said act, of the property of the United States, and all persons in their service, from any toll whatever: And provided further, That an annual report shall be made to the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, of the rate and amount of tolls charged or collected on said canals, and their application.

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STATUTE I.

June 23, 1836.

Chap. CXX.—An act supplementary to the act entitled "An act for the admission of the State of Arkansas into the Union, and to provide for the due execution of the laws of the United States within the same, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in lieu of the propositions submitted to the Congress of the United States, by an ordinance passed by the convention of Delegates at Little Rock, assembled for the purpose of making a constitution for the State of Arkansas, which are hereby rejected; and that the following propositions be, and the same are hereby, offered to the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas, for their free acceptance or rejection, which if accepted, under the authority granted to the said General Assembly, for this purpose, by the convention which framed the constitution of the said State, shall be obligatory upon the United States:

First. That section numbered sixteen in every township, and when such section has been sold, or otherwise disposed of, other lands equivalent thereto, and as contiguous as may be, shall be granted to the State for the use of the inhabitants of such township for the use of schools.

Second. That all salt springs not exceeding twelve in number, with six sections of land adjoining to each, shall be granted to the said State, for the use of said State, the same to be selected by the General Assembly thereof on or before the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty; and the same, when so selected, to be used under such terms, conditions, and regulations, as the General Assembly of the said State shall direct: Provided, That no salt spring, the right whereof is now vested in any individual or individuals, or which may hereafter be confirmed or adjudged to any individual or individuals, shall, by this section, be granted to said State: And provided also, That the General Assembly shall never sell or lease the same, at any one time, for a longer period than ten years, without the consent of Congress; and that nothing contained in the act of Congress entitled "An act authorizing the Governor of the Territory of Arkansas to lease the salt springs in said Territory, and for other purposes," or in any other act, shall be construed to give to the said State any further or other claim whatsoever, to any salt springs or lands adjoining thereto, than to those hereby granted:

Third. That five per cent. of the nett proceeds of the sale of lands lying within the said State, and which shall be sold by Congress, from and after the first day of July next, after deducting all expenses incident to the same, shall be reserved for making public roads and canals within the said State, under the direction of the General Assembly thereof.

Fourth. That a quantity of land not exceeding five sections be, and the same is hereby, granted to the said State in addition to the ten sections which have already been granted, for the purpose of completing the public buildings of the said State at Little Rock; which said five sections shall, under the direction of the General Assembly of said State, be located, at any time, in legal divisions of not less than one-quarter section, in such townships and ranges as the General Assembly aforesaid may select, on any of the unappropriated lands of the United States within the said State.
Fifth. That the two entire townships of land which have already been located by virtue of the act entitled "An act concerning a seminary of learning in the Territory of Arkansas," approved the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-seven, are hereby vested in and confirmed to the General Assembly of the said State, to be appropriated solely to the use of such seminary by the General Assembly: Provided, That the five foregoing propositions herein offered, are on the condition that the General Assembly or Legislature of the said State, by virtue of the powers conferred upon it by the convention which framed the constitution of the said State, shall provide by an ordinance irrevocable without the consent of the United States, that the said General Assembly of said State shall never interfere with the primary disposal of the soil within the same by the United States, nor with any regulations Congress may find necessary for securing the title in such soil to the bona fide purchasers thereof; and that no tax shall be imposed on lands the property of the United States; and that in no case shall non-resident proprietors be taxed higher than residents; and that the bounty lands granted, or hereafter to be granted, for military services during the late war, shall, whilst they continue to be held by the patentees or their heirs, remain exempt from any tax laid by order or under the authority of the State, whether for State, county, township, or any other purpose, for the term of three years from and after the date of the patents respectively.

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