

each township, and the reserved tracts mentioned in section twelve, or to dispose of said land except as provided herein, or to guarantee to find purchasers for said lands or any portion thereof, it being the intention of this Act that the United States shall act as trustee for said Indians to dispose of said lands and to expend and pay over the proceeds received from the sale thereof only as received.

Approved, April 23, 1904.

April 23, 1904.  
[H. R. 12687.]  
[Public, No. 160.]

**CHAP. 1496.**—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the opening of certain abandoned military reservations, and for other purposes," approved August twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-four.

Military reservations.  
Lands on abandoned, opened to entry.  
Vol. 28, p. 494, amended.

Fort Abraham Lincoln Reservation, N. Dak.  
Homestead entries allowed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the opening of certain abandoned military reservations, and for other purposes," approved August twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding thereto section three, which said section shall read as follows:

"**SEC. 3.** That all persons now having, or who may hereafter file, homestead applications upon any of the lands situate within the abandoned Fort Abraham Lincoln Military Reservation, in Morton County, State of North Dakota, shall be entitled to a patent to the land filed upon by such person upon compliance with the provisions of the homestead law of the United States and proper proof thereof, and shall not be required to pay the appraised values of such lands in addition to such compliance with the said homestead law."

Approved, April 23, 1904.

April 25, 1904.  
[H. R. 14621.]  
[Public, No. 161.]

**CHAP. 1600.**—An Act For the disposal of the unsold lots in the Fort Crawford military tract at Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin.

Fort Crawford Reservation, Wis.  
Sale of land to occupants, etc., in.  
Vol. 12, p. 771.

Sale of undisposed lots.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all lots in the Fort Crawford military tract at Prairie du Chien, Crawford County, Wisconsin, not heretofore sold under the Act entitled "An Act to provide for the disposal of certain lands therein named," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, shall be disposed of and patented to the occupants and settlers thereon under bona fide title thereto who shall apply therefor within one year from the passage of this Act and furnish proof of such occupation and settlement under claim of title and pay therefor the appraised value heretofore placed thereon, together with interest on said appraised value at the rate of five per centum per annum from the date of said appraisement. All lots in said tract not so disposed of at the expiration of one year from the passage of this Act shall be subject to sale at private entry at not less than the said appraised price, with interest thereon at the rate of five per centum per annum from the date of said appraisement.

Approved, April 25, 1904.

April 26, 1904.  
[S. 3.]  
[Public, No. 162.]

District of Columbia.  
Regulation of electrical wiring in.

**CHAP. 1602.**—An Act To regulate electrical wiring in the District of Columbia.

*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 shall have power to make from time to time such rules and regulations respecting the production, use, and control of electricity for light, heat, and power purposes in the District of

Columbia not inconsistent with existing laws, as in their judgment will afford safety and convenience to the public; and the Commissioners of said District are further authorized and empowered to prescribe such fees for the examination of the electrical wiring, machinery, and appliances in buildings as they may deem proper, to be paid to the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia, and any such rules and regulations shall after promulgation have the effect and force of law: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act contained shall apply to the power plants or buildings of incorporated companies engaged in the production and distribution of electric current for public service or use.

Fees.

*Proviso.*  
Incorporated companies supplying electricity for public use not affected.  
Inspection.

SEC. 2. That the electrical engineer who shall be chief inspector of electrical work and his assistants are hereby empowered and required, under the direction of the Commissioners, to inspect any building in course of erection and during reasonable hours to enter into and examine any building where electrical current is produced or utilized for lighting, heating, or for power, for the purpose of ascertaining violations of any of the provisions of this Act; and upon finding any devices aforesaid defective or dangerous shall cause to be delivered a written notice of any violation of any provisions of this Act, or of any regulation of said Commissioners duly adopted, to the constructing contractor, owner, or agent of any building directing him or them to remove or amend the same within a period to be fixed in said notice; and in case of neglect or refusal on the part of the party so notified to remove or amend the same within the time and in the manner prescribed by the chief inspector of electrical work, and approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the party so offending shall pay a fine of not more than twenty-five dollars for each and every day's failure or neglect to remove or amend the same after being so notified, and in default of payment of such fine such person shall be confined in the workhouse of the District of Columbia for a period not exceeding one month; and all prosecutions under this Act shall be in the police court of said District, in the name of the District of Columbia.

