FIFTY-FIRST CONGRESS. Sess. I. Chs. 1127, 1128. 1890.

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

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 That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, September 30, 1890.

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.

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 expe-
dition; 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 de-
ceased 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 appro-
priated.

Approved, September 30, 1890.

CHAP. 1129.—An act to authorize the Mobile, Jackson and Kansas City Rail-
road 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 ap-
proaches 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 practi-
cable 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 con-
structed 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 un-
derstanding 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-