

as may be necessary for the purpose of establishing said naval training station; and the site so selected, when approved by the President, shall be, by virtue of this Act, transferred to the Navy Department for the purposes of said naval training station.

SEC. 2. That all apprentices of the Navy, whether at a training station or on board an apprentice training ship, shall be additional to the number of enlisted persons allowed by law for the Navy.

Apprentices not included in limit of enlisted men.
R. S., sec. 1417, p. 250.

Approved, April 24, 1896.

CHAP. 121.—An Act To grant certain lands to the city of Colorado Springs, Colorado.

April 24, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following described tracts of land, situate in the county of El Paso and State of Colorado, namely, that part of Pike's Peak Military Reservation described as follows: Beginning at corner numbered two as designated in the field notes of the United States military reservation survey, and running thence along the boundary line of said reservation, south sixty-six degrees west, seven thousand seven hundred feet to corner numbered three of said survey; thence north thirty-eight degrees fifty-five minutes west, eight thousand two hundred and forty feet to corner numbered four of said survey; thence north nineteen degrees twenty-five minutes west, eight thousand six hundred and eighty feet to a point on line four-five of said survey; thence east two thousand one hundred and sixty feet; thence south forty-four degrees forty-seven minutes east, fourteen thousand one hundred and thirty-six and four tenths feet; thence north sixty-three degrees thirty-nine minutes east, two thousand four hundred feet to the northwest corner of the Colorado Springs reservoir grant; thence south twenty-six degrees twenty-one minutes east, two thousand five hundred and ninety-five feet along west line of said grant, to a point on line one-two of said reservation survey; thence south sixty-three degrees thirty-nine minutes west, three hundred and sixty-three feet to corner numbered two, the place of beginning; also, the southeast quarter of section fourteen, and the east one-half of section twenty-three, and the northeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-six, and all that portion of section thirteen lying west of said reservation, and all that portion of section twenty-four lying west of said reservation, and the north one-half of the northwest quarter of section twenty-five, and all that portion of the northeast quarter of said section twenty-five lying west of said reservation; and all that portion of the northeast quarter of section fourteen lying west of said reservation, all in township fourteen south, range sixty-nine west, of the sixth principal meridian, containing three thousand ninety-seven and forty-eight one hundredths acres, more or less, be, and the same are hereby, granted and conveyed to the city of Colorado Springs, in the county of El Paso, and State of Colorado, upon the payment of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre by said city to the United States, to have and to hold said lands to its use and behoof forever, for purposes of water storage and supply of its waterworks; and for said purposes said city shall forever have the right, in its discretion, to control and use any and all parts of the premises herein conveyed, in the construction of reservoirs, laying such pipes and mains, and in making such improvements as may be necessary to utilize the waters contained in any natural or constructed reservoirs upon said premises.

Colorado Springs, Colo.
May purchase portion of Pike's Peak Military Reservation.
Boundaries.

Price.

Use.

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CHAP. 122. An Act To amend an Act approved August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to authorize purchasers of the property and franchises of the Choctaw Coal and Railway Company to organize a corporation and to confer upon the same all the powers, privileges, and franchises vested in that company."

Preamble.

Whereas, pursuant to the authority conferred in and by the Act of which this is amendatory, a corporation was fully organized by the name and style of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company by the purchasers of the property and franchises formerly of the Choctaw Coal and Railway Company, and it is desirable that the powers of said corporation should be defined as hereinafter provided: Therefore,

Choctaw, Oklahoma
and Gulf Railroad
Company.
Right of way Indian
Territory.
Vol. 28, p. 502.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the power to construct and operate branches, including those mentioned in section two of this Act, conferred in and by section four of the Act approved August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to authorize purchasers of the property and franchises of the Choctaw Coal and Railway Company to organize a corporation and to confer upon the same all the powers, privileges, and franchises vested in that company," shall be exercisable in the Indian Territory only after maps showing the location of such branches shall have been filed with and approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

Approval of loca-
tion.
Construction of
branches.
Vol. 28, p. 503.

SEC. 2. That the powers conferred by said section four shall extend to branches intended to aid the development of any coal or timber territory contiguous or tributary to the lines of railroad of the said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, whether owned or controlled by said company or by others, said branches not to exceed in length five miles, and to the construction and operation of a branch from any point on its existing line of railroad to the northern line of the State of Texas, and for this purpose the said company shall have the like rights, powers, and franchises, as to the acquisition of a right of way and depot grounds, and as to the construction and operation of the said branch, and shall be subject to the like conditions and restrictions as it possesses or is subject to under or by virtue of the provisions of the said Act of August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, as to the line of railroad acquired or constructed thereunder.

Time requirements
complied with.

SEC. 3. That the line of railroad which has been heretofore constructed shall be regarded and treated as a full compliance by said company with the requirements of the Act applicable to it, by which it was required, as a condition of further construction thereafter, to complete its main line prior to February eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and said company may exercise from time to time the rights, powers, and franchises heretofore or by this Act conferred as to further extensions of or branches from its existing line.

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CHAP. 123. An Act To authorize reassessments for improvements and general taxes in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

District of Colum-
bia.
Reassessment of lots
technically defective.

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, in all cases where general taxes or assessments for local improvements in the District of Columbia may hereafter be quashed, set aside, or declared void by the supreme court of said District, by reason of an imperfect or erroneous description of the lot or parcel of ground against which the same shall have been levied by reason of such tax or assessment not having been authenticated by the proper officer, or of a defective return of service of notice, or for any technical reason other than the right of the public authorities to levy the tax or make the improvement in respect of which the assessment was levied, to reassess the lot or parcel of ground in respect of such general taxes