

lands so excluded, which, upon further investigation, he may conclude can not be practically irrigated in the manner aforesaid.

Entries by present homesteaders.

SEC. 2. That entrymen under the homestead laws of the United States within the territory above described who own and occupy the lands heretofore entered by them, may, under the provisions of this Act and subject to its conditions, enter other lands contiguous to their said homestead entry, which shall not, with the land so already entered, owned, and occupied, exceed in the aggregate six hundred and forty acres; and residence upon the original homestead shall be accepted as equivalent to residence upon the additional land so entered, but final entry shall not be allowed of such additional land until five years after first entering the same.

Fees.

SEC. 3. That the fees and commissions on all entries under this Act shall be uniformly the same as those charged under the present law for a maximum entry at the minimum price. That the commutation provisions of the homestead law shall not apply to entries under this Act, and at the time of making final proof the entryman must prove affirmatively that he has placed upon the lands entered permanent improvements of the value of not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for each acre included in his entry: *Provided*, That a former homestead entry shall not be a bar to the entry under the provisions of this Act of a tract which, together with the former entry, shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres: *Provided*, That any former homestead entryman who shall be entitled to an additional entry under section two of this Act shall have for ninety days after the passage of this Act the preferential right to make additional entry as provided in said section.

Commutation not allowed.

Provisos. Additional entries.

Time limit.

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United States courts.
West Virginia, southern district.
Term at Lewisburg.
R. S., secs. 572, 656,
pp. 101, 123.
Vol. 31, p. 738.

CHAP. 1802.—An Act Establishing a regular term of the United States circuit and district courts at Lewisburg, West Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a regular term of the United States circuit and district courts for the southern district of West Virginia shall be held every year at Lewisburg, West Virginia, on the second Tuesday in February.

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[Public, No. 235.]

Calumet River.
New York, Chicago
and Saint Louis Rail-
road Company, and
Chicago and Erie
Railroad Company,
bridges at Hammond,
Ind.

CHAP. 1803.—An Act To amend section six of "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge by the New York, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Company and the Chicago and Erie Railroad Company across the Calumet River at or near the city of Hammond, Indiana, at a point about one thousand two hundred feet east of the Indiana and Illinois State line and about one hundred feet east of the location of the present bridge of the New York, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Company across said River; also to authorize the construction of a bridge by the Chicago and State Line Railroad Company across said river at the point where said company's railroad crosses said river in Hyde Park Township, Chicago, Illinois, being at the location of the present bridge of said company across said river in said township," approved July first, nineteen hundred and two.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of "An Act to authorize the construction of a bridge by the New York, Chicago and Saint Louis Railroad Company and the Chicago and Erie Railroad Company across the Calumet River at or near the city of Hammond, Indiana, at a point about one thousand two hundred feet east of the Indiana and Illinois State line and about one hundred feet east of the