

Taxation of railroad property.

That the tangible property of railroad corporations (exclusive of rolling stock) located within the corporate limits of incorporated cities and towns in the Indian Territory shall be assessed and taxed in proportion to its value the same as other property is assessed and taxed in such incorporated cities and towns; and all such city or town councils are hereby empowered to pass such ordinances as may be necessary for the assessment, equalization, levy and collection, annually, of a tax on all property except as herein stated within the corporate limits and for carrying the same into effect: *Provided*, That should any person or corporation feel aggrieved by any assessment of property in the Indian Territory, an appeal from such assessment may be taken within sixty days by original petition to be filed in United States court in the district in which such city or town is located, and the question of the amount and legality of such assessment, and the validity of the ordinance under which such assessment is made may be determined by such court and the costs of such proceeding shall be taxed and apportioned between the parties as the court shall find to be just and equitable.

Municipal assessments.

Proviso.
Appeal.

Costs.

Tribal lands to be held in trust.

SEC. 27. That the lands belonging to the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, or Seminole tribes, upon the dissolution of said tribes, shall not become public lands nor property of the United States, but shall be held in trust by the United States for the use and benefit of the Indians respectively comprising each of said tribes, and their heirs as the same shall appear by the rolls as finally concluded as heretofore and hereinafter provided for: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall interfere with any allotments heretofore or hereafter made or to be made under the provisions of this or any other Act of Congress.

Proviso.
Allotments not affected.

Tribal governments continued.
Post, p. 822.

SEC. 28. That the tribal existence and present tribal governments of the Choctaw, Chickasaw, Cherokee, Creek, and Seminole tribes or nations are hereby continued in full force and effect for all purposes authorized by law, until otherwise provided by law, but the tribal council or legislature in any of said tribes or nations shall not be in session for a longer period than thirty days in any one year: *Provided*, That no act, ordinance, or resolution (except resolutions of adjournment) of the tribal council or legislature of any of said tribes or nations shall be of any validity until approved by the President of the United States: *Provided further*, That no contract involving the payment or expenditure of any money or affecting any property belonging to any of said tribes or nations made by them or any of them or by any officer thereof, shall be of any validity until approved by the President of the United States.

Proviso.
Restriction.

Contracts.

Repeal.

SEC. 29. That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, April 26, 1906.

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[S. 2452.]

CHAP. 1877.—An Act Creating an additional land office in the State of North Dakota.

[Public, No. 130.]

Public lands.
Williston, N. Dak.,
district created.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of North Dakota lying north of the twelfth standard parallel and west of a line beginning at the juncture of the range line between ranges ninety-two and ninety-three with the said twelfth standard parallel and running north to the fifteenth standard parallel, and thence west along the said fifteenth standard parallel to the range line between ranges ninety-six and ninety-seven, and thence north along the said range line to the international boundary line, all west of the principal meridian, be, and the same is hereby, created into a separate land district, to be known as the Williston district; and the land office for said district shall be

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located at the town of Williston until such time as the President may, in his discretion, remove the site of said land office from said town.

SEC. 2. That the President be, and is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register and a receiver for said district; and they shall be subject to the same laws and be entitled to the same compensation as is or may hereafter be provided by law in relation to the existing land offices and officers in said State.

Register and receiver.

Approved, April 26, 1906.

CHAP. 1996.—An Act To amend an Act entitled “An Act granting to the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company the power to sell and convey to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company all the railway property, rights, franchises, and privileges of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, and for other purposes,” approved March third, nineteen hundred and five.

April 27, 1906.
[S. 5520.]

[Public, No. 131.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the second proviso in section one of an Act entitled “An Act granting to the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company the power to sell and convey to the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company all the railway property, rights, franchises, and privileges of the Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company, and for other purposes,” approved March third, nineteen hundred and five, be, and the same is hereby, amended by inserting between the words “selling company” and the words “and all suits” the words “except its mortgage bonds,” and that said proviso as amended shall read: “*Provided,* That said purchasing company shall, by said purchase, be and become liable and assume the payment of all existing liabilities of said selling company, except its mortgage bonds, and all suits now pending against said Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company shall proceed to final judgment the same as if said sale had not been made.”

Indian Territory.
Choctaw, Oklahoma and Gulf Railroad Company.
Sale of, to Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific Railway Company.
Vol. 33, p. 991, amended.

Proviso.
Liabilities.

Mortgage bonds excepted.

Approved, April 27, 1906.

CHAP. 1997.—An Act To amend the Act entitled “An Act to regulate commutation for good conduct for United States prisoners,” approved June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and two.

April 27, 1906.
[H. R. 15910.]

[Public, No. 132.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of the Act entitled “An Act to regulate commutation for good conduct for United States prisoners,” approved June twenty-first, nineteen hundred and two, is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

United States prisoners.
Commutation for good conduct.
Vol. 32, p. 398, amended.

Sentences affected.

“SEC. 3. That this Act shall apply to all sentences imposed subsequent to July twenty-first, nineteen hundred and two, and to the sentences imposed prior thereto the commutation upon which is less than that provided in this Act.”

Approved, April 27, 1906.

CHAP. 2067.—An Act Granting certain lands to the city of Biloxi, in Harrison County, Mississippi, for park and cemetery purposes.

April 28, 1906.
[H. R. 10152.]

[Public, No. 133.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following-described land, to wit: That part of section nineteen, township seven south, of range nine west, lying south of Back Bay of Biloxi, the northwest

Biloxi, Miss.
Lands granted to, for park, etc., purposes.
Description.