

Completion.

SEC. 5. That the rights herein granted shall be forfeited by said company unless the road shall be constructed through the said reservation and allotted lands within three years after the passage of this Act.

Railroad rights on public lands.

SEC. 6. That nothing herein contained shall restrict or impair the rights which said company may now have or hereafter acquire to the benefits and provisions of the Act of Congress approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act granting to railroads the right of way through the public lands of the United States."

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CHAP. 220.—An Act To provide for an appropriate National celebration of the establishment of the seat of Government in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.  
Celebration of establishment of seat of Government in.  
Committees to prepare plans.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* The President is authorized to appoint a committee from the country at large, of such number as he shall think proper, to act with any committees that may be appointed by the two Houses of Congress, or either of them, and with any committee that may be appointed from the citizens of the District of Columbia, who may prepare plans for an appropriate National celebration, in the year nineteen hundred, of the first session of Congress in the District and the establishment of the seat of Government therein. Said committee shall report their proceedings to the President, to be by him communicated to Congress.

Expenses.

SEC. 2. The actual expenses of the members of said committee so appointed by the President shall be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury on vouchers to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Appropriation.

SEC. 3. The sum of ten thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the second section of this Act.

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CHAP. 221.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to rent or lease certain portions of forest reserve.

Forest reserves.  
Authority conferred to lease grounds in, for hotels, etc.

*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, under such rules and regulations as he from time to time may make, to rent or lease to responsible persons or corporations applying therefor suitable spaces and portions of ground near, or adjacent to, mineral, medicinal, or other springs, within any forest reserves established within the United States, or hereafter to be established, and where the public is accustomed or desires to frequent, for health or pleasure, for the purpose of erecting upon such leased ground sanitariums or hotels, to be opened for the reception of the public. And he is further authorized to make such regulations, for the convenience of people visiting such springs, with reference to spaces and locations, for the erection of tents or temporary dwelling houses to be erected or constructed for the use of those visiting such springs for health or pleasure. And the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to prescribe the terms and duration and the compensation to be paid for the privileges granted under the provisions of this Act.

Regulations.

Funds to be used for care of forest reserves.

SEC. 2. That all funds arising from the privileges granted hereunder shall be covered into the Treasury of the United States as a special fund, to be expended in the care of public forest reservations.

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**CHAP. 222.**—An Act Providing for the sale of the surplus lands on the Pottawatomie and Kickapoo Indian reservations in Kansas, and for other purposes.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That with the consent of a majority of the chiefs, headmen and male adults of the Prairie band of Pottawatomie tribe of Indians and the Kickapoo tribe of Indians in the State of Kansas, expressed in open council by each tribe, the Secretary of the Interior be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to cause to be sold in trust for said Indians the surplus or unallotted lands of the reservations of the Pottawatomie tribe of Indians in Jackson County, Kansas, and the Kickapoo tribe of Indians in Brown County, Kansas. The said lands shall be appraised in tracts of one-half quarter section each by three competent commissioners, one of whom shall be selected by the two Indian tribes, and the other two shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That either tribe may consent to the sale of its own lands and select a commissioner without the consent of the other, and when one tribe does consent to the sale of its surplus lands the Secretary of the Interior shall proceed to sell the same.

Pottawatomie and Kickapoo Indian reservations, Kans. Sale authorized of surplus lands in.

Appraisalment.

*Proviso.*  
Consent of tribes.

**SEC. 2.** That after the appraisalment of said lands as herein provided the Secretary of the Interior shall be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to offer and sell the same through the United States public land office at Topeka, Kansas, at public sale, to the highest bidder: *Provided*, That no portion of such lands shall be sold at less than the appraised value thereof, and in no case for less than five dollars per acre, and to none except to heads of families or persons over twenty-one years of age. Each purchaser of said lands at such sale shall be entitled to purchase two half quarter sections and no more: *Provided*, That any member of either of said tribes of the age of twenty-one years may purchase not exceeding one quarter section of such lands at the appraised value. All purchasers shall pay one-third of the purchase price at the time said land is bid off, and if not paid immediately the bid shall be rejected and the land reoffered, and one-third in two years from the date of such sale, and one-third in four years from the date of sale, with interest on deferred payments at the rate of six per centum per annum; and all sums, when paid to the receiver of the public land office at Topeka, Kansas, shall, under rules prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior, be paid to such Indians upon the recognized rolls upon which moneys are paid them by the United States in other cases the said purchase money of such lands: *Provided*, That in the case of minors the money shall be placed in the Treasury of the United States and held for such minors, respectively, until they have attained the age of twenty-one years. No patents shall issue until all payments shall have been made; and on failure of any purchaser to make payment as required by this Act he shall forfeit the land purchased, and the same shall be subject to entry and sale at the appraised value thereof, or shall be again offered at public sale, as the Secretary of the Interior may determine.

Lands offered for public sale.

*Provisos.*  
—minimum price, etc.

—purchases by Indians.

Payment, etc.

Purchase money to be paid Indians.

—minors.

Patents.  
Forfeiture for non-payment.

Schools excepted.

**SEC. 3.** That there shall be excepted from the provisions of this Act the lands for two boarding or industrial schools located on these reservations, not exceeding three hundred and twenty acres for each school, the amount and location to be determined and designated, after the assent of the tribe or tribes, by the Secretary of the Interior.

Appropriation, reimbursable.

**SEC. 4.** That for the purpose of carrying this Act into effect the sum of two thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, which sum shall be reimbursed to the United States out of the proceeds of the sales of the lands made under the provisions hereof, each tribe to be charged only with the expenses attending the sale of its own lands.

**SEC. 5.** That before any of the surplus lands belonging to either of said tribes of Indians shall be sold under the provisions of this Act there shall be allotted by the Secretary of the Interior eighty acres to

Allotments to absentees, etc., to precede sale.