

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.

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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