

pany unless at least twenty-five miles of said railroad shall be constructed through the said reservation within two years after the passage of this Act.

SEC. 6. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act in whole or in part. Amendment.

Approved, June 4, 1898.

CHAP. 378.—An Act Granting additional powers to railroad companies operating lines in the Indian Territory. June 4, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall and may be lawful for any company operating a line of railroad, either wholly or partially, in the Indian Territory to enter into contracts for the use or lease of the railroad and other property of any railroad company whose line may now or hereafter connect with its line upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the respective companies, and to use and operate such road or roads in accordance with the terms of such contract or lease, but subject to the obligations imposed upon the respective companies by their charters or by the laws of the United States or of the State or Territory in which such leased road may be situate: Provided, That the terms of this Act shall not apply to parallel or competing lines.* Indian Territory. Leases by railroads with connecting lines authorized.  
  
Proviso. Parallel, etc., lines excepted.

Approved, June 4, 1898.

CHAP. 379.—An Act Appointing commissioners to revise the statutes relating to patents, trade and other marks, and trade and commercial names. June 4, 1898.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint three commissioners, to serve without compensation, whose duty it shall be to revise and amend the laws of the United States concerning patents, trade and other marks, and trade or commercial names, which shall be in force at the time such commission shall make its final report, so far as the same relates to matters contained in or affected by the Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property concluded at Paris March twentieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, the agreements under said Convention concluded at Madrid April fourteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and the protocols adopted by the conference held under such Convention at Brussels, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and the treaties of the United States, and the laws of other nations relating to patents, trade and other marks, and trade or commercial names.* Patents, trade-marks, etc. Commission to revise laws concerning.

That they shall report to Congress as soon as possible.

That the report shall be so made as to indicate any proposed change in the substance of existing law, and shall be accompanied by notes which shall briefly and clearly state the reasons for any proposed change. It shall also be accompanied by references to such treaties and foreign laws relating to patents, trade and other marks, and trade or commercial names, as, in the opinion of the commissioners, may affect citizens of the United States. Report. —what to contain.

That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the necessary expenses of the commissioners in making their report, which sum shall be immediately available. Appropriation for expenses.

Approved, June 4, 1898.

June 6, 1898.

**CHAP. 388.**—An Act To authorize the establishment of post-offices at military posts or camps.Army.  
Post-offices at camps,  
etc.Detail of officer as  
postmaster.

—bond of.

Clerks.

—oath.

Civilian postmaster.

—compensation of.

R. S., sec. 3863, p.  
754.  
Money orders.

Post-office supplies.

Regulations.

Branch post-offices.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That during the continuance of the existing war the Postmaster-General may, in his discretion, establish a temporary post-office at any military post or camp for the purpose of supplying the officers and troops there encamped with mails, the location of which post-office may at any time be changed to any other post or camp. On the establishment of such post-office he shall cooperate with the Secretary of War or officer commanding such post or camp for the purpose of securing the detail of an officer of the Regular or Volunteer Army of suitable rank to act as postmaster, who shall, when the exigency will permit, execute a bond to the United States as such, and of a sufficient number of noncommissioned officers and privates to act as clerks in said post-office, who shall serve as such without additional salary, pay, or compensation other than that attaching to their rank and position in the Army. Each of said persons shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, take the oath prescribed for persons employed in the postal service. In any case where it is deemed impracticable by the military authorities to detail persons from the Army to act as postmaster or clerks the Postmaster-General is authorized to appoint a civilian as postmaster, and also to make a special order allowing to him reasonable compensation for clerical services and to meet the necessary expenses of said office, as well as a proportionate increase of salary to the postmaster during the period of such extraordinary business as may attach to his office, under the provisions of section thirty-eight hundred and sixty-three, Revised Statutes, payable out of the appropriations for the postal service. He may also provide for the issue and payment of money orders at any post-office established under the provisions of this Act, after the postmaster shall have given bond as required by law.

**SEC. 2.** That the Postmaster-General shall supply to post-offices referred to in the preceding section all necessary postage stamps, stamped envelopes, postal cards, and other supplies of whatever description. He may also prescribe regulations for the conduct of the business at such post-offices in conformity, so far as the same may be applicable, to the regulations relating to the ordinary postal service.

**SEC. 3.** That in any case where, in the judgment of the Postmaster-General, any military post or camp can be better and more economically supplied by a branch post-office, he may, without reference to its distance from the main office, establish the same, and meet the expenses thereof by special order, as in the case of post-offices referred to in the preceding section.

Approved, June 6, 1898.

June 6, 1898.

**CHAP. 389.**—An Act To remove the disability imposed by section three of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States.Removal of disabilities  
of persons who  
have engaged in in-  
surrection against the  
United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the disability imposed by section three of the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States heretofore incurred is hereby removed.

Approved, June 6, 1898.

June 7, 1898.

**CHAP. 390.**—An Act To provide an American register for the steamship China.Steamship China.  
—granted American  
register.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built steamship China, owned by the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, to be registered as a vessel of the United States.

Approved, June 7, 1898.