

CHAP. 65.—An Act To amend an Act approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes."

March 23, 1912.

[H. R. 17837.]

[Public, No. 109.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section four of the Act of Congress approved July first, nineteen hundred and two, entitled "An Act temporarily to provide for the administration of the affairs of civil government in the Philippine Islands, and for other purposes," is hereby amended to read as follows:

Philippine Islands,
Vol. 32, p. 692,
amended.

Philippine citizen-
ship defined.

Sec. 4. That all inhabitants of the Philippine Islands continuing to reside therein who were Spanish subjects on the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, and then resided in said islands, and their children born subsequent thereto, shall be deemed and held to be citizens of the Philippine Islands and as such entitled to the protection of the United States, except such as shall have elected to preserve their allegiance to the Crown of Spain in accordance with the provisions of the treaty of peace between the United States and Spain signed at Paris December tenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight: *Provided*, That the Philippine Legislature is hereby authorized to provide by law for the acquisition of Philippine citizenship by those natives of the Philippine Islands who do not come within the foregoing provisions, the natives of other insular possessions of the United States, and such other persons residing in the Philippine Islands who could become citizens of the United States under the laws of the United States if residing therein."

Provided.
Extension of right
to citizenship by legis-
lature.

Approved, March 23, 1912.

CHAP. 66.—An Act Authorizing the town of Grand Rapids to construct a bridge across the Mississippi River in Itasca County, State of Minnesota.

March 23, 1912.

[H. R. 18155.]

[Public, No. 110.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the town of Grand Rapids, a municipal corporation organized and existing under and pursuant to the laws of the State of Minnesota, to build a bridge across the Mississippi River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, from a point on the northerly bank in said river in lot four, section eighteen, to a point on the southerly bank of said river in lot five, section eighteen, both points being in township fifty-five north, range twenty-five west of the fourth principal meridian, Itasca County, Minnesota, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March twenty-third, nineteen hundred and six.

Mississippi River,
Grand Rapids,
Minn., may bridge.

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Sec. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is expressly reserved.

Amendment.

Approved, March 23, 1912.

CHAP. 67.—An Act To amend section twenty-four hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to isolated tracts of public land.

March 23, 1912.

[H. R. 19342.]

[Public, No. 111.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-four hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended to read as follows:

Public lands,
R. S. sec. 2455, p.
449, amended.

"Sec. 2455. It shall be lawful for the Commissioner of the General Land Office to order into market and sell at public auction, at the land office of the district in which the land is situated, for not less than one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre, any isolated or disconnected tract

Isolated tracts, etc.
Sales at auction au-
thorized.
Vol. 34, p. 517.

Proviso.
Mountainous or
rough lands adjoining
owners.

Vested rights.

or parcel of the public domain not exceeding one quarter section which, in his judgment, it would be proper to expose for sale after at least thirty days' notice by the land officers of the district in which such land may be situated: *Provided*, That any legal subdivisions of the public land, not exceeding one quarter section, the greater part of which is mountainous or too rough for cultivation, may, in the discretion of said commissioner, be ordered into the market and sold pursuant to this Act upon the application of any person who owns lands or holds a valid entry of, lands adjoining such tract, regardless of the fact that such tract may not be isolated or disconnected within the meaning of this Act: *Provided further*, That this Act shall not defeat any vested right which has already attached under any pending entry or location."

Approved, March 28, 1912.

April 3, 1912.

[H. R. 22772.]

[Public, No. 112.]

CHAP. 69.—An Act Appropriating three hundred and fifty thousand dollars for the purpose of maintaining and protecting against impending floods the levees on the Mississippi River.

Mississippi River
floods.

Appropriation for
protecting levees be-
tween Head of Passes
and Cape Girardeau,
Mo.

Post, pp. 83, 218, 633.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War in accordance with the plans, specifications, and recommendations of the Mississippi River Commission, as approved by the Chief of Engineers, for the purpose of maintaining and protecting against impending floods the levees on the Mississippi River between the Head of Passes and Cape Girardeau, Missouri.

Approved, April 3, 1912.

April 5, 1912.

[S. 8386.]

[Public, No. 113.]

CHAP. 70.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to permit the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Coal Company and the Eastern Coal and Mining Company to exchange certain lands embraced within their existing coal leases in the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations for other lands within said nations.

Choctaw and Chick-
asaw coal lands.
Missouri, Kansas
and Texas Coal Com-
pany may relinquish
part of lease.

Lands in lieu.

Eastern Coal and
Mining Company
may relinquish part of
lease.

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 be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to permit the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Coal Company to relinquish certain lands embraced in its existing Choctaw and Chickasaw coal lease, which have been demonstrated to be not valuable for coal, as follows: Southwest quarter of the northwest quarter, south half of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, east half of the southwest quarter, west half of the southeast quarter, south half of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, section thirty-five, township six north, range eighteen east; north half of the northeast quarter of section two, township five north, range eighteen east; embracing three hundred and sixty acres, more or less; and to include within the lease in lieu thereof the following-described land, which is within the segregated coal area and unleased: Northeast quarter of section thirty-six; east half of the northwest quarter of section thirty-six, township six north, range eighteen east; southeast quarter of southwest quarter and south half of southeast quarter of section twenty-five, township six north, range eighteen east; embracing three hundred and sixty acres, more or less.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to permit the Eastern Coal and Mining Company to relinquish certain lands embraced in its existing Choctaw