Written notice of violation of regulations.

Penalty.

SEC. 3. That in the place of the present electrical engineer now carried on the per diem roll there be, and is hereby, established, under the direction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, the office of electrical engineer, and the Commissioners of said District are hereby authorized and directed to appoint an electrical engineer, at a salary of two thousand five hundred dollars per annum, and said electrical engineer shall be an expert electrician, possessing a thorough knowledge of the most modern methods for the production, use, and control of electricity and electrical appliances, construction, wiring, and insulation, as well as such executive ability and adaptability to office work as is requisite for the efficient management of the said office. And the Commissioners are authorized and directed to appoint two electrical inspectors to assist in the work required by the authority of this Act, at a salary of one thousand two hundred dollars per annum each, who shall perform such clerical duties as may be required by the Commissioners.

Electrical engineer authorized.  
*Post*, p. 398.

Salary.

Inspectors.

SEC. 4. That it shall be unlawful for any person, company, or corporation generating current for electric light, heat, or power in the District of Columbia to connect its system and furnish current for electrical purposes to any building or premises, the wiring of which shall not have been inspected and approved by the chief inspector of electrical work.

Inspection before current is furnished.

Any person, company, or corporation violating the provisions of this section shall, upon written notice from the chief inspector of electrical work to do so, immediately remove said connection and cut off the current, and shall not again supply said current until authorized by the said inspector. For failure to comply with said notice

Violation.

Penalty.

the offending person, company, or corporation shall be fined not less than five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars for each and every day's failure or neglect to remove said connection and to cut off the current.

Powers of chief inspector.

The chief inspector of electrical work is hereby authorized and empowered, with the approval of the Commissioners, to cause said connection to be removed and the current cut off upon such failure of the offending person, company, or corporation, and to refuse to permit said connection to be replaced and the current to be used until the wiring shall be put in proper and safe condition.

Effect.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall take effect ninety days from and after the approval thereof.

Approved, April 26, 1904.

April 26, 1904.  
[S. 4375.]

[Public, No. 163.]

**CHAP. 1603.**—An Act To amend section twenty-four of the Act approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act to amend the laws relating to American seamen, for the protection of such seamen, and to promote commerce."

American seamen.  
Protection of, etc.  
Vol. 30, p. 763,  
amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so much of paragraph (a) of section twenty-four of the Act approved December twenty-first, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, entitled "An Act to amend the laws relating to American seamen, for the protection of such seamen, and to promote commerce," as reads "If any person shall demand or receive, either directly or indirectly, from any seaman or other person seeking employment as seaman, or from any person on his behalf, any remuneration whatever for providing him with employment, he shall for every such offense be liable to a penalty of not more than one hundred dollars," is hereby amended to read "If any person shall demand or receive, either directly or indirectly, from any seaman or other person seeking employment as seaman, or from any person on his behalf, any remuneration whatever for providing him with employment, he shall for every such offense be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be imprisoned not more than six months or fined not more than five hundred dollars."

Receiving remuneration for procuring employment for, a misdemeanor.

Penalty.

Effect, July 1, 1904.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect on and after July first, nineteen hundred and four.

Approved, April 26, 1904.

April 26, 1904.  
[H. R. 9331.]

[Public, No. 164.]

**CHAP. 1604.**—An Act To extend the time for completion of the East Washington Heights Traction Railroad Company.

District of Columbia.  
East Washington Heights Traction Railroad Company.  
Time extended for construction.  
Vol. 32, p. 636,  
amended.  
Proviso.  
Failure to complete.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the time within which the East Washington Heights Traction Railroad Company is required to complete and put in operation its railway be, and the same hereby is, extended for the term of eighteen months from the passage of this Act: *Provided,* That failure to complete any portion of the routes as provided in the charter of said company within the time herein limited shall operate to repeal the authority to build such portion and shall not repeal the charter of said company; and that any connecting company may lease or purchase the portion of said routes which is completed within the said eighteen months.

Lease, etc., by other companies.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, April 26, 1904.