

April 28, 1904.
[H. R. 11126.]

[Public, No. 226.]

CHAP. 1794.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to add to the segregation of coal and asphalt lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations, Indian Territory, and for other purposes.

Choctaw Nation,
Segregation of additional coal and asphalt lands.

Description.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to segregate and reserve from allotment, and to cancel any filings or applications that may heretofore have been made with a view to allotting the following-described lands, situate in the Choctaw Nation, to wit: The north half of the south half of the southeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of section nine; the north half of the south half of the south half of section ten; the north half of the south half of the south half of section eleven, and the north half of the south half of the southwest quarter of section twelve, all in township five north, range nineteen east, containing two hundred and fifty acres, more or less; and the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter of section eight, township five north, range nineteen east, and the southwest quarter of the northeast quarter of section seven, township five north, range nineteen east, containing eighty acres, more or less.

Coal and asphalt regulations made applicable.
Vol. 32, pp. 663-655.

SEC. 2. That the provisions of sections fifty-six to sixty-three, inclusive, of the Act of Congress approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act to ratify and confirm an agreement with the Choctaw and Chickasaw tribes, and for other purposes," be, and the same are hereby, made applicable to the lands above described, the same as if the said described lands had been made a part of the segregation, as contemplated by said sections fifty-six to sixty-three, inclusive, of said above Act approved July first, nineteen hundred and two: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, add said lands to and make them a part of the coal and asphalt mining leases now in effect, and to which said lands above described are contiguous, the lands in each case to be added to and made a part of the lease to which they are adjacent and which they join, Government subdivisions being followed as nearly as possible: *Provided further*, That the holder or holders of the lease or leases to which such lands shall be added, shall, before the same are added, pay the Indian or Indians who have filed upon or applied for such lands as their allotments, or who are in possession thereof, the value of the improvements placed on the land, by said Indian or Indians, such value to be determined under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior: *And provided further*, That said lands shall be sold as other leased coal and asphalt lands in the Choctaw and Chickasaw nations in the Indian Territory are sold.

Provisos.
Privilege to lessees of adjoining lands.

Payment for improvements.

Sale.

Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company may assign, etc., coal leases.

SEC. 3. That the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company is hereby authorized and empowered to sublet, assign, transfer, and set over the leases which it now has upon coal lands in Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, or any of them. The assignees or sublessees of said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company shall file good and sufficient bonds for the faithful performance of the terms of the original leases, to be approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

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CHAP. 1795.—An Act To confirm the title to lots three, four, and five in square numbered nine hundred and seventy-nine, in Washington, in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Title to lots, square 979, to be investigated, etc.

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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to investigate, or cause to be investigated, the title of Thomas H. G. Todd to all those lots or parcels of ground situated in the city of Washington, District of

Columbia, and known on the ground plan of said city as lots numbered three, four, and five in square numbered nine hundred and seventy-nine, and when satisfied by sufficient proof that the said Todd has the equitable title to said lots, or in being satisfied that said Todd, or the parties under whom he claims, has paid all taxes, general and special, levied against said lots for a period of fifty years, then he, the said Secretary, shall release and convey to said Todd, his heirs or assigns, all the title of the United States in and to said lots: *Provided*, That the said Thomas H. G. Todd pay to the proper officer of the District of Columbia all taxes, both general and special, now unpaid and standing against said property.

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Conveyance to
Thomas H. G. Todd.
Provided.
Taxes.

CHAP. 1796.—An Act To amend section twenty-three hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-three hundred and twenty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 2327.** The description of vein or lode claims upon surveyed lands shall designate the location of the claims with reference to the lines of the public survey, but need not conform therewith; but where patents have been or shall be issued for claims upon unsurveyed lands, the surveyors-general, in extending the public survey, shall adjust the same to the boundaries of said patented claims so as in no case to interfere with or change the true location of such claims as they are officially established upon the ground. Where patents have issued for mineral lands, those lands only shall be segregated and shall be deemed to be patented which are bounded by the lines actually marked, defined, and established upon the ground by the monuments of the official survey upon which the patent grant is based, and surveyors-general in executing subsequent patent surveys, whether upon surveyed or unsurveyed lands, shall be governed accordingly. The said monuments shall at all times constitute the highest authority as to what land is patented, and in case of any conflict between the said monuments of such patented claims and the descriptions of said claims in the patents issued therefor the monuments on the ground shall govern, and erroneous or inconsistent descriptions or calls in the patent descriptions shall give way thereto.”

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Public lands.
R. S., sec. 2327, p. 427,
amended.

Description of min-
ing vein or lode
claims.

Patents to conform
to official monuments.

Monuments to gov-
ern descriptions.

CHAP. 1797.—An Act To change and fix the time for holding the district and circuit courts for the northern division of the eastern district of Tennessee.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the term of the circuit and district courts of the United States for the northern division of the eastern district of Tennessee, held at Knoxville, Tennessee, shall commence on the first Monday in March of each year instead of the second Monday in March, as is now provided by law; and said term shall continue as long as the presiding judge may deem it necessary.

SEC. 2. That no action, suit, proceeding, information, indictment, recognizance, bail bond, or other process in either of said courts shall abate or be rendered invalid by reason of the change of time in the holding of the term of said courts, but the same shall be deemed to be returnable to, pending and triable at the term herein provided for.

SEC. 3. That all laws and parts of laws conflicting with this Act be, and are hereby, repealed.

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United States courts,
Tennessee, eastern
district.
R. S., secs 572, 658,
pp. 101, 122.
Terms at Knoxville.
Vol. 23, p. 39; Vol. 30,
p. 814.

Pending causes.

Repeal.