

has since been modified or rescinded, and such claims shall, if found correct and just, be allowed and paid, provided the soldiers were enrolled or enlisted for three years prior to July twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, under the proclamation of the President of the United States of May third, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the orders of the War Department issued in pursuance thereof, and were actually mustered into the service of the United States and honorably discharged.

Approved, July 20, 1888.

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CHAP. 691.—An act to provide for the sale of the site at Fort Omaha, Nebraska, the sale or removal of the improvements thereof, and for a new site and the construction of suitable buildings thereon.

July 23, 1888.

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 to sell the military reservation known as Fort Omaha, near the city of Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, and such of the buildings and improvements thereon as can not be economically removed to the new site herein provided for. In disposing of said property the Secretary of War shall cause the grounds to be platted in blocks, streets, and alleys, if in his judgment it would inure to the benefit of the Government in making sale of said site, having due reference to the requirements of the houses and buildings located on said grounds, in such cases as they may be sold with the ground. The Secretary of War shall also cause the lots, lands, and buildings to be appraised and sold at public or private sale, at not less than the appraised value, having first been offered at public sale. The expense of advertising, appraisement, survey, and sale shall be paid out of the proceeds of said sale, and the balance paid into the Treasury of the United States.

Fort Omaha Reservation, Nebraska, to be sold.

Plats to be made.

Expenses.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War is authorized and shall purchase suitable grounds of not less than three hundred and twenty nor more than six hundred and forty acres in extent, to be situate within a distance of ten miles of the limits of said city of Omaha, in the State of Nebraska, and construct thereon the necessary buildings, with appurtenances, sufficient for a ten-company military post, to be known as Fort Omaha, in accordance with estimates to be prepared by the War Department; and a sufficient sum of money, not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of War to comply with the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That the title to the lands authorized to be purchased under the second section of this act shall be approved by the Attorney-General: *And provided further*, That not more than one-third of said sum shall be expended in the purchase of a site; and the whole expenditure for site and improvement shall not exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars.

Purchase of new site.

Appropriation.

Provisos.
Title.

Limit.

SEC. 3. That section one of this act shall be of effect when the purchase of a new site provided for in section two shall have been effected.

Effect.

Approved, July 23, 1888.

CHAP. 692.—An act to extend the limits of the Port of New Orleans.

July 23, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the limits of the port of entry of New Orleans, Louisiana, shall be, and the same are hereby, extended so as to include that portion of the Parish of Jefferson lying between the Mississippi River, Lake Ponchartrain,

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Limits of port extended.

the upper line of the Parish of Orleans, left bank, and a line running parallel thereto, commencing at the Mississippi River at a point two miles above the upper line of the said Parish of Orleans, and extending to Lake Ponchartrain.

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July 23, 1888.

CHAP. 693.—An act relating to certain acts of the twenty-seventh legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the twenty-seventh legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, entitled "An act to create a funded indebtedness of the Territory of New Mexico to pay and discharge certain claims for carpets, furniture, gas fixtures, gas, and water, and fuel, and for shelving the vaults and library room, and for insurance and other incidental and contingent expenses, now accrued and to accrue during the ensuing two years," and approved February fourteenth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-seven; and the act of the said legislative assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of current expenses of the Territory until the tax income shall meet the same," approved February twenty-fourth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, be, and they are hereby, approved and declared valid acts of the said legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, and the said Territory is and shall be bound by the terms of the said several acts, and shall be held to the payment of the respective sums stipulated to be paid in the bonds, the issuance of which is provided in the said acts respectively, and in the manner and form therein prescribed.

Issue of bonds by New Mexico legislature ratified.

Sinking fund.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the Territorial auditor to make an estimate of the amount of taxes required to be levied in each county in the Territory, in order to raise a sufficient fund to pay all interest, together with a sinking fund for the payment of the principal, of all bonds issued under the provisions of the "Act to provide for the payment of current expenses of the Territory until the tax income will meet the same," hereinbefore recited, when the same shall become due and payable.

Approved, July 23, 1888.

July 23, 1888.

CHAP. 694.—An act providing for the appointment of police matrons for the District of Columbia, defining their duties, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to appoint three matrons for the police department of said District, at a salary of six hundred dollars per annum, as soon as the necessary accommodations may be authorized and provided by Congress, and the work completed.

Police matrons to be appointed, District of Columbia.

Duties.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of said police matrons to search, when necessary, examine, and care for the female prisoners who may be taken into custody by the police, and to take charge of lost or abandoned children while detained at a station-house to which a matron may be assigned, under such rules and regulations as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may from time to time make.

Qualifications.

SEC. 3. That no woman shall be appointed a police matron unless suitable for the position, and recommended therefor in writing by at least ten women of good standing, residents of the District.

Approved, July 23, 1888.