

of railway-companies;" which report of said committee of conference was concurred in by both Houses; and

Whereas in transcribing the bill, the said second proviso in the amendment of the House of Representatives was not stricken out, and the above-quoted words were not inserted and do not appear in the law upon the statute-books: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said words above quoted shall be considered and taken as they were intended to be, and they are hereby made a part of said act approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 190.—An act to authorize the purchase of a site for a public building at Topeka, Kansas.

March 3, 1875.

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 authorized and directed to purchase at private sale, or procure by condemnation, a suitable tract of ground in the city of Topeka, Kansas, as a site for a fire-proof building for the accommodation of the United States district and circuit courts, post-office, pension agency, land office and other Government offices in said city; said tract of land not to exceed in cost the sum of ten thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated but the same shall not be available until a valid title to the land shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Kansas shall relinquish its jurisdiction over the same, and all right to tax or assess the same while owned by the United States.

Site for public building in Topeka, Kansas.

Appropriation.

Relinquishment of State jurisdiction, &c.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 191.—An act to set apart a certain portion of the island of Mackinac in the Straits of Mackinac, within the State of Michigan, as a national park

March 3, 1875.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the island of Mackinac, lying in the Straits of Mackinac, within the county of Mackinac, in the State of Michigan, as is now held by the United States under military reservation or otherwise, (excepting the Fort Mackinac and so much of the present reservation thereof as bounds it to the south of the village of Mackinac, and to the west, north and east respectively by lines drawn north and south, east and west, at a distance from the present fort flag-staff of four hundred yards,) hereby is reserved and withdrawn from settlement, occupancy, or sale under the laws of the United States, and dedicated and set apart as a national public park, or grounds, for health, comfort, and pleasure, for the benefit and enjoyment of the people; and all persons who shall locate or settle upon or occupy the same, or any part thereof, except as herein provided, shall be considered trespassers, and removed therefrom.

Part of Mackinac Island set apart as a national park.

Trespassers.

SEC. 2. That said public park shall be under the exclusive control of the Secretary of War, whose duty it shall be as soon as practicable, to make and publish such rules and regulations as he may deem necessary or proper for the care and management of the same. Such regulations shall provide for the preservation from injury or spoliation of all timber, mineral deposits, natural curiosities, or wonders within said park, and their retention in their natural condition. The Secretary may in his discretion, grant leases for building purposes, of small parcels of ground, at such places in said park as shall require the erection of buildings for

Control and management of park.

Regulations.

Leases.