SEC. 3. That all sales and locations made at the offices of the districts in which the lands embraced in this district have hitherto been included, situated wholly within the limits of this district, which shall be valid and right in other respects up to the day on which the new office shall go into operation, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 147.—An act to regulate the mode of purchasing tobacco for the United States Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, directed to cause all purchases of tobacco for the use of the Navy to be made in the city of Washington, and as follows:

In the month of February or March of each year the Secretary of the Navy shall cause proposals for bids for supplying the Navy with tobacco during the next year to be advertised thirty days in one daily newspaper in each of the cities of New York, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, Baltimore, Richmond, Raleigh, North Carolina, Saint Louis, Louisville, Nashville, Hartford, Connecticut, Detroit, Cairo, Illinois, and Chicago; said tobacco to be manufactured during the months of June, July, August, and September; the bids to be accompanied by samples of the tobacco which each bidder may propose to furnish. The lowest bid for furnishing tobacco equal to the United States Navy standard now in use shall be accepted.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 148.—An act to provide for the preparation of classified abridgments of all letters patent of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, out of any moneys belonging to the patent fund in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Commissioner of Patents in the preparation of classified abridgments of all letters patent of the United States.

Sec 2. That the said abridgments shall be printed, and one copy of each shall be furnished to each Senator, Representative, and Delegate in Congress; one copy to each of eight public libraries to be designated by each Senator, Representative and Delegate; and two copies to the Library of Congress; and also copies to such foreign governments, libraries, and learned societies as the Commissioner of Patents may designate: Provided, That copies shall be sold at the cost of printing, and all sums received from such sale shall, on or before the first day of each month, be paid into the Treasury.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 149.—An act to graduate the price and dispose of the residue of the Osage Indian trust and diminished-reserve lands, lying east of the sixth principal meridian, in Kansas.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all of the lands known as the Osage Indian trust and diminished reserve lands, lying east of the sixth principal meridian, in the State of Kansas, remaining unsold on the thirtieth day of June, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-one, shall be offered for sale at public auction to the highest bidder for cash at not less than seventy-five cents per acre; and all of said lands remaining unsold on the thirtieth day of June, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty two, shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder for cash.
at not less than fifty cents per acre; and all of said lands remaining unsold on the thirtieth day of June, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-three, shall be offered for sale to the highest bidder for cash, at not less than twenty-five cents per acre; and all of said lands remaining unsold after the last said public offering shall be subject to be disposed of by cash entry at twenty-five cents per acre, and the Secretary of the Interior may offer the same as aforesaid, in such quantities as may seem to him best; and may make all needful regulations, including the publication of notice of sale, as he may deem proper to carry out the provisions of this act: Provided, however, That no proceeding shall be taken under this act until at least two-thirds of the adult males of said Osage Indian tribes shall assent to the foregoing provisions.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 150.—An act to amend section fourteen hundred and eighty-six of the Revised Statutes in order to preserve the meaning of the original law from which it was taken, with reference to the rank of engineer officers, graduates of the Naval Academy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section fourteen hundred and eighty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended by inserting after the word “accordingly”, at the end of the section the words, “Provided, That nothing in this section shall be so construed as to give to any officer of the staff corps precedence of, or a higher relative rank than that of, another staff officer in the same grade and corps, and whose commission in such grade and corps antedates that of such officer.”

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 151.—An act for the relief of Redmond Tully.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to nominate and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate to appoint, Redmond Tully, late first lieutenant of the Twelfth United States Infantry, as first lieutenant in the United States infantry, to take effect from his nomination and confirmation under this act, and that he shall be assigned to the first vacancy occurring in such grade in the infantry arm of the service: Provided, That no pay or allowances on account of previous rank or services be allowed or paid to the said Tully: And provided further, That all laws prohibiting appointments in the Army in such cases be, and they are hereby, suspended so far, and so far only, as to the nomination of said Tully.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 152.—An act for the payment of certain Indian war bonds of the State of California.

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 be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, out of the unexpended balance of an appropriation of nine hundred and twenty four thousand two hundred and fifty nine dollars and sixty five cents made by the third section of the act of Congress approved August fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty four, the sum of one thousand two hundred and ninety dollars and fifty six cents, which last named amount is hereby reappropriated, to the lawful holder of four California Indian war bonds issued by said State on the eighteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, under the provisions of the act of the legislature thereof approved May