

repeal this act at any time, having due regard to the rights of said company.

APPROVED, June 1, 1872.

CHAP. CCLXII. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to make Partition of the Reservation to Me-shin-go-me-sia, a Miami Indian.*

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed, on written application of the chief of said band being first filed in his office, to cause partition to be made of the reservation in trust for the band of Me-shin-go-me-sia, of ten sections of land made by the seventh article of the treaty between the United States and the Miami tribe of Indians, entered into on the twenty-eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty, and by the Senate amendment thereto; and the United States hereby release to said band all right of purchase of said reservation. The expenses of said partition to be paid by said band, and the amount to be deducted by the Secretary of the Interior from any annuities or other moneys due or to become due the several persons to whom partition shall be made: *Provided,* That any costs or expenses made by claimants who shall not be found entitled to share in said lands shall not be a lien thereon, but shall be paid by said claimants, to be retained by said Secretary, out of any moneys that may be due or become due them from the United States: *And provided further,* That if from any cause the chief of said band shall fail to make said written application within six months next after the passage of this act any person or persons interested in said lands may make the same.

Partition to be made of the reservation in trust for the band of Me-shin-go-me-sia.
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Right to purchase released. Expenses of partition.

If chief fails to make application, within, &c.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior shall ascertain, by name, what persons constituted the band of Me-shin-go-me-sia on the twenty-eighth day of November, anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty, and then shall proceed to make partition of said reserved land per capita, share and share alike in value, to the survivors of said band, and to their descendants, and to descendants of those who were members of said band at said date, but who have since deceased. He shall also include in said partition-list those persons of Miami blood not of said band, but who have intermarried with a member of said band, and who may be living at the date of said partition. In making said partition-lists the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to take or cause to be taken such testimony as he may deem necessary with the information now in his office, to enable him to discharge his duties under this act. Such testimony may be taken before any person authorized to take and certify depositions under the law of the State of Indiana. The testimony to be taken on said reservation.

Names of members of band Nov. 28, 1840, to be ascertained, and partition made to survivors, &c.

Certain persons intermarried to be included in list.

Testimony how to be taken.

SEC. 3. That in the partition of said reservation the homes and improvements of the several persons entitled under section two of this act shall be set apart to the occupants as far as can be done in justice to all the parties in interest, the value of said improvements not in any case to be estimated where the same shall be on land awarded to the person who made or caused them to be made, the corners of the several tracts to be distinctly marked and witnessed, and a record kept thereof and filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior; and certified copies thereof and of the lists so made, as heretofore provided, to be forwarded to and filed in the offices of the auditors of Grant and Wabash counties, in the State of Indiana, where said land lies. The Secretary of the Interior shall, so soon as said partition is made, cause patents to issue to the several persons to whom partition is made under this act, conveying in fee to each the tract of land so set apart to him or her, which shall entitle the owner thereof to the use, occupancy, and control of the same against all claims whatsoever: *Provided,* That after the date, of partition the said lands

Homes and improvements.

Value of improvements.

Copies to be sent to auditors of Grant and Wabash counties, Indiana.

Patents to issue.

After partition,

lands subject to laws of descent of Indiana. shall become subject to the laws of descent of the State of Indiana the same as other lands in said State.

Lands not to be subject to, &c.; SEC. 4. That said lands shall never be subject, in any time to come, to any debt contracted, the consideration of which passed, in whole or in part, prior to the date of partition thereof; nor shall said lands be subject to levy, sale, forfeiture, or mortgage, nor to any lease for a longer period at any one time than three years (to be in writing in all cases), prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-one; nor shall said lands be disposed of, contracted, or sold by the owners thereof, under this partition, prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-one: *Provided*, That the same shall be subject to taxation as other property under the laws of the State of Indiana on and after that date.

to be subject to taxation after, &c.

Members of band, &c., when to become citizens. SEC. 5. That the members of said band, and their descendants, shall become citizens of the United States on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

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June 1, 1872. CHAP. CCLXIII. — *An Act to authorize the President of the United States to negotiate with the Chiefs and Head-men of the Shoshone and Bannock Tribes of Indians for the Relinquishment of a Portion of their Reservation in Wyoming Territory.*

Negotiations to be made with the Shoshone and Bannock Indians for surrender of part of their reservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to negotiate with the Shoshone and Bannock tribes of Indians, for the relinquishment of that portion of the reservation of said tribes in Wyoming Territory which is situate south of the central dividing ridge between the Big Popoagie and Little Wind rivers and south of the forty-third parallel, and to cede to said tribes lands lying north of and adjacent to their present reservation, equal in area to any lands by them ceded. And it shall be the duty of the President to report all proceedings under this act to Congress for approval or rejection: *Provided*, This authority shall not continue beyond January first, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

Report to Congress. Limit to this act.

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June 3, 1872. CHAP. CCLXXIX. — *An Act to authorize the Appointment of certain Officers in the Quartermaster's Department.*

Certain officers may be appointed in the quartermaster's department of the army, &c. 1866, ch. 299, § 13. Vol. xiv. p. 334. No officer to be reduced from present grade.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized to nominate, and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint, certain officers of the quartermaster's department to the grade they would have held in said department, respectively, had the vacancies created therein by the act of July twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, from the rank of major to the rank of colonel, both inclusive, been filled by promotion by seniority: *Provided*, That no officer shall be deprived of his relative rank or reduced from his present grade by this act, and that the officers whose appointments are herein authorized shall take rank and receive pay only from the date of their confirmation.

APPROVED, June 3, 1872.

June 4, 1872. CHAP. CCLXXX. — *An Act relative to the Entry and Clearance of Ferry-boats and of bonded Cars passing from one State to another through foreign contiguous Territory.*

Ferry-boats not required to enter and clear, nor the persons in charge thereof to present manifests, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That vessels used exclusively as ferry-boats carrying passengers, baggage, goods, wares, and merchandise shall not be required to enter and clear, nor shall the masters or persons in charge of such vessels be required to present manifests, nor to pay entrance or clearance fees, nor fees for receiving or certifying manifests, but they shall, upon arrival in the United States, be required to report