Sno. 6. That the right to alter or amend this act and to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of said bridge, is hereby expressly reserved.

APPROVED, March 3, 1878.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized to deliver to the Gettysburgh Battle-field Memorial Association, if it can be done without detriment to the government, such number of condemned cannon and cannon-balls as his judgment may approve, for the purpose of their work of indication of the battle-field of Gettysburgh.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time for the completion of the railroad from Saint Anthony to Brainard, in the State of Minnesota as now limited by law, and of the railroad from Saint Cloud to Saint Vincent, in said State as now located, with the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, be extended for the period of nine months from the time limited by the acts of Congress relating to the same respectively; and if completed within said nine months the said railroads shall be entitled to all the benefits of the several provisions of the acts of Congress relating thereto, in the same manner as if said roads had been fully completed within the time therein limited

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CHAP. CCCXXXII. — An Act to abolish the tribal Relations of the Miami Indians, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That if the Miami tribe of Indians in Kansas shall signify to the President of the United States their desire to sell the lands reserved for the future homes of the said Indians by the first article of the treaty of June fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and which remain unallotted, together with the school-section mentioned in said article, said lands shall be disposed of in the following manner to wit: The said secretary shall appoint three disinterested persons, who shall, after being duly sworn to perform said service faithfully and impartially, personally examine and appraise said lands by legal subdivisions of one hundred and sixty acres or less, separately, and make return thereof to the commissioner of Indian affairs: Provided, That the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, set aside any appraisements that may be made under the provisions of this act, and cause a new appraisement to be made; And provided further, That in making said appraisement, the land and improvements made by the United States and Indians shall be included, and the improvements made by white settlers shall be excluded in determining an estimate of the value thereof.

Sno. 2. That each bona-fide settler occupying any portion of said lands at the date of the passage of this act, and having made valuable improvements thereon, or the heirs at law of such, who is a citizen of the United States, or who has declared his intention to become such, shall be entitled, at any time within one year from the return of said appraisement, to purchase, for cash, the land so occupied and improved by him, not to exceed one hundred and sixty acres in each case, at the appraised value thereof, under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior...
may prescribe. And on failure to make payment within one year from
date of said approval of appraisement the right of such settler to purchase
as aforesaid shall cease, and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the
Interior to sell the same, either at public sale or on sealed bids, for cash,
to the highest bidder, at not less than the appraised value, nor less than one
dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, after due notice by public advertisement.
And all lands referred to in this and the foregoing sections not so occupied
and improved by settlers at the date of the approval of this act shall be
appraised by said appraisers, including all improvements thereon of every
character, and sold by direction of the Secretary of the Interior to the
highest bidder, for cash, after due advertisement, either at public sale or on
sealed bids, at not less than the appraised value, nor less than one dollar
and twenty-five cents per acre as aforesaid, in quantities not exceeding one
hundred and sixty acres aforesaid.

SEC. 3. That if any adult member of said tribe shall desire to become
a citizen of the United States, shall prove by at least two competent wit-
nesses, to the satisfaction of the circuit court of the United States for the
State of Kansas, that he or she is sufficiently intelligent and prudent to
manage his or her own affairs, and has, for the period of five years, been
able to maintain himself or herself and family, and has adopted the habits
of civilized life, and shall take an oath of allegiance to the United States,
as provided by law for the naturalization of aliens, he or she shall be
declared by said court to be a citizen of the United States, which shall be
entered of record and a certificate thereof given to said party. On the
presentation of said certificate to the Secretary of the Interior, with satis-
factory proof of identity, he may, at the request of such person or persons,
cause the lands severally held by them and their minor children to be con-
voyed to them by patent in fee-simple, without the power of alienation,
and may, at his discretion, cause to be paid to them, from time to time,
their proportion of all the moneys and effects of said tribe held for them by
the United States, or which may be received as the net proceeds of the sale
of lands under the provisions of this act; after which said Indians and
their minor children shall cease to be members of any Indian tribe; but
the lands so patented to them shall not be subject to levy, taxation, or sale
during the natural lives of said Indians or of their minor children.

