

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fourth day of December, 1854, and ended on Saturday, the third day of March, 1855.

FRANKLIN PIERCE, President. JESSE D. BRIGHT, President of the Senate, *pro tempore*. LINN BOYD, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I. — *An Act for the better Preservation of Life and Property from Vessels shipwrecked on the Coasts of the United States.* Dec. 14, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish such additional stations, on the coasts of Long Island and New Jersey, for affording aid to shipwrecked vessels thereon, to change the location of the existing stations, and to make such repairs and to furnish such apparatus and supplies as may, in his judgment, be best adapted to give effect to the objects of this act.

Additional stations on coast of Long Island and New Jersey.
Apparatus and supplies.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint a keeper, at a compensation not exceeding two hundred dollars, at each of the stations to be established under the provisions of the first section of this act, and a superintendent, who shall also have the powers, and perform the duty of an inspector of the customs for each of the coasts therein mentioned, and to give said keepers and superintendents proper instructions relative to the duties to be required of them.

Keeper at each station.
Superintendent.
Their powers.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That no boat shall be purchased and located at any point other than on the coasts of Long Island and New Jersey, unless the same be placed in the immediate care of an officer of the Government, or unless bond shall be given by proper individuals, living in the neighborhood, conditioned for the care and preservation of the same, and its application to the uses intended.

Location of boats.
Custody and care of boats.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to establish stations at such light-houses as, in his judgment, he shall deem best, and the keepers of such lights shall take charge of such boats and apparatus as may be put in their charge respectively, as a part of their official duties.

Stations at light houses.

APPROVED, December 14, 1854.

CHAP. V. — *An Act to relinquish to the State of Wisconsin the Lands reserved for Salt Springs therein.* Dec. 15, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in lieu of the "twelve salt springs, with six sections of land adjoining to each," heretofore granted

Seventy-two sections may be selected in lieu of those granted by act of 1846, ch. 89, § 7.

to the State of Wisconsin for its use by the fourth clause of the seventh section of the act entitled "An act to enable the people of Wisconsin Territory to form a Constitution and State Government, and for the admission of such State into the Union," approved the sixth day of August, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, there be and hereby is granted to the said State of Wisconsin, to be selected by the legislature of said State out of any public land subject to private entry, and to be sold in such manner as the legislature may direct, for the benefit and in aid of the university of said State, and for no other purpose whatever, seventy-two sections of land: *Provided*, That any selections of land heretofore made under the act entitled "An act to extend the time for selecting land granted to the State of Wisconsin, for saline purposes," approved the fourth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and which shall not have been sold by the United States, and is not legally claimed by pre-emption, or otherwise, shall be, and hereby are granted and confirmed to said State for the use of the university of said State, as a part of the seventy-two sections hereby granted.

1852, ch. 24.

APPROVED, December 15, 1854.

Dec. 19, 1854.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act allowing the further time of two years to those holding Lands by Entries in the Virginia Military District in Ohio, which were made prior to first January, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to have the same surveyed and patented.*

Additional time granted for making returns.

Repealed, 1855, ch. 206, § 2.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the officers and soldiers of the Virginia line, or continental establishment, their heirs or assigns, entitled to bounty lands, which have, prior to the first day of January, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, been entered within the tract reserved by Virginia, between the Little Miami and Sciota rivers, for satisfying the legal bounties to her officers and soldiers, upon continental establishment, shall be allowed the time of two years, from and after the passage of this act, to make and return their surveys and warrants, or certified copies of warrants, to the General Land-Office.

APPROVED, December 19, 1854.

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CHAP. VII. — *An Act to provide for the extinguishment of the title of the Chippewa Indians to the Lands owned and claimed by them in the Territory of Minnesota, and State of Wisconsin, and for their Domestication and Civilization.*

Negotiations authorized to extinguish Chippewa titles in Wisconsin and Minnesota.

Terms of treaties authorized.

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 cause negotiations to be entered into with the Chippewa Indians, for the extinguishment of their title to all the lands owned and claimed by them in the Territory of Minnesota and State of Wisconsin, which treaties shall contain the following provisions, and such others as may be requisite and proper to carry the same into effect: —

First. Granting to each head of a family, in fee simple, a reservation of eighty acres of land, to be selected in the territory ceded, so soon as surveys shall be completed, by those entitled, which said reservations shall be patented by the President of the United States, and the patent therefor shall expressly declare that the said lands shall not be alienated or leased by the reservees, or their heirs and legal representatives, until otherwise ordered by Congress, and no change of location shall be made without the assent of the President of the United States.

Second. The annuities to which said Indians are entitled, under existing treaties, with the consent of said Indians, together with such as may be allowed them for the cession, or cessions, under the provisions of this act, shall be equally distributed and paid them at their villages, or settlements, within the limits of the ceded territory; but the President shall be invested with