

Limit on sales of undisposed of lands in, repealed.

Proviso.
Confirmation of prior sales.

Reservation, in Utah, remaining undisposed of five years from the taking effect of the Act to disposition in tracts of not more than six hundred and forty acres to any one person be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and such lands shall remain subject to disposition as provided by law, under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That where the validity of purchases heretofore made under the Act of March 3, 1905, have been or may hereafter be questioned in any departmental or court proceeding on the ground that a larger area than six hundred and forty acres has been directly or indirectly, acquired by one person or corporation, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized, in his discretion, to validate, ratify, and confirm such sales, or to examine and determine the present value of said lands and upon payment by the patentee or purchaser or his assigns of the difference between the amount heretofore paid and such ascertained value, to validate, ratify, and confirm such sales.

Approved, May 14, 1920.

May 18, 1920.
[H. R. 12537.]

[Public, No. 208.]

CHAP. 188.—An Act To provide for an examination and report on the condition and possible irrigation development of the Imperial Valley in California.

Imperial Valley, Calif.
Examination etc., of proposed irrigation of.

By extension of present system, etc., by diversion of Colorado River.

Report of results with recommendations, etc.

Detailed estimates of costs, effects, etc.

Proportional share of expense proposed.

By other agencies.

Supervision of control, etc.

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 directed to have an examination made of the Imperial Valley in the State of California, with a view of determining the area, location, and general character of the public and privately owned unirrigated lands in said valley which can be irrigated at a reasonable cost, and the character, extent, and cost of an irrigation system, or of the modification, improvement, enlargement, and extension of the present system, adequate and dependable for the irrigation of the present irrigated area in the said valley, and of the public and privately owned lands in said valley and adjacent thereto not now under irrigation, which can be irrigated at a reasonable cost from known sources of water supply, by diversion of water from the Colorado River at Laguna Dam.

SEC. 2. That the said Secretary shall report to Congress not later than the 6th day of December, 1920, the result of his examination, together with his recommendation as to the feasibility, necessity, and advisability of the undertaking, or the participation by the United States, in a plan of irrigation development with a view of placing under irrigation the remaining unirrigated public and privately owned lands in said valley and adjacent thereto, in connection with the modification, improvement, enlargement, and extension of the present irrigation systems of the said valley.

SEC. 3. That the said Secretary shall report in detail as to the character and estimated cost of the plan or plans on which he may report, and if the said plan or plans shall include storage, the location, character, and cost of said storage, and the effect on the irrigation development of other sections or localities of the storage recommended and the use of the stored water in the Imperial Valley and adjacent lands.

SEC. 4. That the said Secretary shall also report as to the extent, if any, to which, in his opinion, the United States should contribute to the cost of carrying out the plan or plans which he may propose; the approximate proportion of the total cost that should be borne by the various irrigation districts or associations or other public or private agencies now organized or which may be organized; and the manner in which their contribution should be made; also to what extent and in what manner the United States should control, operate, or supervise the carrying out of the plan proposed, and what assur-

ances he has been able to secure as to the approval of, participation in, and contribution to the plan or plans proposed by the various contributing agencies.

SEC. 5. That, for the purpose of enabling the Secretary of the Interior to pay not to exceed one-half of the cost of the examination and report herein provided for, there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$20,000: *Provided*, That no expenditure shall be made or obligation incurred hereunder by the Secretary of the Interior until provision shall have been made for the payment of at least one-half the cost of the examination and report herein provided for by associations and agencies interested in the irrigation of the lands of the Imperial Valley.

Approved, May 18, 1920.

Appropriation authorized for examination.

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Proviso.
Local payment required

CHAP. 189.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to accept on behalf of the United States the donation by Sedgwick Post Numbered Ten, Grand Army of the Republic, of its memorial hall property in Bedford, Taylor County, Iowa, for Federal building purposes.

May 18, 1920.

[H. R. 9944.]

[Public, No. 209.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to accept on behalf of the United States the donation by Sedgwick Post Numbered Ten, Grand Army of the Republic, of its memorial hall property in Bedford, Taylor County, Iowa, for Federal building purposes; being the east twenty-nine feet of lot eight, block eleven, original town of Bedford, at the southwest corner of Main and Water Streets, together with the two-story and basement building, twenty-nine by eighty-one feet, outside measurement, now situated thereon; that said property shall be used and operated as are other public buildings, and that the annual appropriations for the general maintenance of public buildings under the control of the Treasury Department shall be construed to be available for use in connection with said property as for other buildings under said department.

Bedford, Iowa.
Acceptance from Sedgwick Post, Grand Army, of building at, authorized

Use for public building purposes.

That the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to permit said post and the Sedgwick Post Women's Relief Corps Numbered Eighty-two, to continue to occupy the second floor of said building until such time as said post dissolves; such occupancy to be without charge for rent, water, heat, or light, which are to be included in such free use.

Occupancy permitted

And that a suitable bronze tablet commemorative of this gift shall be furnished and placed on the exterior of said building at the expense of the United States.

Commemorative tablet.

Approved, May 18, 1920.

CHAP. 190.—An Act To increase the efficiency of the commissioned and enlisted personnel of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Coast Guard, Coast and Geodetic Survey, and Public Health Service.

May 18, 1920.

[H. R. 11927.]

[Public, No. 210.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, commencing January 1, 1920, commissioned officers of the Army, Navy, and Marine Corps, and Public Health Service shall be paid, in addition to all pay and allowances now allowed by law, increases at rates per annum as follows: Colonels in the Army and Marine Corps, captains in the Navy, and assistant surgeons general in the Public Health Service, \$600; lieutenant colonels in the Army and Marine Corps, commanders in the Navy, and senior surgeons in the Public Health Service, \$600; majors in the Army and Marine Corps, lieutenant

Increase of pay, Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Public Health officers.
Rates from January 1, 1920.