shall be established at Stevens Point, on the Wisconsin River, as soon
as the public convenience may require it.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That so much of the public lands
of the United States, in the State of Wisconsin, as lies within the follow-
ing boundaries, to wit: — commencing at a point where the line between
townships ten and eleven, north, touches the Mississippi River, thence
due east to the fourth principal meridian, thence north to the line
between townships fourteen and fifteen, north, thence east to the south-
east corner of township fifteen, north of range one, east of the fourth
principal meridian, thence north on the range line to the south line of
township number thirty-one, north, thence west on the line between
townships number thirty and thirty-one, to the Chippewa River, thence
down said river to its junction with the Mississippi River, thence down
the Mississippi River to the place of beginning, shall be formed into a
new land district, to be called the La Crosse Land District, and for the
sale of the public lands within the district hereby constituted, a land-
office shall be established at La Crosse, on the Mississippi River, as
soon as the public convenience may require it.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the President is hereby autho-
ized to cause the removal of either of the offices created by this act, to
any other place within said district, whenever, in his opinion, such
removal may be deemed expedient.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the President be, and he is
hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the
Senate, a register and a receiver of public moneys for each of the said
districts, who shall respectively be required to reside at the site of said
office, and who shall have the same powers, perform the same duties,
and be entitled to the same compensation as are or may be prescribed
by law in relation to other land-officers of the United States. And
in case it shall be found necessary or expedient to establish said districts,
or either of them, during the recess of Congress, the President shall be,
and he is hereby authorized to appoint the necessary officers during
such recess, and until the end of the next session of Congress: Pro-
vided, however, That this act shall not go into effect until at least six
months after its passage.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the Commissioner of the
General Land-Office shall cause to be transferred to the land-offices
hereby created, all such books, maps, records, field notes, and plats, or
transcripts thereof, relating to the surveys and entries of the public lands
in the districts hereby created, as may be necessary for the sale of the
public lands, in compliance with the provisions of this act.

APPROVED, July 30, 1852.

August 2, 1862. CHAP. LXXVII.—An Act to create three additional Land Districts in the State of Iowa.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of
the public lands in the State of Iowa, lying west of the range line dividing
ranges seventeen and eighteen, and east of the range line dividing
ranges thirty-one and thirty-two, and now included in the district of
lands subject to sale at Fairfield, shall comprise a new land district, to
be called the Chariton District; that so much of the public lands in said
State, now included in the Iowa and Dubuque land districts, as lie
between the range line dividing ranges sixteen and seventeen, and the
range line dividing ranges thirty-three and thirty-four, shall form a new
land district, to be called the Northern District; that all that portion of
the public lands in said State, now included in the district subject to
sale at Fairfield, and lying west of the range line dividing ranges thirty-
one and thirty-two, and all that portion of the public lands now included
in the districts subject to sale at Iowa City and Dubuque, and lying west
of the range line dividing ranges thirty-three and thirty-four, shall form
a new land district, to be called the Missouri River District; and that
the district of lands subject to sale at Dubuque shall hereafter be bounded
on the north by the northern boundary line of the State of Iowa.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the President be, and he is
hereby authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the
Senate, a register and a receiver of the public moneys for each of the said
districts, respectively, who shall each be required to reside at the site of
the respective office to which they may be appointed, and who shall have
the same powers, perform the same duties, and be entitled to the same
compensation as are or may be prescribed by law in relation to other
land-offices of the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the President is authorized to
cause the public lands in said districts, respectively, (with the exception
of sections numbered sixteen in each township, reserved for the use of
schools, or such other lands as may be selected by law in lieu thereof,
and of such other tracts as he may select for military or other purposes,)
to be exposed to sale in the same manner and upon the same terms and
conditions as the other public lands of the United States.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the President is hereby
authorized to designate the sites at which each of the several offices
shall be established, and to remove the same to any other places within
districts respectively, whenever, in his opinion, it may be deemed
expedient.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That any location or sales of
land lying in either of the districts hereby created, made by the land-
oficers at Dubuque, Iowa City, or Fairfield, after the passage of this
act, and prior to the receipt by them of instructions from the Commis-
sioner of the General-Land Office under this act, shall be as good and
valid in law as if this act had not been passed.

Approved, August 2, 1852.

CHAP. LXXVIII.—An Act to protect actual Settlers upon the Land on the Line of the
Central Railroad and Branches, by granting Preemption Rights thereto.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
United States of America in Congress assembled, That each and every
person now an actual settler and occupant, and who, on the twentieth
day of September, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty, had made such an actual settlement and improvement as would
have entitled him to a right of preemption under the act of September
fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-one, but for his failure to give the
requisite notice under that law, or to file proof within due time, on any
tract of land now owned by the United States, and situated within the
limits reserved from sale by order of the Government, because of the
grant of alternate sections to the States of Illinois, Mississippi, and
Alabama, in aid of the construction of the Chicago and Mobile railroad
and branches, by virtue of an act of Congress, approved September
twentieth, eighteen hundred and fifty, entitled, “An act granting the
right of way and making a grant of land to the States of Illinois, Missis-
sippi, and Alabama, in aid of the construction of a railroad from Chicago
to Mobile,” shall have the right to purchase, at the price established by
law in regulating the sales of said lands, a quantity of the tract so set-
tled on and improved, not less than forty nor more than one hundred
and sixty acres, in legal subdivisions, on which said improvements may