

purposes herein enumerated, and full authority to construct roadways, and lay out said island into grounds, parks, or lots suitable for the uses herein allowed and provided for, said island always remaining free to the public for the ordinary uses of a public park: *Provided*, That such leases shall not be for a longer period than ten years, and shall not in the aggregate embrace or cover more than one-third the area of said island."

*Proviso.*  
*Limit.*

Approved, February 20, 1896.

**CHAP. 27.**—An Act Extending the time within which the Maryland and Washington Railway Company shall be required to complete the building of the road of said company, under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved August first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as amended by an Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

February 20, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the time within which the Maryland and Washington Railway Company is required to complete and put in operation its railway in the District of Columbia, under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved August first, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, as amended by an Act approved March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, be, and the same is hereby, extended for the term of one year from the second day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-six; and that all the franchises, rights, and powers conferred by said Acts, or either of them, upon said railway company may be enjoyed and exercised as fully and completely as if said railway had been completed and put in operation prior to March second, eighteen hundred and ninety-six.

District of Columbia.  
Maryland and Washington Railway Company.  
Time for completing, extended.  
Vol. 27, p. 343.  
Vol. 28, p. 716.

Approved, February 20, 1896.

**CHAP. 28.**—An Act To open forest reservations in the State of Colorado for the location of mining claims.

February 20, 1896.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the forest reservations in the State of Colorado, known as the Pikes Peak Forest Reserve, the Plum Creek Forest Reserve, and the South Platte Forest Reserve, established by Executive proclamations dated, respectively, March eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, and December ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, in the State of Colorado in accordance with section twenty-four of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, from and after the passage of this Act, shall be open to the location of mining claims thereon for gold, silver, and cinnabar, and that title to such mining claims may be acquired in the same manner as it may be acquired to mining claims upon the other mineral lands of the United States for such purposes: *Provided*, That all locations of mining claims heretofore made in good faith within said reservations, and which have been held and worked in the same manner as mining claims are held and worked under existing law upon the public domain, are validated by this Act.

Colorado.  
Forest reservations opened to mining locations.  
Vol. 27, pp. 1006, 1029, 1044.

Vol. 26, p. 1103.

*Proviso.*  
*Prior locations.*

**SEC. 2.** That owners of valid mining locations made and held in good faith under the terms of this Act, shall be, and are hereby, authorized and permitted to fell and remove from such mining claims any timber growing thereon, for actual mining purposes in connection with the particular claim from which the timber is felled or removed, but no other timber shall be felled or removed from any other portions of said reservations by private parties for any purpose whatever.

Use of timber permitted.

Approved, February 20, 1896.