CHAP. 197.—An act fixing the rate of interest to be charged on arrearages of general and special taxes now due the District of Columbia if paid within a time specified.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rate of interest to be collected of any person owing arrearages of general taxes prior to July first, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, or assessments for special improvements, including the laying of water mains, now due to and the liens for which are held by the District of Columbia, shall be six per centum per annum, in lieu of the rate and penalties now fixed by law and of all accrued costs: Provided, That this provision shall only apply to taxes and assessments paid on or before the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and ninety.

Approved, May 6, 1890.

CHAP. 198.—An act granting the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company the right of way through the Colville Indian Reservation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company, a corporation created under and by virtue of the laws of the Territory of Washington, be, and the said corporation is hereby, authorized, invested, and empowered with the right to locate, construct, equip, operate, use, and maintain a railway and telegraph and telephone line through the Indian reservation situated in the State of Washington known as the Colville Reservation, occupied by the Colville Indians, beginning at a point on the Columbia River at or near Kettle Falls, in the northeastern portion of the State of Washington, running thence in a northwesterly direction by the most practicable route through said reservation, with the right to construct, use, and maintain such tracks, turn-out, and sidings as said company may deem it to their interest to construct along and upon the right of way and depot grounds hereby granted.

SEC. 2. That a right of way one hundred feet in width through said Indian reservation is hereby granted to the said Spokane Falls and Northern Railway Company, and a strip of land two hundred feet in width, with a length of three thousand feet, in addition to said right of way, is granted for stations for every ten miles of road, no portion of which shall be sold or leased by the company, with the right to use such additional ground where there are heavy cuts or fills as may be necessary for the construction and maintenance of the road-bed not exceeding one hundred feet in width on each side of said right of way, or as much thereof as may be included in said cut or fill: Provided, That no more than said addition of land shall be taken for any one station: Provided further, That no part of the lands granted shall be used except in such manner and for such purposes only as shall be necessary for the construction and convenient operation of said railroad and telegraph and telephone lines; and when any portion thereof shall cease to be so used such portions shall revert to the tribe or tribes of Indians from which the same shall have been taken, or, in case they shall have ceased to occupy the same, to the United States: And provided further, That before any such lands shall be taken for the purposes aforesaid the consent of the Indians thereto shall be obtained in a manner satisfactory to the President of the United States.

SEC. 3. That before said railway shall be constructed through any lands held by said tribe or by individual occupants according to the laws, customs, and usages of any of the Indian Tribes through which