

Commissary-general.

In the commissary-general's office, ten clerks of class two, and thirty of class one.

Chief of ordnance.

In the office of the chief of ordnance, two clerks of class four, seven of class three, eleven of class two, seventy-four of class one, and nine laborers at an annual salary of six hundred dollars each.

Chief engineer.

In the office of the chief engineer, one clerk of class four, and one of class two.

Appointment.

And the several clerks and employees authorized by this section shall be appointed by the heads of the departments to which they are severally attached, and the amount necessary to pay their salaries from the time of their appointment to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, is hereby appropriated therefor; and the heads of the said several departments are hereby authorized to employ females instead of any of the clerks hereinbefore designated, at an annual compensation not exceeding six hundred dollars per year, whenever, in their opinion, the same can be done consistently with the interests of the public service: *Provided, however,* That the clerks hereby authorized in the Treasury Department and its bureaus shall not be in addition to the temporary clerks now employed therein, under former appropriations for that purpose, but shall include the same.

Appropriation for salaries.

Females may be employed.

This to include former temporary clerks.

Limit of office of assistant register of treasury to one year repealed.

1863, ch. 44.
Vol. xii. p. 656.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the act entitled "An act to provide for the appointment of an assistant register of the Treasury Department, and a solicitor for the War Department, and for other purposes," approved February twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, as limits the office of the assistant register of the Treasury to a term of one year, is hereby repealed.

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CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act in Relation to University Lands in Washington Territory.*

University lands in Washington Territory. Preamble.

WHEREAS it is declared in the fourth section of the act of congress approved July seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, amendatory of the act approved September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty, creating the office of surveyor-general of the public lands in Oregon, etc., "that in lieu of the two townships of land granted to the Territory of Oregon, by the tenth section of the act of eighteen hundred and fifty, for universities, there shall be reserved to each of the Territories of Washington and Oregon, two townships of land of thirty-six sections each, to be selected in legal subdivisions, for university purposes, under the direction of the legislatures of said territories, respectively;" and whereas it is represented that sales have been made by territorial authorities of lands selected in virtue of the terms of said act of seventeenth July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, authorizing selections to be "reserved," merely under the conviction that they had the power to dispose of the same as a fee-simple grant: Therefore,

1850, ch. 76.
Vol. ix. p. 496.

1854, ch. 84,
§ 4.
Vol. x. p. 305.

Bona fide sales approved.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases of sales made to individuals by the territorial authorities prior to the passage of this act, in which it may be shown to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Interior, that such sales were bona fide and of the class hereinbefore mentioned, and that the tracts so sold are selections in all other respects regular and proper, it shall and may be lawful for the said Secretary to approve such selection as a grant in fee-simple, and a transcript, certified under the seal of the general land-office by the commissioner thereof, of such approval, shall vest the title in the territory and in its bona fide vendees.

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