

*Proviso.*  
Reimbursement.

provided for herein: *Provided*, That the latter appropriation, or any further appropriation hereafter made for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall be reimbursed to the United States from the proceeds received from the sale of the lands described herein or from any money in the Treasury belonging to said Indian tribes respectively.

Nonresponsibility of  
United States.

SEC. 9. That nothing in this Act contained shall in any manner bind the United States to purchase any portion of the land herein described, except sections sixteen and thirty-six or the equivalent in each township, or to dispose of said land except as provided herein, or to guarantee to find purchasers for said lands or any portion thereof, it being the intention of this Act that the United States shall act as trustee for said Indians to dispose of the said lands and to expend and pay over the proceeds received from the sale thereof only as received and as herein provided: *Provided*, That nothing in this Act shall be construed to deprive the said Indians of the Cheyenne River or Standing Rock Indian reservations, in South Dakota and North Dakota, of any benefits to which they are entitled under existing treaties or agreements not inconsistent with the provisions of this Act: *Provided*, That Indians residing upon their allotments in townships sixteen north of ranges twenty-five, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, twenty-nine, thirty, and thirty-one east shall have the right to use timber in said townships, except on sections sixteen and thirty-six for domestic purposes only as long as the lands remain part of the public domain.

*Provisos.*  
Treaty rights not  
affected.

Use of timber per-  
mitted.

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[S. 2295.]

[Public, No. 159.]

**CHAP. 219.** An Act To extend the time within which the Washington and Western Maryland Railroad Company shall be required to complete the road of said company under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended by an Act of Congress approved June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six.

District of Columbia,  
Washington and  
Western Maryland  
Railroad Company.  
Vol. 25, p. 876.  
Time of construc-  
tion extended.  
Vol. 34, p. 536,  
amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the time within which the Washington and Western Maryland Railroad Company is required to complete and put in operation its railroad in the District of Columbia under the provisions of an Act of Congress approved March second, eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, as amended by an Act of Congress approved June twenty-eighth, nineteen hundred and six, be, and the same is hereby, extended for the term of eighteen months from the twenty-eighth day of December, nineteen hundred and seven, and all of the franchises, rights, and powers conferred by said Acts, or either of them, upon said railroad company, may be enjoyed and exercised as fully and completely as if said railroad had been completed and put in operation prior to the twenty-eighth day of December, anno Domini nineteen hundred and seven: *Provided*, That within one month after the approval of this Act the said Washington and Western Maryland Railroad Company shall deposit with the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia the sum of two thousand dollars to guarantee the construction of said railroad within the time herein extended. If this sum is not so deposited this Act shall be void; if this sum is deposited and the said railroad company shall fail to construct and have in operation the said railroad, within the time herein prescribed, the said sum shall be forfeited to the District of Columbia and this Act shall be void.

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Deposit.

Forfeiture.

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