existing laws of the United States relating to the public lands, after appraisement, to the highest bidder, and at not less than the appraised value, nor at less than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the United States military reservation at Fort Walla-Walla, in the Territory of Washington: Provided, That the Secretary of the Interior shall, whenever in his opinion the public interests may require it, cause the foregoing reservation, or part or parts thereof, to be subdivided into tracts of less than forty acres each, or into town-lots, with the necessary street or streets to make the same accessible: And provided further, That each subdivision, together with the buildings, building materials, or other property which may be thereon, shall be appraised and offered separately at public outcry, to the highest bidder, as hereinbefore provided, but not in subdivisions of more than forty acres each, after which any unsold land or lot shall be subject to sale at private entry for the appraised value at the proper land-office.

APPROVED, June 8, 1872.

June 8, 1872.

CHAP. CCCXLVI. — An Act for the better Security of Bank Reserves, and to facilitate Bank Clearing-house Exchanges.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury may receive United States notes on deposit, without interest, from national banking associations, in sums not less than ten thousand dollars, and to issue certificates therefor in such form as the secretary may prescribe, in denominations of not less than five thousand dollars; which certificate shall be payable on demand in United States notes, at the place where the deposits were made.

SEC. 2. That the United States notes so deposited in the treasury of the United States shall not be counted as part of the legal reserve; but the certificates issued therefor may be held and counted by national banks as part of their legal reserve, and may be accepted in the settlement of clearing-house balances at the places where the deposits thereof were made.

SEC. 3. That nothing contained in this act shall be construed to authorize any expansion or contraction of the currency; and the United States notes for which such certificates are issued, or other United States notes of like amount, shall be held as special deposits in the treasury, and used only for the redemption of such certificates.

APPROVED, June 8, 1872.

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CHAP. CCCXLVII. — An Act to amend section five of an Act entitled "An Act making Appropriations for the civil and diplomatic Expenses of the Government for the Year eighteen hundred and forty-one," approved March three, eighteen hundred and forty-one, and to authorize the proper Construction thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the fifth section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government for the year eighteen hundred and forty-one," approved March three, eighteen hundred and forty-one, which established and limited the compensation of collectors of customs, shall be amended, and shall be construed to apply to all surveyors of customs ports performing, or having performed, the duties of collectors of customs, who shall be entitled to receive the same compensation as is allowed to collectors by said act of March three, eighteen hundred and forty-one, for like services in the settlement of their accounts with the treasury: Provided, That the fees, commissions, and emoluments prescribed by law and collected by them shall amount to such maximum allowance.

APPROVED, June 8, 1872.