be exclusively devoted to the use and benefit of the Indians having interests in the lands so ceded.

SEC. 3. That said commissioners shall receive six dollars per day each, and their actual and necessary traveling and incidental expenses while on duty, and to be allowed a clerk to be selected by them, whose compensation shall be fixed by said commissioners, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior: Provided, That the cost of executing the provisions of this Act shall not exceed the sum of five thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, June 4, 1898.

June 4, 1898.

CHAP. 377.—An Act Granting to the Washington Improvement and Development Company a right of way through the Colville Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby granted to the Washington Improvement and Development Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington, and to its assigns, a right of way for its railway, telegraph, and telephone lines through the Colville Indian Reservation, in the State of Washington, beginning at a point on the Columbia River, near the mouth of the Sans Poil River; running thence in a northerly direction to a point in township thirty-seven north, of range thirty-two east, Willamette meridian; thence northerly to a point near the mouth of Curlew Creek; thence northerly to the international boundary line between British Columbia and the State of Washington; with the right to construct, use, and maintain such branches, spurs, switches, and side tracks as said company may deem necessary for the operation of said railway, together with all the rights granted to railroads by the Act of Congress entitled "An Act granting to railroads a right of way through the public lands of the United States," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five. Such right of way shall be fifty feet wide on each side of the center line of said railroad, and said company shall have the right to take from the lands adjacent to the line of said road material, stone, earth, and timber necessary for the construction of said railroad; also grounds adjacent to such right of way for station buildings and for necessary side tracks and switch tracks, not to exceed in amount two hundred feet in width and two thousand feet in length for each station, and to an extent not exceeding one station for each ten miles of road within the limits of said Colville Reservation. Such station shall be void, and said location shall be approved by the Secretary of the Interior in sections of twenty-five miles before the construction of any such section shall be begun.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Interior to fix the amount of compensation to be paid to any Indian allottees whose lands may be taken by said company under this Act, and to provide the time and manner of payment thereof.

SEC. 3. That said company shall cause maps showing the route of its located lines through said Colville Reservation to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior; and after the filing of said maps no claim for a subsequent settlement and improvement upon the right of way shown by said maps shall be valid as against said company: Provided, That when a map showing any portion of said railway company's located line is filed herein as provided for, said company shall commence grading said located line within six months thereafter, or such location shall be void, and said location shall be approved by the Secretary of the Interior in sections of twenty-five miles before the construction of any such section shall be begun.

SEC. 4. That said company is hereby authorized to enter upon said reservation for the purpose of surveying and locating its line of railroad.

SEC. 5. That the right herein granted shall be forfeited by said com-
pany unless at least twenty-five miles of said railroad shall be constructed through the said reservation within two years after the passage of this Act.

SEC. 6. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act in whole or in part.

Approved, June 4, 1898.

CHAP. 378.—An Act Granting additional powers to railroad companies operating lines in the Indian Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall and may be lawful for any company operating a line of railroad, either wholly or partially, in the Indian Territory to enter into contracts for the use or lease of the railroad and other property of any railroad company whose line may now or hereafter connect with its line upon such terms as may be agreed upon by the respective companies, and to use and operate such road or roads in accordance with the terms of such contract or lease, but subject to the obligations imposed upon the respective companies by their charters or by the laws of the United States or of the State or Territory in which such leased road may be situate: Provided, That the terms of this Act shall not apply to parallel or competing lines.

Approved, June 4, 1898.

CHAP. 379.—An Act Appointing commissioners to revise the statutes relating to patents, trade and commercial names.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President, with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint three commissioners, to serve without compensation, whose duty it shall be to revise and amend the laws of the United States concerning patents, trade and other marks, and trade or commercial names, which shall be in force at the time such commission shall make its final report, so far as the same relates to matters contained in or affected by the Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property concluded at Paris March twentieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, the agreements under said Convention concluded at Madrid April fourteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and the protocols adopted by the conference held under such Convention at Brussels, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, and the treaties of the United States, and the laws of other nations relating to patents, trade and other marks, and trade or commercial names.

That they shall report to Congress as soon as possible.

That the report shall be so made as to indicate any proposed change in the substance of existing law, and shall be accompanied by notes which shall briefly and clearly state the reasons for any proposed change. It shall also be accompanied by references to such treaties and foreign laws relating to patents, trade and other marks, and trade or commercial names, as, in the opinion of the commissioners, may affect citizens of the United States.

That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be appropriated to pay the necessary expenses of the commissioners in making their report, which sum shall be immediately available.

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