purpose the officers so assigned may associate with themselves the chief of the geological survey of California, and also one other civilian distinguished for his knowledge of the subject.

SEC. 2. That these five persons shall constitute a board, with power to fill vacancies, whose duty it shall be to make a full report to the President on the best system of irrigation for said valleys, with all necessary plans, details, engineering, statistical, and otherwise, which report the President shall transmit to Congress at its next session, with such recommendations as he shall think proper.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of War shall furnish subsistence and transportation for the board while in the field, and the compensation of the members of the board who are not in the service of the United States shall not exceed two thousand dollars each, but the other members of the board shall receive no additional compensation for their services.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCXVII. — An Act for the temporary Relief of the Indians at Camp McDermitt, in Humboldt County, Nevada.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to issue such rations of food and clothing to the Indians about Camp McDermitt, in Humboldt county, Nevada, as may be necessary to save such Indians from destitution and starvation until such time as provision shall be made for them through the Interior Department.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCXVIII. — An Act to amend the Charter of the Grüti Verein Association.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Grüti Verein Association of Washington, District of Columbia, be authorized to issue building-stock to an amount not exceeding fifty thousand dollars to be divided into shares of the par value of fifty dollars each, payable in such installments, and under such conditions as shall be determined by a building committee of five, to be chosen from the stockholders, by a stock vote, when twenty thousand dollars of said stock shall have been subscribed, and thereafter annually.

SECTION 2. That said building committee shall have the entire control and management of said stock and its investment, and of any land purchased or building erected by means thereof, until the subscriptions are paid in, and the building completed, when their functions shall cease, and the said land and building shall thereafter be held and directed by, and be for the use and benefit of, said association in perpetual succession.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.


An Act supplemental to an Act entitled “An Act for the Relief of certain Indians in the Central Superintendency” approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and to settle by Commission all Rights and Equities respecting the Property to which said Act refers.

Whereas, by an act entitled “An act for the relief of certain Indians in the Central superintendent” approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, the Secretary of the Interior was authorized and directed to appoint three commissioners and to take an inventory of, appraise, and sell certain lands, bonds, notes, accounts, contracts, mortgages, and other property or assets held or acquired in any manner under a trust in respect to education, created and confirmed by treaties with the