Sec. 4. That the Secretary of the Interior shall, in ninety days from the
passage of this act, cause to be taken a census of all the Miami Indians
entitled to a share in the reserved lands and the moneys set apart by the
treaty between the United States and the Miami Indians, dated June the
fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for that part of the tribe known as
Western Miamies, including in said census those persons of Miami blood
or descent for whom provision was made by the third section of the act of
June twelfth, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, if in the opinion of the
Secretary of the Interior the said Indians are entitled to be so included
under treaty stipulations; but in such census none shall be included unless
justly entitled according to the provisions of said treaty; and with said
census there shall also be made two lists, one containing the names of all
the Indians so entitled who may elect to become citizens of the United
States, and their minor children (heads of families choosing) the other the
names of all who elect to remain under the care of the United States, and
to unite with the Wea, Peoria, Kaskaskia, and Piankeshaw Indians in the
Indian Territory, according to the provisions of a contract dated January
the fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, between the Western
Miami Indians, of Kansas, of one part, and said Wea, Peoria, Kaskaskia,
and Piankeshaw Indians, of the other part, and their minor children;
which census and lists shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of the
Interior, and which census and lists, when properly taken and filed as
aforesaid, shall be approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and there-
forward, those whose names are on the citizens' list shall be treated and
regarded, in all respects, as citizens of the United States: \textit{Provided}, That they become citizens and comply with the provisions of the third and fourth sections of this act relating to naturalization, \textit{And provided further} That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to ascertain what amount if any due the Miami tribe of Indians referred to in the corrected lists under the treaty of eighteen hundred and fifty-four, on account of certain annuities which were distributed to and among those persons of Miami blood and descent who were included in the set of eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and by virtue of the same were authorized and did receive their proportion respectively in said annuities, and to cause that amount to be deducted out of the consolidated fund as herein provided for and paid to said Miami Indians referred to in said corrected lists made by virtue of the said treaty of eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Sec. 5. And the proceeds of the sales of the said unallotted lands, including said school section, and all monies, securities, annuities, and effects held by the United States for said Miami Indians of Kansas, after making the foregoing deductions for citizen Indians and their minor children, shall belong to and be the exclusive property of the last-named Indians, to be known as their consolidated fund.

Sec. 6. That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to examine a contract made by and between the said Western Miami Indians of Kansas, and the confederated Wea, Peoria, Kaskaska, and Piankeshaw Indians, made on the fifteenth day of January, anno Domini, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and to approve the same with such modifications as justice and equity may require; and, for the purpose of carrying into effect said arrangement may withdraw from said consolidated fund, and pay to the confederated Wea, Peoria, Kaskaska, and Piankeshaw Indians, a sum sufficient to pay said Wea, Peoria, Kaskaska, and Piankeshaw Indians, according to said contract of the fifteenth of January aforesaid, for an interest in the lands of the last-named confederated tribe, for all of said Miami, electing as aforesaid, to unite with said confederated tribe; and after making such payment, there shall be set apart and capitalized with the funds of said Wea, Peoria, Kaskaska, and Piankeshaw Indians, a sum sufficient to warrant and justify all said Miamis so entitled, and so electing, to unite with said Wea, Peoria, Kaskaska and Piankeshaw Indians in drawing thereafter like annuities with said Wea, Peoria, Kaskaska, and Piankeshaw Indians, without prejudice to the rights and interests of said last-named Indians; and the remainder of such consolidated fund shall then be paid, (under like direction,) per capita, to all those so entitled, and so electing to unite with said Wea, Peoria, Kaskaska and Piankeshaw Indians, to aid them in moving to, and improving their new homes in the Territory; and after their union with said confederated Wea, Peoria, Kaskaska, and Piankeshaw Indians, the united tribe shall be called the United Peorias and Miamis, and thereafter shall all draw equal and like annuities, according to the provisions of said contract of the fifteenth of January, anno Domini, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and such modifications as may be agreed to by said contracting parties, with the approval of said secretary, as herein provided.

Sec. 7. That the provisions of this act shall not in any way affect the rights or claims of those individual Miamis or persons of Miami blood or descent who are named in the corrected list referred to in the Senate amendment to the fourth article of the treaty of June fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, or their descendants.

APPROVED, March 3, 1878.