

June 29, 1854. CHAP. LXXII.—*An Act to aid the Territory of Minnesota in the Construction of a Railroad therein.*

Repealed by act of 1854, ch. 246.

Alternate sections of land granted for a railroad.

When other sections may be taken in lieu of the alternate ones.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

Further proviso.

Price of lands remaining to the United States.

Lands granted to be used only for the purposes aforesaid.

Railroads to be free for use of government of United States.

When subject to private entry.

Manner in which said lands are to be disposed of by said Territory.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be, and is, hereby granted to the Territory of Minnesota for the purpose of aiding in the construction of a railroad from the southern line of said Territory, commencing at a point between township ranges nine and seventeen, thence by the way of St. Paul, by the most practicable route to the eastern line of said Territory in the direction of Lake Superior, every alternate section of land designated by odd numbers for six sections in width on each side of said road within said Territory, but in case it shall appear that the United States have, when the line of said road is definitely fixed by the authority aforesaid, sold any section or any part thereof granted as aforesaid, or that the right of preëmption has attached to the same, then it shall be lawful for any agent or agents to be appointed by the Governor of said Territory, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, to select from the lands of the United States nearest to the tier of sections above specified, so much land in alternate sections or parts of sections, as shall be equal to such lands as the United States have sold, or to which the right of preëmption has attached as aforesaid, which lands (thus selected in lieu of those sold, and to which preëmption has attached as aforesaid, together with the sections or parts of sections designated by odd numbers as aforesaid, and appropriated as aforesaid,) shall be held by the Territory of Minnesota for the use and purpose aforesaid: *Provided*, That the lands to be so located shall in no case be further than fifteen miles from the line of the road in each case, and selected for and on account of said road: *Provided further*, That the lands hereby granted shall be exclusively applied in the construction of that road for which it was granted and selected, and shall be disposed of only as the work progresses, and the same shall be applied to no other purpose whatever; *And provided further*, That any and all lands heretofore reserved to the United States by any act of Congress, or in any other manner by competent authority, for the purpose of aiding in any object of internal improvement, or for any other purpose whatsoever, be, and the same are hereby reserved to the United States from the operation of this act, except so far as it may be found necessary to locate the route of said railroad through such reserved lands, in which case the right of way only shall be granted, subject to the approval of the President of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sections and parts of sections of land, which by such grants shall remain to the United States, within six miles on each side of said road, shall not be sold for less than double the minimum price.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said lands hereby granted to the said Territory shall be subject to the disposal of any legislature thereof, for the purpose aforesaid and no other, nor shall they enure to the benefit of any company heretofore constituted and organized, and the said railroad shall be and remain a public highway for the use of the Government of the United States, free from toll or other charge upon the transportation of any property or troops of the United States, nor shall any of said lands become subject to private entry until the same shall have been first offered at public sale at the increased price.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the lands hereby granted to said Territory, shall be disposed of by said Territory only in manner following, that is to say, no title shall vest in the said Territory of Minnesota, nor shall any patent issue for any part of the lands hereinbefore mentioned, until a continuous length of twenty miles of said road shall be completed through the lands hereby granted, and when the Secretary of

the Interior shall be satisfied that any twenty miles of said road are completed, then a patent shall issue for a quantity of land not exceeding one hundred and twenty sections, and included within a continuous length of twenty miles of said road, and so from time to time, patents shall be issued in like manner upon the completion of each additional twenty miles of said road until it shall be completed, and if said road is not completed within ten years, no further sale shall be made, and the land unsold shall revert to the United States.

If road not completed in ten years, land unsold reverts to United States.  
Transportation of United States mail.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the United States mail shall be transported at all times on said railroad under the direction of the Post-Office Department at such price as Congress may by law direct: *Provided*, That until such price is fixed by law, the Postmaster-General shall have the power to determine the same.

Price for same.

APPROVED, June 29, 1854.

CHAP. LXXIX.—*An Act for the Construction of certain Military Roads and Wells in the Territory of New Mexico.*

July 17, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums of money be, and are hereby, appropriated for the construction and repair of Roads in the Territory of New Mexico:

Appropriation of \$32,000 for roads and wells in New Mexico.

From Taos to Santa Fe, the sum of twenty thousand dollars;

From Santa Fe to Dona Ana, the sum of twelve thousand dollars; any portion of which may be applied to the sinking of wells if required by the necessities of said road. The said sums of money to be expended under the control and direction of the Secretary of War.

How expended.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

CHAP. LXXX.—*An Act for the Payment of the Civil Officers employed in the Territory of New Mexico while under Military Government.*

July 17, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized, from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to the civil officers employed in the Territory of New Mexico, while the same was under military government, the salaries due and payable to them from the twenty-second of September, eighteen hundred and forty-six, until the third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, according to the rate of compensation prescribed by the organic law promulgated by General Stephen W. Kearney for the Government of said Territory of New Mexico, deducting therefrom such sums as have already been paid to them from the Treasury of said Territory: *Provided*, That under the provisions of this act, no compensation shall be made to any officer of the army of the United States for discharging the duties of any civil office in the Territory of New Mexico.

Secretary of War authorized to pay the salaries due to said civil officers.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

CHAP. LXXXI.—*An Act to provide for the Continuation of the Military Road from Myrtle Creek to Scottsburg, in Oregon.*

July 17, 1854.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the extension and completion of the Military Road from Myrtle Creek, in Umpqua Valley, to Scottsburg, in the Territory of Oregon; the said road to be constructed under the direction of the Secretary of War.

Appropriation of \$20,000 to extend and complete said road.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.