Certain lands devoted to public uses excepted.

Relinquishment not to affect private rights.

Confirmed private land claims to be surveyed. Proviso.

Surveys to follow decree.

Separate locations.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall and may be lawful for the commissioner of the general land-office to cause to be sold, after public notice, the tract described as lot numbered one, in township ninety-five north, of range three west of the fifth principal meridian, in the State of Iowa, situated in what is known as the Fort Crawford military reservation, subject to such minimum price per acre as the said commissioner may establish as fair and reasonable, not less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre; and in the event of said lot not being disposed of at public sale, the commissioner is hereby authorized to reoffer the same at public sale, or after the second offering to dispose of said lot at such minimum as
he may establish, and for the sale so made a patent shall issue as in ordinary cases.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That if it shall appear that there are any other lots in said reserve not disposed of by the United States, it shall and may be lawful for the said commissioner to dispose of the same in the manner provided in the foregoing section.

APPROVED, July 1, 1864.

CHAP. CXCVI. — An Act to regulate the Compensation of Registers and Receivers of the Land Offices in the several States and Territories, in the Location of Lands by States and Corporations under Grants from Congress.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, in the location of lands by states and corporations under grants from Congress for railroads and other purposes, (except for agricultural colleges,) the registers and receivers of the land-offices of the several states and territories, in the districts where such lands may be located, for their services therein, shall be entitled to receive a fee of one dollar for each final location of one hundred and sixty acres, to be paid by the state or corporation making such location, the same to be accounted for in the same manner as fees and commissions on warrants and preemption locations, with limitations as to maximums of salary prescribed by existing laws, in accordance with such instructions as shall be given by the commissioner of the general land-office.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Burlington and Missouri River railroad company may so far change or modify the location of the uncompleted portion of its line, as shown by the map thereof now on file in the general land-office of the United States, so as to secure a better and more expeditious route to the terminus of said line on the Missouri River, said new line to be located within the limits of the land grant made by the United States to aid in its construction; and said change shall not impair the right to, nor change the location of, their present land grant. A map of the change shall be filed with the commissioner of the general land-office within one year after the passage of this act.

APPROVED, July 1, 1864.

CHAP. CXCVII. — An Act to establish Salaries for Postmasters, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the annual compensation of postmasters shall be at a fixed salary, in lieu of commissions, to be divided into five classes, exclusive of the postmaster of the city of New York. Postmasters of the first class shall receive not more than four thousand dollars, nor less than three thousand dollars; postmasters of the second class shall receive less than three thousand dollars and not less than two thousand dollars; postmasters of the third class shall receive less than two thousand dollars and not less than one thousand dollars; postmasters of the fourth class shall receive less than one thousand dollars and not less than one hundred dollars; postmasters of the fifth class shall receive less than one hundred dollars. The compensation of the postmaster of New York shall be six thousand dollars per annum, to take effect on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and the compensation of postmasters of the several classes aforesaid shall be established by the Postmaster-General under the rules hereinafter provided.

Whenever the compensation of postmasters of the several offices, (except the office of New York,) for the two consecutive years next preceding the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall have amounted to an average annual sum not less than three thousand dollars, such offices...