Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon all weighable articles hereafter exported, upon which a drawback or return duty is allowed, and upon all weighable goods withdrawn from bonded warehouses for export, there shall be levied and collected, by the collectors of the several ports, three cents per hundred pounds, to be determined by the returns of the weighers.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the office of measurer at the port of New York is hereby abolished, and the duties heretofore performed by them shall be performed by the weighers.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the weighers at the port of New York shall receive, from and after the passage of this act, an annual salary of twenty-five hundred dollars: Provided, That the increase of compensation, over and above the present salary of said officers, shall not exceed, in any fiscal year, the amount of fees earned by them.

APPROVED, July 26, 1866.

CHAP. CCLXX. — An Act granting Lands to the State of Kansas to aid in the Construction of a Southern Branch of the Union Pacific Railway and Telegraph, from Fort Riley, Kansas, to Fort Smith, Arkansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of aiding the Union Pacific Railroad Company, southern branch, the same being a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Kansas to construct and operate a railroad from Fort Riley, Kansas, or near said military reservation, thence down the valley of the Neosho River to the southern line of the State of Kansas, with a view to an extension of the same through a portion of the Indian Territory to Fort Smith, Arkansas, there is hereby granted to the State of Kansas, for the use and benefit of said railroad company every alternate section of land or parts thereof designated by odd numbers, to the extent of five alternate sections per mile on each side of said road and not exceeding in all ten sections per mile; but in case it shall appear that the United States have, when the line of said road is definitely located, sold any section, or any part thereof; granted as aforesaid, or that the right of pre-emption or homestead settlement 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 aforesaid, from the public lands of the United States nearest to the sections above specified, so much land as shall be equal to the amount of 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 the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, shall be reserved and held for the State of Kansas for the use of said company by the said Secretary for the purpose of the construction and operation of said railroad, as provided by this act: Provided, That any and all lands heretofore 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 operation 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, two hundred feet in width, is hereby granted, subject to the approval of the President of the United States: And provided, further, That said lands hereby granted shall not be selected beyond twenty miles from the line of said road.

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