

September 30, 1890.

CHAP. 1127.—An act to provide for the sale of certain New York Indian lands in Kansas.

Lands of certain New York Indians in Kansas.
Sale of, to certain settlers, etc.

Entry, etc.

Limit of time.

Proceeds of sale, in trust, etc.

Payment.

Proof of identity,

Limit of time.

Unpaid proceeds covered in.

Lands not entered, at sale.

Notice.

Private entry.

Repeal.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That those persons, being heads of families or single persons over twenty-one years of age, who have made settlement and improvement upon, and are bona fide claimants and occupants of, either in person or by tenant, the lands in Kansas which were allotted to certain New York Indians, and for which certificates of allotment, dated the fourteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty, for three hundred and twenty acres of land each, were issued to thirty-two of said Indians, shall be, and hereby are, authorized and permitted to enter and purchase at the proper land office, at any time within one year from the passage of this act, said lands so occupied by them, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, according to the Government surveys, at two dollars and fifty cents per acre, payment to be made in cash at time of purchase; and the moneys arising from such sales shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States, in trust for and to be paid to said Indians, respectively, to whom said certificates were issued, or to their heirs, upon satisfactory proof of their identity to the Secretary of the Interior, at any time within five years from the passage of this act; and in case such proof is not made within the time specified, then the proceeds of such sale, or so much thereof as shall not have been paid under the provisions of this act, shall become a part of the public moneys of the United States.

SEC. 2. That any lands not entered by such settlers at the expiration of twelve months from the passage of this act shall be offered at public sale, in the usual manner, at not less than three dollars per acre, notice of said sale to be given by public advertisement of not less than thirty days; and any tract or tracts not then sold shall be thereafter subject to private entry at three dollars per acre.

SEC. 3. That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

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CHAP. 1128.—An act in recognition of the merits and services of Chief Engineer George Wallace Melville, United States Navy, and of the other officers and men of the Jeannette Arctic Expedition.

Jeannette Arctic expedition.
Recognizing services, etc., of Chief Engineer George Wallace Melville, U. S. Navy, and others of the.
George Wallace Melville promoted.

Pay.

Rank.

Grade.

Limitation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and hereby is, authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to advance Chief Engineer George Wallace Melville, United States Navy, one grade, to take rank from the same date but next after the junior chief engineer having the relative rank of commander at the passage of this act, as a recognition of his meritorious services in successfully directing the party under his command after the wreck of the Arctic exploring steamer Jeannette, and of his persistent efforts through dangers and hardships to find and assist his commanding officer and other members of the expedition before he himself was out of peril; and that he be allowed the pay of a chief engineer as if he had been commissioned on the same date as the junior chief engineer having the relative rank of commander at the passage of this act; such increased rate of pay to begin from the date of the passage of this act.

SEC. 2. That the said Melville shall hereafter continue to be next junior to the junior chief engineer having the relative rank of commander at the passage of this act; and whatever grade he may hereafter occupy shall be increased by one number, but the total number

of chief engineers shall not be increased: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall cause any officer to be retarded in his promotion or receive a less rate of pay than would otherwise have been the case.

SEC. 3. That suitable medals be struck at the United States Mint in commemoration of the perils encountered by the officers and men of the said Jeannette Arctic Expedition, and as an expression of the high esteem in which Congress holds their services in the said expedition; and that one of the said medals be presented to each of the survivors of said expedition, and one to the heirs of each of the deceased members.

SEC. 4. That a sufficient sum for the purposes of this act is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, September 30, 1890.

CHAP. 1129.—An act to authorize the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Company to cross certain rivers in the State of Mississippi.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assent of Congress is hereby given to the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Company, a corporation duly organized and existing under the laws of the States of Alabama and Mississippi, its successors and assigns, to construct, maintain, and use a bridge or bridges, and approaches thereto, over the Pascagoula River, in the county of Green, in the State of Mississippi, or over the two rivers, the Chickasawhay and the Leaf, which form the Pascagoula, above their junction in the said county of Green, at such point or points as said railroad company may desire or find most practicable in the final location of its railroad between the city of Mobile, in the State of Alabama, and either or both the city of Jackson and the village of Brandon, in the State of Mississippi, and to construct, maintain, and use a bridge or bridges, and approaches thereto, across the Pearl River in or on the line of the county of Rankin, in said State of Mississippi, at such point or points as the said railroad company may find most practicable and convenient when it shall make the final location of its line of railroad in accordance with the charter to it granted by the State of Mississippi: *Provided*, That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation of said river or rivers as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War for his examination and approval a design and drawings of the bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one mile above and one mile below the proposed location, the topography of the banks of the river or rivers, the shore lines at high and low water, the location of any other bridge or bridges, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be built: *Provided, also*, That if any such bridge shall be built with unbroken and continuous spans they shall conform in length and height to the requirements of the Secretary of War; and if any such bridge shall be constructed as a draw-bridge the same shall be constructed as a pivot draw-bridge, with a draw over the main channel of the river at an accessible and navigable point, and with spans of such length as the Secretary of War shall prescribe; and said draw shall be opened promptly upon reasonable signal for the passage of any kind of river craft, including rafts; and, whatever kind of bridge is built, the said company or corporation shall main-

Proviso.
Not to affect other officers.

Medals.

Distribution.

Appropriation.

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Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Railroad Company may bridge Pascagoula River, or Chickasawhay and Leaf Rivers, Green county, and Pearl River, Rankin county, Miss.

Locations.

Provisos.
Security of navigation.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Continuous spans or draw-bridge. Spans.

Pivot-draw.

Spans.
Opening of draw.