

corporation stocks, and money loaned at interest on bond, mortgage, or other evidence of indebtedness, in order to meet the engagements recently assumed by said town in subscribing to the stock of the Metropolitan Railroad Company; and to pledge the same to secure the said engagements, in such a manner that no part of the same shall in any event be applied to any other object; and the like remedy shall be used for the recovery thereof as is now used for the recovery of other public taxes in said town.

Water and gas.
Tax may be laid
therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation of Georgetown shall have full power and authority to introduce into said town a supply of water for the use of the inhabitants thereof; and to cause the streets, lanes, and alleys, or any of them, or any portion of any of them, to be lighted by gas or otherwise; and to provide for the expense of any such works or improvements, either by a special tax or out of its corporate funds generally, or both, at its discretion.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

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CHAP. CXLVI.—*An Act to confirm the Canal Selections in the State of Ohio.*

Canal selections
by Ohio, under
acts of 1827, ch.
56, and 1828, ch.
108, confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the selections of land by the State of Ohio, for canal purposes, under the act of second March, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven, and twenty-fourth May, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

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CHAP. CXLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Purchasers and Locators of Swamp and Overflowed Lands.*

Patents to issue
for swamp lands,
to purchasers
and locators pri-
or to issuing of
patent to the
States.

1850, ch. 84.

Provision for
the case of a sale
by a State prior
to its obtaining
a patent.

List of such
sales to be re-
turned.

Indemnity to
the States when
they lose swamp
lands under this
act.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States cause patents to be issued, as soon as practicable, to the purchaser or purchasers, locator or locators, who have made entries of the public lands, claimed as swamp lands, either with cash, or with land warrants, or with scrip, prior to the issue of patents to the State or States, as provided for by the second section of the act approved September twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and fifty, entitled "An act to enable the State of Arkansas and other States to reclaim the swamp lands within their limits," any decision of the Secretary of the Interior, or other officer of the government of the United States, to the contrary notwithstanding: *Provided*, That in all cases where any State, through its constituted authorities, may have sold or disposed of any tract or tracts of said land to any individual or individuals prior to the entry, sale, or location of the same, under the preemption or other laws of the United States, no patent shall be issued by the President for such tract or tracts of land, until such State, through its constituted authorities, shall release its claim thereto, in such form as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior: *And provided, further*, That if such State shall not, within ninety days from the passage of this act, through its constituted authorities, return to the General Land-Office of the United States, a list of all the lands sold as aforesaid, together with the dates of such sale, and the names of the purchasers, the patents shall be issued immediately thereafter, as directed in the foregoing section.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That upon due proof, by the authorized agent of the State or States, before the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, that any of the lands purchased were swamp lands, within the true intent and meaning of the act aforesaid, the purchase-money shall be paid over to the said State or States; and where the lands have been located by warrant or scrip, the said State or States

shall be authorized to locate a quantity of like amount, upon any of the public lands subject to entry, at one dollar and a quarter per acre, or less, and patents shall issue therefor, upon the terms and conditions enumerated in the act aforesaid: *Provided, however,* That the said decisions of the Commissioner of the General Land-Office shall be approved by the Secretary of the Interior.

APPROVED, March 2, 1855.

CHAP. CLXVI.—*An Act to increase the Compensation of the Registers of Land-Offices and Receivers of public Moneys under the Act entitled an Act to graduate and reduce the Price of the Public Lands to actual Settlers and Cultivators, approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.* March 3, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each register of a land office and receiver of public moneys shall receive the same amount of pay for each and every entry of land made under the act entitled "*An act to graduate and reduce the price of the public lands to actual settlers and cultivators, approved August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four,*" as such officer is by law entitled to receive for similar entries of land at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *Provided,* That the whole amount received per year shall in no case exceed the limitation fixed by existing laws.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CLXVII.—*An Act to provide for the erection of Public Buildings in the Territory of Kansas.* March 3, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the continuation and erection of public buildings for the use of the legislature of the Territory of Kansas, to be expended under the direction of the governor of said territory: *Provided,* Said money, or any part thereof, or of any portion of the money heretofore appropriated for this purpose, shall not be expended until the legislature of said territory shall have fixed by law the permanent seat of government.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CLXVIII.—*An Act to provide for the erection of Public Buildings in the Territory of Nebraska.* March 3, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction of public buildings in the Territory of Nebraska, to be expended under the direction of the governor of said territory: *Provided,* Said money, or any part thereof, shall not be expended until the legislature shall have fixed by law the permanent seat of government.

APPROVED, March 3, 1855.

CHAP. CLXIX.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Support of the Army, for the year ending the thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and for other Purposes.* March 3, 1855.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be,