

authorized and directed to make good any such deficiency so found to exist to the persons justly entitled thereto, by issuing to them patents for an equal quantity of the unoccupied, unappropriated, and unreserved public lands of the United States in the State of California, not mineral, to be selected by them, respectively, within one year next after the passage of this act, and not afterward, and in tracts not less than the subdivisions provided for in the United States land laws, and, if not surveyed when taken, to conform, when surveyed, to the general system of the United States land surveys; and the issuance and acceptance of patents under this act shall be deemed and taken as a release to the United States of all claims of all persons so found to be entitled as aforesaid to any and all lands not embraced in the survey made under the confirmation of the said grant in the preamble of this act mentioned.

Acceptance to release claims on United States.

Approved, October 1, 1890.

**CHAP. 1255.**—An act making an appropriation to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for compensation of members in the House of Representatives and Delegates from Territories.

October 1, 1890.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to supply a deficiency in the appropriation for compensation and mileage of members of the House of Representatives and delegates from Territories, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety, the sum of ten thousand three hundred and sixteen dollars.

House of Representatives.

Deficiency appropriation for members and delegates.

Approved, October 1, 1890.

**CHAP. 1256.**—An act defining certain duties of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, and for other purposes.

October 1, 1890.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That it shall be the duty of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives to attend the House during its sittings, to maintain order under the direction of the Speaker, and, pending the election of a Speaker or Speaker pro tempore, under the direction of the Clerk, execute the commands of the House and all processes issued by authority thereof, directed to him by the Speaker, keep the accounts for the pay and mileage of members and delegates, and pay them as provided by law.

House of Representatives. Duties of Sergeant-at-Arms.

**SEC. 2.** That the symbol of his office shall be the mace, which shall be borne by him while enforcing order on the floor.

Symbol of office, etc.

**SEC. 3.** That the moneys which have been, or may be, appropriated for the compensation and mileage of members and delegates shall be paid at the Treasury on requisitions drawn by the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives, and shall be kept, disbursed, and accounted for by him according to law, and he shall be a disbursing officer, but he shall not be entitled to any compensation additional to the salary now fixed by law.

To disburse moneys for compensation and mileage, etc.

No additional compensation.

**SEC. 4.** That the Sergeant-at-Arms shall, within twenty days after entering upon the duties of his office, and before receiving any portion of the moneys appropriated for the compensation of mileage of members and delegates, give a bond to the United States, with two or more sureties, to be approved by the First Comptroller of the Treasury, in the sum of fifty thousand dollars, with condition for

Bond.

the proper discharge of the duties of his office, and the faithful keeping, application, and disbursement of such moneys as may be drawn from the Treasury and paid to him as disbursing officer of the United States, and shall, from time to time, renew his official bond as the First Comptroller of the Treasury shall direct. No member of Congress shall be approved as surety on such bond.

No member of Congress to be surety.

Deposit of bond.

To continue in office till successor qualifies.

Removal.

Annual statement of disbursements, etc., to be made.

Office force.

R. S., sec. 237, p. 40, amended.

Commencement of fiscal year.

Fiscal year for compensation, etc., of members of Congress.

SEC. 5. That the bonds given pursuant to this act shall be deposited in the office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury.

SEC. 6. That any person duly elected and qualified as Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives shall continue in said office until his successor is chosen and qualified, subject however, to removal by the House of Representatives.

SEC. 7. That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives shall prepare and submit to the House of Representatives, at the commencement of each regular session of Congress, a statement in writing exhibiting the several sums drawn by him pursuant to the provisions of this act, the application and disbursement of the same, and the balance, if any, remaining in his hands.

SEC. 8. That there shall be employed in the office of Sergeant-at-Arms one deputy to the Sergeant-at-Arms, at a salary of two thousand dollars a year; one cashier, at a salary of three thousand dollars a year; one paying-teller, at a salary of two thousand dollars a year; one book-keeper, at a salary of one thousand eight hundred dollars a year; one messenger, at a salary of one thousand two hundred dollars a year; one page, at a salary of seven hundred and twenty dollars a year; and one laborer, at a salary of six hundred and sixty dollars a year.

SEC. 9. That section two hundred and thirty-seven of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

“SEC. 237. That the fiscal year of the Treasury of the United States in all matters of accounts, receipts, expenditures, estimates, and appropriations, except accounts of the Secretary of the Senate for compensation and traveling expenses of Senators, and accounts of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives for compensation and mileage of members and delegates, shall commence on the first day of July in each year; and all accounts of receipts and expenditures required by law to be published annually shall be prepared and published for the fiscal year, as thus established. The fiscal year for the adjustment of the accounts of Secretary of the Senate for compensation and traveling expenses of Senators, and of the Sergeant-of-Arms of the House of Representatives for compensation and mileage of members and delegates shall extend to and include the third day of July.”

SEC. 10. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, October 1, 1890.

October 1, 1890.

**CHAP. 1257.**—An act opening to settlement a portion of the Fort Randall Military Reservation in South Dakota, and to dispose of the Sisseton Military Reservation.

Fort Randall Military Reservation, S. Dak.

Portion of, open to homestead settlement.

Proviso.  
Bona-fide settlers.

Fort Sisseton Reservation, S. Dak.  
To be surveyed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress' assembled,* That all of that portion of the Fort Randall Military Reservation in South Dakota lying east and north of the Missouri River in said State is hereby opened to settlement under the homestead laws of the United States: *Provided,* That all bona-fide settlers otherwise duly qualified upon said lands who made settlement thereon prior to the approval of this act shall have preference over later entries.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the lands embraced within the abandoned Fort Sisseton Reservation in South Dakota to be regularly