

land embraced in said survey: *Provided*, That there shall be reserved to the United States for the use of the public as a highway a strip of land sixty feet in width, parallel with and as near as may be practicable to the shore line of Shellikoff Straits; and for the purpose of allowing access by the public to the waters of Shellikoff Straits, a strip of land fifty feet in width across said survey shall also be reserved, to be located, as near as practicable, between corners seventeen and thirty of said survey, extending from Shellikoff Straits to the Karluk River, and not to interfere with any existing improvements; and upon payment of the price of two dollars and fifty cents per acre for said land, and submission of proof that said land embraces improvements of the claimant and is needed in the prosecution of its business, patent shall issue as in other cases under section ten of the Act of Congress approved May fourteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act extending the homestead laws and providing for right of way for railroads in the district of Alaska, and for other purposes;" but the limitation in said Act, that no entry shall extend along the water front for more than one hundred and sixty rods, shall not be held to apply to such entry of the Karluk Packing Company.

Proviso.
Reservation of highway.

Patent.

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Exemption, etc.

Approved, May 21, 1900.

CHAP. 487.—An Act To amend section three thousand and five of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

May 21, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three thousand and five of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended to read as follows:

Transportation in bond through the United States of merchandise for foreign countries.
R. S., sec. 3005, p. 579, amended.

"**SEC. 3005.** All merchandise arriving at any port of the United States destined for any foreign country may be entered at the customhouse, and conveyed, in transit, through the territory of the United States, without the payment of duties, under such regulations as to examination and transportation as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe."

SEC. 2. That the joint resolution entitled "Joint resolution in reference to the Free Zone along the northern frontier of Mexico and adjacent to the United States," approved March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and the full operation of section three thousand and five of the Revised Statutes as existing prior to the adoption of such joint resolution is hereby revived.

Mexican Free Zone.
Repeal.

Vol. 23, p. 973.

Approved, May 21, 1900.

CHAP. 489.—An Act To constitute Durham, North Carolina, a port of delivery in the customs collection district of Pamlico, and to extend the privileges of the seventh section of the Act of Congress approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, to said port.

May 22, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Durham, North Carolina, be, and is hereby, constituted a port of delivery in the customs collection district of Pamlico, and the privileges of the seventh section of the Act of Congress approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, governing the immediate transportation of dutiable merchandise without appraisement, are hereby extended to said port of Durham.

Durham, N. C.,
made port of delivery.

Immediate transportation privileges.
Vol. 21, p. 174.

Approved, May 22, 1900.

May 23, 1900.

CHAP. 541.—An Act To amend section eight hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, in relation to taking depositions de bene esse.

Depositions de bene esse.
R. S., sec. 864, p. 164, amended.

Mode of taking.

—typewriting.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight hundred and sixty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 864. Every person deposing as provided in the preceding section shall be cautioned and sworn to testify the whole truth, and carefully examined.

“His testimony shall be reduced to writing or typewriting by the officer taking the deposition, or by some person under his personal supervision, or by the deponent himself in the officer's presence, and by no other person, and shall, after it has been reduced to writing or typewriting, be subscribed by the deponent.”

Approved, May 23, 1900.

May 23, 1900.

CHAP. 542.—An Act To provide an American register for the steamer Esther, of New Orleans.

Steamer Esther granted American register.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steamer Phoenix, of Norway, purchased and wholly owned by an American citizen, and repaired by him, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

Approved, May 23, 1900.

May 24, 1900.

CHAP. 546.—An Act To amend section eight of the Act of Congress entitled “An Act to authorize the Fort Smith and Western Railroad Company to construct and operate a railway through the Choctaw and Creek nations, in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes.”

Right of way of Fort Smith and Western Railroad through Choctaw and Creek nations, Indian Territory.

Vol. 30, p. 1371, amended.
Maps of route to be filed.

Provisos.
—of first 30-mile section.

—remaining sections.

Bridges authorized.

Changes, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight of the Act to authorize the Fort Smith and Western Railroad Company to construct and operate a railway through the Choctaw and Creek nations, in the Indian Territory, and for other purposes, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

“SEC. 8. That said company shall cause maps, showing the route of its located lines through said nations, to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior and also to be filed in the office of the principal chiefs of said nations; and after the filing of said maps no claim for a subsequent settlement and improvement upon the right of way shown by said maps shall be valid as against said company: *Provided*, That when a map or maps of the first eighty miles of said line from Fort Smith to a crossing of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railroad at or near South Canadian shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior, the same may be approved by the Secretary of the Interior to authorize the commencement of construction of said eighty-mile section: *Provided further*, That a map or maps showing (sections of at least twenty-five miles in length) of the remaining portion of said line in the Indian Territory shall be filed with and approved by the Secretary of the Interior before the construction of any such said remaining section shall be commenced; and said company shall have the right to build in the line of said railroad a bridge across the Poteau River and bridges across the two forks of the Canadian River crossed by said line, but the plan of construction of said bridges shall be first approved by the Secretary of War: *Provided further*, That said railway com-