

understanding of the subject. And until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War, no work upon the bridge shall be commenced; and should any change be made in the plan of said bridge during the progress of construction, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Changes.

SEC. 5. That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date of approval hereof.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 6. That Congress hereby expressly reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Amendment, etc.

Approved, April 16, 1896.

CHAP. 107.—An Act Providing for disposal of lands on abandoned portions of the Fort Assiniboine Military Reservation in Montana, and for the relief of certain settlers thereon.

April 18, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all lands which have been or may hereafter be excluded from the limits of the Fort Assiniboine Military Reservation in the State of Montana shall be open to the operation of the laws regulating homestead entry, except section twenty-three hundred and one of the Revised Statutes, and to entry under the town-site laws and the laws governing the disposal of coal lands, desert lands, and mineral lands, and shall not be subject to sale under the provisions of any Act relating to the sale of abandoned military reservations: *Provided,* That if the entire reservation be abandoned for military purposes this Act shall not apply to an area one mile square embracing the Government buildings at Fort Assiniboine.

Montana.
Abandoned part of Fort Assiniboine reservation opened to entry.

Commutation accepted.
R. S., sec. 2301, p. 421.

Provido.
Government buildings, etc., reserved.

SEC. 2. That all entries heretofore made in good faith under either the homestead, town-site, desert-land, or mineral-land laws of the United States upon any of the excluded portions of said Fort Assiniboine Military Reservation shall be held valid, and the Secretary of the Interior is directed to reinstate such entries under either of said laws as he may heretofore have canceled because of a construction based upon the opinion that the laws mentioned in section one of this Act did not apply to the abandoned portions of said reservation.

Previous entries validated.

Approved, April 18, 1896.

CHAP. 108.—An Act Granting to the Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Company and the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, its lessee in perpetuity, the right of way over a part of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservation in the States of Kansas and Nebraska.

April 18, 1896.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby granted to the Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Kansas, and to the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Illinois, as lessee in perpetuity of the railroad lines and property of said Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Company, the right of way for the railroad of said Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Company as so leased, one hundred feet in width, fifty feet on each side of the center of the track, as existing and located on and since the seventh day of April, anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety-five, through the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservation in the States of Kansas and Nebraska and over the allotments in severalty of certain Indians thereon, commencing upon the allotment of Sidney Perry at the southeast corner of said reservation and extending northwestwardly to a point one thousand two hundred and seventy-four feet west of the east line of the allotment of Stephen Story in the southeast quarter of the northeast quarter of section twenty-six, township one north, of range eighteen east, in

Atchison and Nebraska Railroad Company and lessee granted right of way. Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservation, Kans. and Nebr.

Location.

Proviso.
Payment.

Richardson County, Nebraska: *Provided*, That this grant is upon condition that the grantees hereof shall, within ninety days after the approval of this Act, pay to said allottees, or their heirs, or to a parent or guardian of any minor allottee or heir, or to the Indian agent at the Pottawatomie and Great Nemaha Agency for their use, at the rate of twenty-five dollars per acre for the land hereby granted; and the receipts of any such persons, acknowledged in the manner provided for the acknowledgment on instruments conveying real estate in the State where said land is located, filed with the officer keeping the public record of land titles in the county in which said land is located, shall be evidence of such payment: *Provided further*, That said company shall first file with and secure the approval of the Secretary of the Interior to the map of definite location of the road as the same was located on the seventh day of April, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

Secretary of Interior
to approve location.

Change of location.

SEC. 2. That at any time hereafter whenever it shall be made to appear to the Secretary of the Interior that the encroachments of the Missouri or Great Nemaha rivers shall make it necessary for the grantees named in this Act, their successors or assigns, to acquire other right of way through any part of such reservation, the allottees in severalty of allotments thereon, or their heirs, are hereby authorized individually to grant and convey right of way to the said railroad companies over their respective allotments in the ordinary manner provided for the acquisition of title to real estate in the above-named States, respectively; or the said grantees may proceed against such allottees, or their heirs, as the owners of the several allotments, to condemn such right of way in the manner prescribed by the laws of such respective States as then existing: *Provided*, That said company shall first file a map of definite location of the location of the relocated line as provided in section one of this Act.

Proviso.
Maps to be filed.

Received by the President, April 7, 1896.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

April 24, 1896.

CHAP. 119.—An Act Authorizing the transfer of a cannon from the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, to Grant Park, in Galena, Illinois.

Galena, Ill.
to. Cannon transferred

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 authorized and directed to cause to be transferred from the Rock Island Arsenal, Rock Island, Illinois, to Grant Park, in Galena, Illinois, a Confederate cannon captured by the Forty-fifth Illinois Infantry: *Provided*, That the transfer shall be made without expense to the Government.

Proviso.
Expense.

Approved, April 24, 1896.

April 24, 1896.

CHAP. 120.—An Act Providing for a naval training station on the island of Yerba Buena (or Goat Island), in the harbor of San Francisco, California, and for other purposes.

Yerba Buena Island,
Cal.
Naval apprentice
training station estab-
lished.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish a training station for naval apprentices on the island of Yerba Buena (or Goat Island), in the harbor of San Francisco, California; and said Secretary is authorized to designate two officers of the Navy, and the Secretary of War is authorized to designate one officer of the Army, said three officers to constitute a board, who shall select and assign so much of said island

Site.