

Proviso.

Provided however, That the lands of said body corporate shall be located in the District of Columbia, and shall not exceed five thousand square feet.

Exemption from taxation.

SEC. 4. That the lands acquired and held by said body corporate, and the statue erected thereon, and all the improvements and appurtenances thereto, shall be entirely exempt from taxation, and shall not be chargeable or assessed for any purpose whatever: *Provided,* That this act may be modified, repealed or amended, whenever Congress may see fit to do so.

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Approved, March 3, 1885.

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CHAP. 335.—An act to provide for the settlement of the claims of officers and enlisted men of the Army for loss of private property destroyed in the military service of the United States.

Accounting officers to settle claims of officers and men in military service for property lost or destroyed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to examine into, ascertain, and determine the value of the private property belonging to officers and enlisted men in the military service of the United States which has been, or may hereafter be, lost or destroyed in the military service, under the following circumstances:

When loss or destruction was without fault or negligence.

First. When such loss or destruction was without fault or negligence on the part of the claimant.

When shipped by order on unseaworthy vessel.

Second. Where the private property so lost or destroyed was shipped on board an unseaworthy vessel by order of any officer authorized to give such order or direct such shipment.

When lost in saving property of United States.

Third. Where it appears that the loss or destruction of the private property of the claimant was in consequence of his having given his attention to the saving of the property belonging to the United States which was in danger at the same time and under similar circumstances.

Payment out of the Treasury.

And the amount of such loss so ascertained and determined shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and shall be in full for all such loss or damage: *Provided,* That any claim which shall be presented and acted on under authority of this act shall be held as finally determined, and shall never thereafter be reopened or considered: *And provided further,* That this act shall not apply to losses sustained in time of war or hostilities with Indians: *And provided further,* That the liability of the Government under this act shall be limited to such articles of personal property as the Secretary of War, in his discretion shall decide to be reasonable, useful, necessary, and proper for such officer or soldier while in quarters, engaged in the public service, in the line of duty: *And provided further,* That all claims now existing shall be presented within two years and not after from the passage of this act; and all such claims hereafter arising be presented within two years from the occurrence of the loss or destruction.

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Claims to be presented in two years.

Approved, March 3rd, 1885.

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CHAP. 336.—An act to authorize the increase of the capital stock of the First National Bank of Larned, Kansas, not to exceed two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

First National Bank of Larned, Kans., to increase capital stock.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the First National Bank of Larned, located in the city of Larned, in the State of Kansas, is hereby authorized to increase its capital stock, in accordance with existing laws, to any sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty thousand dollars,

notwithstanding the limit heretofore fixed in its original articles of association and determined by the Comptroller of the Currency; and the Comptroller of the Currency is hereby authorized to fix the limit of increase of the capital stock of the First National Bank of Larned, Kansas, at the amount of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Limit of increase.

Approved, March 3, 1885.

CHAP. 337.—An act to provide for the sale of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations, in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes.”

March 3, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That with the consent of a majority of the chiefs, headmen, and male adults of the Sac and Fox (of the Missouri) tribe of Indians and the Iowa tribe of Indians, expressed in open council by each tribe, the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized to cause to be surveyed, if necessary, and sold the remainder of the reservations of the Sac and Fox and Iowa Indians, lying in the States of Nebraska and Kansas. The said lands shall be appraised, in tracts of forty acres each, by three competent commissioners, one of whom shall be selected by the Sac and Fox and Iowa tribes of Indians and the other two shall be appointed by the Secretary of the Interior.

Sale of Sac and Fox and Iowa Indian Reservations in Nebraska and Kansas.

Secretary of Interior to survey and sell said lands with consent of majority of chiefs, headmen, and male adults.

Appraisalment in tracts of forty acres.

Sales to be through public-land offices.

SEC. 2. That after the survey and appraisalment of said lands the Secretary of the Interior shall be, and hereby is, authorized to offer the same, through the United States public-land office at Beatrice or Lincoln, Nebraska, at public sale, to the highest bidder. In cases where improvements have been made by any Indian or for the United States upon such lands, such improvements shall be separately appraised: *Provided,* That no portion of such land shall be sold at less than the appraised value thereof, and in no case for less than eight dollars per acre, and to none except such as purchase the same for actual occupation and settlement, and who have made and subscribed on oath, before the register of said land-office, and filed the same with said officer of the land-office at Beatrice or Lincoln Nebraska, that it is his good-faith intention to settle upon and occupy the land which he seeks to purchase, and improve the same for a home; and, except in case of the death of the purchaser, unless said party shall have executed his declared intention by making improvements and being in actual occupation of said land, by actual residence thereon, at the time for making the second payment, he shall forfeit the payment already made, and the land shall be subject to resale as hereinafter provided. Each purchaser of said lands at such sale shall be entitled to purchase one hundred and sixty acres of land, and no more, except in cases where a tract contains a fractional excess over one hundred and sixty acres. If the excess is less than forty acres, is contiguous, and results from inability in the survey to make township and section lines conform to the boundaries of the reservation, and no other objection exists, the purchase of such excess shall be allowed. Such purchaser shall pay one-fourth of the purchase-price at the time said land is bid off, one-fourth in one year, one-fourth in two years, and one-fourth in three years, with interest on the deferred payments at the rate of six per centum per annum; and where there are improvements upon the lands purchased which shall have been separately appraised, the purchaser shall pay the appraised value of such improvements at the time of purchase, in addition to the amounts hereinbefore required to be paid. No patents shall issue until all payments shall have been made; and on the failure of any purchaser to make payment as required by this act he shall forfeit the lands purchased, and the same shall be subject to entry and sale, at the appraised value thereof, or shall be again offered at public sale, as the Secretary of the Interior may determine.

Indian improvements separately appraised.

Proviso. Price not less than \$8 per acre, and sales only to actual settlers in good faith.

Purchase limited: to 160 acres, except in case of a fractional excess.

Payments and interest.

Patents when all payments are made.

Forfeiture on failure to pay.