

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.

July 17, 1854. CHAP. LXXXII.—*An Act to provide for the Construction of a Military Road in the Territory of Utah.*

Appropriation of \$25,000 for construction of said road.

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, appropriated, the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, in the construction of a Military Road within the Territories of Utah and New Mexico, commencing at Great Salt Lake City, and running, by the way of Provo City, Fillmore City, Parovan and Cedar City, to the eastern boundary of California, in the direction of the Cajon Pass.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

July 17, 1854. CHAP. LXXXIII.—*An Act to authorize the President of the United States to cause to be surveyed the tract of land in the Territory of Minnesota, belonging to the half-breeds or mixed-bloods of the Dacotah or Sioux nation of Indians, and for other purposes.*

Authority to exchange lands on west side of Lake Pepin and Mississippi river.

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Proviso.

Further proviso.

When certificates or scrip to issue.

Lands to be surveyed: how exposed to sale.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized, to exchange with the half-breeds or mixed-bloods of the Dacotah or Sioux nation of Indians, who are entitled to an interest therein, for the tract of land lying on the west side of Lake Pepin and the Mississippi River, in the Territory of Minnesota, which was set apart and granted for their use and benefit, by the ninth article of the Treaty of Prairie du Chien, of the fifteenth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty; and for that purpose he is hereby authorized to cause to be issued to said persons, on the execution by them, or by the legal representatives of such as may be minors, of a full and complete relinquishment by them to the United States of all their right, title, and interest, according to such form as shall be prescribed by the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, in and to said tract of land or reservation, certificates or scrip for the same amount of land to which each individual would be entitled in case of a division of the said grant or reservation *pro rata* among the claimants— which said certificates or scrip may be located upon any of the lands within said reservation not now occupied by actual and *bonâ fide* settlers of the half-breeds or mixed-bloods, or such other persons as have gone into said Territory by authority of law, or upon any other unoccupied lands subject to pre-emption or private sale, or upon any other unsurveyed lands, not reserved by Government, upon which they have respectively made improvements: *Provided,* That said certificates or scrip shall not embrace more than six hundred and forty, nor less than forty acres each, and provided that the same shall be equally apportioned, as nearly as practicable, among those entitled to an interest in said reservation: *And provided further,* That no transfer or conveyance of any of said certificates or scrip shall be valid.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President be, and he is hereby authorized, to cause to be ascertained the number and names of the half-breeds or mixed-bloods who are entitled to participate in the benefits of the said grant or reservation as aforesaid, before the issue of the certificates or scrip provided for in the preceding section.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That from and after the passage of this act, the President is authorized to have the lands within the said reserve surveyed and exposed to public sale at the Land-Offices for the districts in which said lands may lie, according to the boundaries of the several land districts recently established by Congress, in the same manner as other public lands.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.