

Christian Associations of North America to erect and maintain, on the military reservations within the United States or its island possessions, such buildings as their work for the promotion of the social, physical, intellectual, and moral welfare of the garrisons may require, under such regulations as the Secretary of War may impose.

Approved, May 31, 1902.

CHAP. 944.—An Act To authorize the sale of a part of the Fort Niobrara Military Reservation, in the State of Nebraska.

May 31, 1902.

[Public, No. 182.]

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 he is hereby, authorized to sell to the village of Valentine, Nebraska, the northwest quarter of section twenty-nine, and the northeast quarter of section thirty, and the east one-half of the southeast quarter of section thirty, and the east half of section thirty-one, all in township thirty-four north of range twenty-seven west of the sixth principal meridian, Cherry County, State of Nebraska, now a part of the Fort Niobrara Military Reservation, for the sum of one thousand four hundred and forty dollars.

Fort Niobrara Military Reservation, Nebr.
Sale of part to Valentine authorized.

SEC. 2. That upon payment of said sum by the said village of Valentine the patent of the United States shall issue conveying the said lands to the said village in its corporate name, or to its duly constituted official board, as may be desired, and thereupon and thereafter title to the said land described shall be in said village of Valentine.

Conveyance.

Approved, May 31, 1902.

CHAP. 945.—An Act Granting homesteaders on the abandoned Fort Bridger, Fort Sanders, and Fort Laramie military reservations, and Fort Laramie Wood Reservation, in Wyoming, the right to purchase one quarter section of public land on said reservations as pasture or grazing land, and for other purposes.

May 31, 1902.

[Public, No. 133.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each person who has or may hereafter exercise the right of homestead entry on the abandoned Fort Bridger Reservation, or on the Fort Sanders, or the Fort Laramie abandoned military reservations, or the abandoned Fort Laramie Wood Reservation, to which the homestead laws are hereby extended, in the State of Wyoming, and is residing on said reservations under the provisions and requirements of the homestead law, or who is a resident and the owner in fee of one hundred and sixty acres thereon by purchase, shall, upon proper proof of settlement, homestead, or other legal title upon said reservations, be entitled to the right to purchase, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, not exceeding one quarter section of the public lands on said reservations as pasture or grazing land not otherwise disposed of: *Provided,* That land so purchased be unfitted for cultivation and homestead entry by reason of lack of water for irrigating purposes or otherwise: *And provided further,* That said purchase of pasture or grazing land shall not, with the land heretofore entered by the applicant, exceed in the aggregate three hundred and twenty acres.

Abandoned military reservations.
Homestead settlers on, may purchase pasture lands.

Provided.
Lands available.

Maximum holding.

Approved, May 31, 1902.

May 31, 1902.

[Public, No. 134.]

CHAP. 946.—An Act Providing that the statute of limitations of the several States shall apply as a defense to actions brought in the United States courts for the recovery of lands patented in severalty to members of any tribe of Indians under any treaty between it and the United States of America.

Lands in severalty to Indians. State statutes of limitations applicable in suits against.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all actions brought in any State court or United States court by any patentee, his heirs, grantees, or any person claiming under such patentee, for the possession or rents or profits of lands patented in severalty to the members of any tribe of Indians under any treaty between it and the United States of America, where a deed has been approved by the Secretary of the Interior to the land sought to be recovered, the statutes of limitations of the States in which said land is situate shall be held to apply, and it shall be a complete defense to such action that the same has not been brought within the time prescribed by the statutes of said State the same as if such action had been brought for the recovery of land patented to others than members of any tribe of Indians.

Limitation.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall not apply to any suits brought within one year from and after its passage.

Approved, May 31, 1902.

June 2, 1902.

[Public, No. 135.]

CHAP. 980.—An Act To authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to refund certain license taxes.

District of Columbia. Refund of license taxes erroneously collected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to refund to wholesale and retail liquor dealers who were engaged in business in said District on March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, moneys erroneously collected as license taxes for the license year ending October thirty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-three.

Payments.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the preceding section the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to adjust the amounts found to be equitably due by the accounting officers of the District, and pay the same out of the fund provided for the erroneous payment of taxes.

Approved, June 2, 1902.

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[Public, No. 136.]

CHAP. 981.—An Act Making appropriations to supply additional urgent deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and two.

Urgent deficiencies appropriations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in certain appropriations for the fiscal year nineteen hundred and two, namely:

Department of Justice.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE.

United States courts.

UNITED STATES COURTS.

Jurors' fees.

For fees of jurors, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Miscellaneous expenses.

For payment of such miscellaneous expenses as may be authorized by the Attorney-General, for the United States courts and their offices,