February 18, 1901.

CHAP. 380.—An Act To confirm in trust to the city of Albuquerque, in the Territory of New Mexico, the town of Albuquerque Grant, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby released and quitclaimed unto the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, all the right, claim, title, and interest which the United States has, or may claim to have, to the land or any part thereof which was in eighteen hundred and eighty-three surveyed under the direction of the surveyor-general for New Mexico as the town of Albuquerque Grant, the survey having been approved by the said surveyor-general on the twenty-eighth day of November, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, and including four Spanish leagues; and all the right, title, claim, and interest of the United States in and to the said premises embraced in the said grant is hereby vested in the city of Albuquerque in trust for the benefit of all persons claiming title to their individual holdings of real estate at the time of the acquisition of New Mexico under the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo and their successors in interest, or who have been in open adverse possession for the period of ten years prior to the passage of this Act: Provided, That there is reserved from this grant and quitclaim all lands and buildings now occupied by the United States as an Indian school, or for other public purposes; and also reserving therefrom any private land grants that may have been, or may hereafter be, confirmed by the Court of Private Land Claims or other authority of the United States.

SEC. 2. That it is hereby made the duty of the mayor and clerk of said city, and of their successors in office, to execute proper deeds of quitclaim to the persons entitled thereto under this Act for their respective holdings of real estate upon such claimants applying therefore and presenting proper deeds for the signatures of such officers, without any expense to said applicants, and such deeds, when executed, shall be taken in all courts and places as a relinquishment of any claim or title to the lands herein described on the part of the United States: Provided, That such deeds shall not be made to persons where titles are in controversy in the courts until such courts shall have adjudicated the same, when deeds shall be made to the persons adjudged to be the owners: Provided further, That if, within the limits of the land hereby relinquished, there be any tract or tracts not held in private ownership, the title shall be vested in the city of Albuquerque in trust for the use and benefit of the public schools of each of the districts where such lands are severally situated.

Approved, February 18, 1901.

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CHAP. 381.—An Act Authorizing the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Railroad Company to construct and maintain a bridge across Saint Joseph River at or near the city of Saint Joseph, Michigan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Indiana, Illinois and Iowa Railroad Company, a corporation created and existing under and by virtue of the laws of the State of Illinois, be, and is hereby,