is hereby, authorized to appoint a surveyor-general for Nevada, who shall
locate his office at such place as the Secretary of the Interior shall from
time to time direct, whose compensation shall be three thousand dollars
per annum, and whose duties, powers, obligations, responsibilities, and al-
lowances for clerk hire, office rent, fuel and incidental expenses shall be
the same as those of the surveyor-general of Oregon, under the direction
of the Secretary of the Interior, and such instructions as he may from
time to time deem it advisable to give him.

Sec. 5. And be it further enacted, That in extending the surveys of
the public lands in the State of Nevada, the Secretary of the Interior
may, in his discretion, vary the lines of the subdivisions from a rectangu-
lar form, to suit the circumstances of the country; but in all cases lands
valuable for mines of gold, silver, quicksilver, or copper shall be reserved
from sale.

Sec. 6. And be it further enacted, That until the State of Nevada
shall have received her full quota of lands named in the first, second, and
third sections of this act, the public lands in that State shall not be sub-
ject to entry, sale, or location under any law of the United States, or any
scrip or warrants issued in pursuance of any such law except the home-
stead act of May twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and acts
amendatory thereto, and the acts granting and regulating pre-emption,
but shall be reserved exclusively for entry by the said State for the pe-
riod of two years after such survey shall have been made: Provided,
That said State shall select said lands in her own name and right, in tracts
of not less than forty acres, and dispose of the same in tracts not exceed-
ing three hundred and twenty acres, only to actual settlers and bona fide
occupants: And provided further, That city and town property shall not be
subject to selection under this act: And provided further, That this
section shall not be construed to interfere with or impair rights heretofore
acquired under any law of Congress.

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SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the lands hereby granted to
said State shall be disposed of only in the following manner, that is to say:
when the governor of said State shall certify to the Secretary of the Inter-
terior that any ten continuous miles of said road are completed, then a
quantity of land hereby granted coterminous to said completed portion of
said road, not to exceed thirty sections may be sold, and so from time to
time until said road is completed; and if said road is not completed within
five years, no further sales shall be made, and the land remaining unsold
shall revert to the United States.

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CHAP. CLXVII. — An Act making an additional Grant of Lands to the State of Min-
nesota, in alternate Sections, to aid in the Construction of Railroads in said State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby,
granted to the State of Minnesota, for the purpose of aiding in the con-
struction of a railroad from Houston, in the county of Houston, through the
counties of Fillmore, Mower, Freeborn, and Faribault, to the western
boundary of the State; and also for a railroad from Hastings, through the
counties of Dakota, Scott, Carver, and McLeod, to such point on the
western boundary of the State as the legislature of the State may deter-
mine, every alternate section of land designated by odd numbers to the
amount of five alternate sections per mile on each side of said road; but
in case it shall appear that the United States have, when the lines or route
of said roads are definitely located, sold any section, or part thereof,
granted as aforesaid, or that the right of pre-emption or homestead settle-
ment has attached to the same, or that the same has been reserved by the
United States for any purpose whatever, then it shall be the duty of the
Secretary of the Interior to cause to be selected, for the purposes afore-
said, from the public lands of the United States nearest to the tiers of sec-
tions above specified, so much land in alternate sections or parts of sections,
designated by odd numbers, as shall be equal to such lands as the United
States have sold, reserved, or otherwise appropriated, or to which the
right of homestead settlement or pre-emption has attached as aforesaid,
which lands, thus indicated by odd numbers and sections, by the direction
of the Secretary of the Interior, shall be held by said State of Minnesota
for the purposes and uses aforesaid: Provided, That the land so selected
shall in no case be located more than twenty miles from the lines of said
road: And provided further, That no land shall be granted or transferred
by the provisions of this act not included within the jurisdiction of the
State of Minnesota: And provided further, That any and all lands here-
tofore reserved to the United States by any act of Congress, or in any
other manner by competent authority, for the purpose of aiding in any
object of internal improvement, or other purpose whatever, be, and the
same are hereby, reserved and excepted from the operations of this act,
except so far as it may be found necessary to locate the route of said road
through such reserved lands, in which case the right of way shall be
granted, provided the United States has yet in possession the title thereto.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the sections and parts of sec-
tions of land which by such grant shall remain to the United States with-
in ten miles on each side of said road shall not be sold for less than double
the minimum price of public lands when sold, nor shall any of said lands
become subject to sale at private entry until the same shall have been first
offered at public sale to the highest bidder at or above the minimum price as
aforesaid: Provided, That actual bona fide settlers under the pre-emption
laws of the United States may, after due proof of settlement, improve-
ment, and occupation as now provided by law, purchase the same at the
increased minimum price: And provided also, That settlers under the pro-