

in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for much-needed repairs and improvements of the graveled or macadamized road leading from the city of Newbern, North Carolina, to the national cemetery near said city, the said sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War of the United States: *Provided*, That no more of the said appropriation shall be expended than is necessary to put said road in as good condition as when originally constructed for the United States.

Proviso.
Limit of expenditure.

Approved, May 14, 1900.

CHAP. 479.—An Act Providing for free homesteads on the public lands for actual and bona fide settlers, and reserving the public lands for that purpose.

May 17, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all settlers under the homestead laws of the United States upon the agricultural public lands, which have already been opened to settlement, acquired prior to the passage of this Act by treaty or agreement from the various Indian tribes, who have resided or shall hereafter reside upon the tract entered in good faith for the period required by existing law, shall be entitled to a patent for the land so entered upon the payment to the local land officers of the usual and customary fees, and no other or further charge of any kind whatsoever shall be required from such settler to entitle him to a patent for the land covered by his entry: *Provided*, That the right to commute any such entry and pay for said lands in the option of any such settler and in the time and at the prices now fixed by existing laws shall remain in full force and effect: *Provided, however*, That all sums of money so released which if not released would belong to any Indian tribe shall be paid to such Indian tribe by the United States, and that in the event that the proceeds of the annual sales of the public lands shall not be sufficient to meet the payments heretofore provided for agricultural colleges and experimental stations by an Act of Congress, approved August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety, for the more complete endowment and support of the colleges for the benefit of agriculture and mechanic arts, established under the provisions of an Act of Congress, approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, such deficiency shall be paid by the United States: *And provided further*, That no lands shall be herein included on which the United States Government had made valuable improvements, or lands that have been sold at public auction by said Government.

Public lands.
Free homesteads for actual settlers, etc.

Provisos.
Right to commute continued.

Payments to Indian tribes.

Agricultural colleges, etc.

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Certain lands not included.

Repeal.

SEC. 2. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 17, 1900.

CHAP. 481.—An Act To fix the terms of the district and circuit courts of the western judicial district in the State of Louisiana.

May 18, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be held semi-annually in the western judicial district in the State of Louisiana two stated sessions of the district and circuit courts at each of the following places, to wit: At Opelousas on the first Mondays of January and June; at Alexandria on the fourth Mondays of January and June; at Shreveport on the third Mondays of February and October; at Monroe on the first Mondays of April and October.

Louisiana western judicial district.
Terms of court fixed.

Approved, May 18, 1900.

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CHAP. 482.—An Act To provide for sittings of the circuit and district courts of the southern district of Florida in the city of Ocala, in said district.

Florida southern
judicial district.
Terms of court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in addition to the times and places now fixed by law for the sitting of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the southern district of Florida there shall be a session of the said courts in the city of Ocala on the third Monday in January in each year hereafter: *Provided,* That the county in which said courts are to be held shall furnish suitable rooms and accommodations for the holding thereof, free of expense to the Government of the United States.

Proviso.
Court rooms.

Approved, May 18, 1900.

May 19, 1900.

CHAP. 484.—An Act To provide for the disposal of the Fort Buford abandoned military reservation, in the States of North Dakota and Montana.

Fort Buford abandoned military reservation, North Dakota and Montana.
Undisposed of public lands open to entry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all public lands now remaining undisposed of within the abandoned military reservation in the States of North Dakota and Montana, formerly known as Fort Buford Military Reservation, and which are not otherwise occupied or used for any public purpose, are hereby made subject to disposal under the homestead, town-site, and desert-land laws: *Provided,* That actual occupants thereon upon the first day of January, nineteen hundred, if otherwise qualified, shall have the preference right to make one entry not exceeding one quarter section: *Provided further,* That any of such lands as are occupied for town-site purposes, and any of the lands that may be shown to be valuable for coal or minerals, such lands so occupied for town-site purposes or valuable for coal or minerals shall be disposed of as now provided for lands subject to entry and sale under the town-site, coal, or mineral-land laws, respectively: *Provided further,* That this Act shall not apply to any subdivision of land, which subdivision may include adjoining lands to the amount of one hundred and sixty acres, on which any buildings or improvements of the United States are situated, but such lands shall be appraised and sold as now provided by law.

Provisos.
Preference right to actual occupants.

Town site, coal, and mineral lands.

Land containing Government buildings, etc.

Approved, May 19, 1900.

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CHAP. 485.—An Act To establish light-house and fog signal in State of Washington.

Slip Point, Clallam Bay, Washington.
Light-house established at.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a light-house and fog signal be established and constructed at Slip Point, Clallam Bay, State of Washington; said light-house not to exceed the cost of twelve thousand five hundred dollars.

Approved, May 19, 1900.

May 21, 1900.

CHAP. 486.—An Act To authorize the purchase of certain lands in the district of Alaska.

Karluk Packing Company may purchase certain land in Alaska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Karluk Packing Company, claiming under amended survey numbered twenty-four, in the district of Alaska, or its successor in interest, may purchase the