

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

CHAP. XLI.—*An Act to authorize and sanction the sales of reserves, provided for Creek Indians in the treaty of March twenty-four, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, in certain cases, and for other purposes.*

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Those which shall remain unsold on 4th April next, to be sold at public auction, &c.

Confirmation of sales by the widow, &c., of Creek Indians who have or may die before 4th April next, &c.

Proviso.

Payment of money which may be received from purchasers under authority given in preceding sections, &c.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

The President may cause one dollar and a quarter per acre to be paid to certain Creek Indians.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Money appropriated to carry this act into effect.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States may, and he is hereby authorized to, cause all the reserves belonging to the Creek Indians by virtue of the provisions of the treaty of March twenty-four, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, which shall remain unsold on the fourth day of April next, to be sold at public auction in the Creek country; after giving at least sixty days notice of the time, place and terms of sale in the public prints, and to cause patents to be issued to the purchasers of said reserves.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States may, and he is hereby authorized to, confirm the sales by the widow, the widow and children, the children, or the lawful administrator of Creek Indians who have died, or who may die, prior to the fourth day of April next, without having legally disposed of said reserves, and to receive the purchase-money, or such portions of it as may not have been paid to the persons entitled to it, and to cause patents to be issued therefor to the purchasers; "*Provided,* That sales made by lawful administrators shall be entitled to a preference over sales made by widows and children."

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the President may, and he is hereby authorized to, pay the persons entitled thereto, the money which may be received from the purchasers of reserves under the authority given in the two preceding sections, at such times and in such amounts as he shall deem best for the parties concerned; or, if he think proper, to invest the whole or any part of said purchase-money in stocks, and pay the interest to the persons entitled, in such amounts, and in such manner, as, in his opinion, will be most advantageous for them: *Provided,* That he may cause the principal of the sum or sums so invested to be paid to the persons entitled thereto, whenever he may think proper: *And provided, further,* That the provisions of this act shall be executed under such regulations and restrictions as the President may prescribe.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That it may be lawful for the President of the United States to cause the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre to be paid to the Creek Indians, whose names were omitted to be entered on the census-roll taken under the treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty-two, and to those whose names appear on said roll, but for whom no locations have been made, who shall appear, from proper evidence, to be justly entitled to reservations under the provisions of said treaty; *Provided,* That the sums thus payable under this section may be invested in stocks upon the same terms and conditions, and under the same regulations and restrictions as are herein before prescribed in respect to moneys payable under the first and second sections of this act; *Provided, further,* That no transfer by the person entitled under this section shall be valid.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the purpose of carrying into effect the provisions of the three first sections of this act, the sum of ten thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, together with such sum as may be necessary to carry into effect the fourth section thereof.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.