

Company may accept, &c., grants.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company is authorized to accept to its own use any grant, donation, loan, power, franchise, aid, or assistance which may be granted to, or conferred upon, said company by the congress of the United States, by the legislature of any state, or by any corporation, person, or persons; and said corporation is authorized to hold and enjoy any such grant, donation, loan, power, franchise, aid, or assistance, to its own use for the purpose aforesaid.

Company to gain consent of state legislatures, &c.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That said Northern Pacific Railroad Company shall obtain the consent of the legislature of any state through which any portion of said railroad line may pass, previous to commencing the construction thereof; but said company may have the right to put on engineers and survey the route before obtaining the consent of the legislature.

Act to be void, unless, &c.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That unless said Northern Pacific Railroad Company shall obtain bonâ fide subscriptions to the stock of said company to the amount of two millions of dollars, with ten per centum paid within two years after the passage and approval of this act, it shall be null and void.

Act may be altered, &c.

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That the better to accomplish the object of this act, namely, to promote the public interest and welfare by the construction of said railroad and telegraph line, and keeping the same in working order, and to secure to the government at all times (but particularly in time of war) the use and benefits of the same for postal, military, and other purposes, congress may, at any time, having due regard for the rights of said Northern Pacific Railroad Company, add to, alter, amend, or repeal this act.

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CHAP. CCXVIII. — *An Act to quiet the Titles to Lands within the Rancho Laguna de Santos Calle, in the State of California.*

Titles to lands in the Rancho Laguna de Santos Calle, California, quieted.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it may and shall be lawful for all purchasers from the grantees or their assigns of lands within the Rancho Laguna de Santos Calle, in the State of California, to file, within twelve months from the passage of this act, with the register of the land-office at Marysville, applications describing the lands so purchased by them respectively, with proofs of bonâ fide purchase from the said grantees or their assigns; and, upon such proofs being found satisfactory, the said purchasers shall be permitted to enter, according to the lines of the public surveys, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the lands so purchased within the limits of said rancho, as described in the petition presented to the board of commissioners under the act of March 3, 1851, entitled "An act to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California," to the extent to which the lands so purchased have been reduced to possession, and are now held by said purchasers: *Provided*, That any person who shall avail himself of the provisions of this act shall be thereafter debarred any further claim under the grantee in the event of a final confirmation of the grant.

1851, ch. 41.
Vol. ix. p. 631.

Costs of additional surveys.

1862, ch. 86, § 10.
Vol. xii. p. 410.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That where any additional surveys may be found necessary to give full effect to this act, the commissioner of the general land-office shall cause such surveys to be made at the cost of the purchasers, as provided by the 10th section of the act of May 30th, 1862, entitled "An act to reduce the expenses of the survey and sale of the public lands of the United States:" *Provided*, That no entry of mineral lands or lands reserved for military or other public uses, shall be permitted under this act, nor shall any rights acquired under the pre-emption laws of the United States be affected hereby.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the

register and receiver of the proper land-office to receive all applications in cases presented under this act, pursuant to such instructions as may be prescribed by the commissioner of the general land-office, and to adjudge all such cases as preliminary to a final decision in due course of law.

Duty of registers and receivers under this act.

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CHAP. CCXIX.—*An Act to authorize assimilated Rank to be given to the Warrant Officers of the United States Navy, and for other Purposes.*

July 2, 1864.

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 is hereby authorized, if, in his judgment, it shall be conducive to the interest of the service, to give assimilated rank to the warrant officers of the navy, viz: boatswains, gunners, carpenters, and sail-makers, as follows: After five years of service to rank with ensigns; and after ten years service to rank with masters.

Assimilated rank to warrant officers in the navy.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, from and after the passage of this act, the officers named in the preceding section shall be known as "warrant officers in the naval service of the United States," and shall be so entered upon the Naval Register.

To be called "warrant officers," &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That in all cases where it has been, or may be, found necessary during the present war to detain in confinement persons found on board of captured vessels, the expenses of the detention of such persons, when not chargeable to the proceeds of prize or other fund, shall be paid out of the appropriation for defraying the expenses of suits in which the United States are concerned, and that the expenses of prisoners sentenced by naval court-martial to confinement in a penitentiary shall be defrayed from the same fund.

Expenses of confinement of persons found in captured vessels.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the following addition be made to the clerical force now authorized by law in the Navy Department:— Bureau of provisions and clothing, two clerks of the third class and two of the first class.

Additional clerks in the Navy Department.

Bureau of ordnance, one clerk of the third class.

Bureau of equipment and recruiting, one clerk of the second class and one clerk of the first class.

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CHAP. CCXX.—*An Act for increased Facilities of Telegraph Communication between the Atlantic and Pacific States and the Territory of Idaho.*

July 2, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the United States Telegraph Company, and their associates, are hereby authorized to erect a line or lines of magnetic telegraph between the Missouri River and the city of San Francisco, in the State of California, on such route as they may select, to connect with the lines of the said United States Telegraph Company, now constructed, and being constructed through the states of the Union. The said company shall have the use of such unoccupied land of the United States as may be necessary for the right of way, and materials, and for the establishing of stations along said line for repairs, not exceeding at any station one quarter section of land; and such stations not to exceed one in fifteen miles on the average of the whole line, unless said lands shall be required by the government of the United States for railroad or other purposes: *And provided,* That no right to preëempt any of said lands under the laws of the United States shall enure to said company or their agents, or any other person or persons whatsoever.

The United States Telegraph Company may erect lines between the Missouri River and San Francisco, to connect with other lines.

Right of way &c.

Stations.

No right to preëmption.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said United States Telegraph Company, under the direction of the President of the United States,