

bands of Indians upon the tract of land set apart by the second clause of said article for the La Pointe band of said Chippewa Indians.

The lands rendered vacant under the preceding section of this act shall be appraised by three competent commissioners, one of whom shall be the United States agent for the said Chippewa Indians, and the other two shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, with the approval of the President. Should there be upon any of the lands to be thus appraised any improvements made by or for the Indians, or for government purposes, the said commissioners shall appraise the said improvements separately. After the said lands shall have been appraised, as herein provided, the Secretary of the Interior shall be, and hereby is, authorized to offer the same at public sale to the highest bidder, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres each, at such place in the congressional district in which said lands are situated as may be designated by the Secretary of the Interior, ninety days' notice of which shall be given by advertisement in at least three newspapers of general circulation published in said congressional district; and if not sold at public sale, it may be sold in tracts of not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to one person, at not less than the appraised value, and upon payment therefor to cause patents in the usual form to be issued to said purchaser or purchasers for said lands: *Provided*, That no bid for separate tracts shall be accepted which may be less than the appraised value of such tract, including the improvements, if any, thereon: *And provided further*, That bids for tracts having improvements upon them shall state the price for both the land and the improvements. The proceeds of such sales shall be invested or expended for the benefit of the Indians interested, in such manner as the Secretary of the Interior, subject to the approval of the President, may direct.

The commissioners to be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior, under the provisions of this act, shall receive compensation for their services at the rate of six dollars for each day actually engaged in the duties herein designated, in addition to the amount paid by them for actual travelling and other necessary expenses.

The sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, for the appraisement and sale of the said reservations and for the removal and establishment of said Indians, as hereinbefore provided, the sum so expended to be reimbursed from the proceeds of the sales of the lands of said Indians authorized by this act.

APPROVED, May 29, 1872.

CHAP. CCXXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Albert W. Gray.*

May 29, 1872.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Albert W. Gray, of Middleton, in the State of Vermont, have leave to make a new application to the commissioner of patents for the extension of letters-patent granted to him for an improvement in horse-powers, on the ninth day of September, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and afterwards re-issued on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and that the said commissioner of patents be authorized to consider and determine said application in the same manner and with the same effect as if it were an original application for such extension, duly filed within the time required by law, and no application therefor had heretofore been made: *Provided*, That, in case such extension shall be granted, all persons who, between the date of the expiration of the original patent and the date of such extension, have constructed, or caused to be constructed, or used such improvement in horse-powers, shall be at liberty during said extended

Vacant lands to be appraised, and by whom.

Improvements.

After appraisement lands to be offered at public sale, &c.;

if not sold at public sale, how to be disposed of.

Bids for less than appraised value not to be accepted.

Improvements. Proceeds of sales, how to be invested.

Pay of commissioners.

Appropriation for expenses of appraisement and sale.

Sum to be reimbursed.

Albert W. Gray may apply for extension of letters-patent, &c.

Proviso.

term to use, and vend to others to use, said improvement in horse-powers so constructed or used.

APPROVED, May 29, 1872.

May 29, 1872. CHAP. CCXXXV. — *An Act to increase the capital Stock and to extend the Works of the Washington Gas-Light Company.*

Washington gas-light company may increase its capital stock.

Provisos.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the capital stock of the Washington Gas-Light Company be, and the same is hereby, increased two hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing it not exceeding one million dollars, as the same may be required from time to time, for extending their works in the District of Columbia east of Rock Creek: *Provided, however,* That said increase of capital stock shall not be made from undivided profits of said company which have already accrued, or may hereafter accrue, but from capital actually paid in: *Provided also,* That said increased capital stock shall be subject to all the conditions of the charter of said Washington Gas-Light Company.

APPROVED, May 29, 1872.

May 30, 1872. CHAP. CCXXXIX. — *An Act supplemental to an Act entitled "An Act for the Apportionment of Representatives to Congress among the several States according to the ninth Census."*

1872, ch. 10. Ante, p. 28.

One additional representative in Congress to each of certain States;

how may be elected to forty-third 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 third day of March, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, the following States shall be entitled to one representative each in the Congress of the United States in addition to the number apportioned to such States by the act entitled "An act for the apportionment of representatives to Congress among the several States according to the ninth census," approved February second, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, to wit: New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Pennsylvania, Indiana, Tennessee, Louisiana, Alabama, and Florida, and be elected by separate districts, as in said act directed: *Provided,* That in the election of representatives to the forty-third Congress only, in any State which by this law is given an increased number of representatives, the additional representatives allowed to such State may be elected by the State at large, unless the legislature of said State shall otherwise provide before the time fixed by law for the election of representatives therein.

APPROVED, May 30, 1872.

May 31, 1872. CHAP. CCXL. — *An Act fixing the Rank of Professors of Mathematics in the United States Navy.*

Number and rank of professors of mathematics in the United States navy.

1871, ch. 117, § 9. Vol. xvi. p. 536.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the ninth section of the naval appropriation bill, approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, be amended by inserting, after the clause relating to the chaplains, the following clause:

There shall be three professors of mathematics, who shall have the relative rank of captain; four that of commander; and five that of lieutenant commander or lieutenant.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

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CHAP. CCXLI. — *An Act relating to the Creation of new Land Districts.*

When new land districts are made by, &c., business in original districts to

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That hereafter in case of the division of existing land districts by the erection of new ones, or by a change of boundaries by the President of the United States, all business in such original districts shall be entertained and transacted, without prej-