the Canadian authorities.

May 13, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, the same to be immediately available, to enable the President, by employment of the Army or otherwise, to deport from the State of Montana and deliver at the international boundary line to the Canadian authorities, all refugee Canadian Cree Indians in said State.

Cree Indians. Appropriation for delivery to Canadian authorities.

Approved, May 13, 1896.