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SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That in regard to settlements which by existing laws are authorized in certain States and Territories upon unsurveyed lands, which privilege is hereby extended to California, the preemption claimant shall be, and is hereby, in all cases, required, from and after the first day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, to file his declaratory statement within three months from the date of the receipt at the district-land office of the approved plat of the township embracing such preemption settlement: Provided, The provisions of this section shall not be held to authorize preemption and settlement of mineral lands, which are hereby exempted from the provisions of this act.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of July next, and until otherwise ordered by the President, the duties of the register and receiver of New Mexico shall be transferred to and devolve upon the surveyor general of that Territory, and it shall and may be lawful for the President, in like manner, to transfer the duties of register and receiver in any district to the surveyor general where the public interest may require such transfer.

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of July next the salary of the surveyor general of California shall not exceed three thousand dollars per annum, and the salaries of the surveyor general of Oregon and Washington shall not exceed two thousand five hundred dollars each per annum, and should the surveying districts of Utah and Nevada be hereafter established by order of the President, each as an independent district, the salaries of the surveyor general shall not exceed three thousand dollars each for said districts.

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That when the settlers in any township or townships, not mineral or reserved by Government, shall desire a survey made of the same, under the authority of the surveyor general of the United States, and shall file an application therefor in writing, and deposit in a proper United States depository, to the credit of the United States, a sum sufficient to pay for such survey, together with all expenses incident thereto, without cost or claim for indemnity on the United States, it shall and may be lawful for said surveyor general, under such instructions as may be given him by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and in accordance with existing laws and instructions, to survey such township or townships, and make return thereof to the general and proper local land office: Provided, The townships so proposed to be surveyed are within the range of the regular progress of the public surveys embraced by existing standard lines or bases for the township and sub-divisional surveys.

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deemed incomplete for the want of a survey or patent when the land
granted may be ascertained without a survey or patent.

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CHAP. XCL. — An Act to allow the State of California an additional Representative in
the thirty-seventh Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the census has never
been reliably taken in the State of California until the year eighteen
hundred and sixty, and as it appears that the said State had sufficient
population to entitle her to three representatives in the thirty-seventh
Congress, and as three representatives have been duly elected to the
thirty-seventh Congress under the supposition that the said State was
entitled to the same, as appears by the certificate of the Governor there-
of, and as direct taxes have been apportioned to and paid by said State
under the census of eighteen hundred and sixty, therefore the said State
shall be allowed three representatives in the thirty-seventh Congress, and
for that purpose the whole number of representatives is hereby increased
one, until the beginning of the thirty-eighth Congress.

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CHAP. XCII. — An Act abolishing certain Collection Districts and reducing Compensation
of Officers of Customs in California.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the collection districts of
Monterey, San Diego, Sacramento, Sonoma, San Joaquin, and San Pedro,
herefore established by law, are hereby abolished, and the same attached
to the collection district of San Francisco; and there shall be appointed,
in the usual manner, an inspector at each of the following places: Monte-
re, San Diego, Sacramento, Benicia, Stockton, San Pedro; and the
salary of each of the said inspectors shall be one thousand dollars per
annum.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That from and after the first day of
July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, the annual compensation of the
collector of the customs for the district of San Francisco shall be six
thousand dollars; of the naval officer, four thousand five hundred dol-
lars; of the surveyor, four thousand dollars; of the principal appraisers,
twenty-five hundred dollars each; and of the assistant appraisers, two
thousand dollars each; and the office of an additional appraiser general
to be employed on the Pacific coast, created by the act of Congress enti-
tled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses
of the Government for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen
hundred and fifty-four," approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-
three, be and the same is hereby abolished.

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CHAP. XCIII. — An Act to prevent and punish Fraud on the Part of Officers intrusted
with making of Contracts for the Government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be the duty of
the Secretary of War, of the Secretary of the Navy, and of the Secre-
tary of the Interior, immediately after the passage of this act, to cause
and require every contract made by them, severally, on behalf of the
Government, or by their officers under them appointed to make such con-
tracts, to be reduced to writing, and signed by the contracting parties with
their names at the end thereof, a copy of which shall be filed by the