

R. S., sec. 3646, p. 717,
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the officer issuing the same, after the expiration of six months and within three years from the date of such disbursing officer's check, to issue a duplicate thereof upon the execution of such bond to indemnify the United States as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe: *Provided*, That when such original disbursing officer's check does not exceed in amount the sum of fifty dollars the Secretary of the Treasury may authorize the issuance of a duplicate at any time after the expiration of thirty days and within three years from the date of such disbursing officer's check: *Provided further*, That whenever any original check or warrant of the Post-Office Department has been lost, stolen, or destroyed the Postmaster-General may authorize the issuance of a duplicate thereof, at any time within three years from the date of such original check or warrant, upon the execution by the owner thereof of such bond of indemnity as the Postmaster-General may prescribe: *And provided further*, That when such original check or warrant does not exceed in amount the sum of fifty dollars and the payee or owner is, at the date of the application, an officer or employee in the service of the Post-Office Department, whether by contract, designation, or appointment, the Postmaster-General may, in lieu of an indemnity bond, authorize the issuance of a duplicate check or warrant upon such an affidavit as he may prescribe, to be made before any postmaster by the payee or owner of an original check or warrant.

"SEC. 3647. In case the disbursing officer or agent by whom such lost, destroyed, or stolen original check was issued is dead or no longer in the service of the United States it shall be the duty of the proper accounting officer, under such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, to state an account in favor of the owner of such original check for the amount thereof and to charge such amount to the account of such officer or agent: *Provided*, That in case a check drawn by any officer or agent of the Post-Office Department is lost, stolen, or destroyed a duplicate thereof may be issued under regulations prescribed by the Postmaster-General, as set forth in section thirty-six hundred and forty-six."

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Colorado.
Desert lands in former Ute Indian Reservation granted to.
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Vol. 31, p. 1188.

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Price per acre.

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CHAP. 178.—An Act To provide for the granting and patenting to the State of Colorado desert lands within the former Ute Indian Reservation in said State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision of section four of "An Act making appropriation for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, and for other purposes," approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and the amendments thereof, approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, and March third, nineteen hundred and one, respectively, be, and are hereby, extended over and shall apply to the desert lands within the limits of all that portion of the former Ute Indian Reservation, not included in any national forest, in the State of Colorado, described and embraced in the Act entitled "An Act relating to lands in Colorado lately occupied by the Uncompahgre and White River Ute Indians," approved July twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two: *Provided*, That before a patent shall issue for any of the lands aforesaid under the terms of the Act approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, and amendments thereto, the State of Colorado shall pay into the Treasury of the United States the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre for the lands so patented, and the money so paid shall be subject to the provisions of section three of the Act of June fifteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to accept and ratify the agreements submitted by

the confederated bands of Ute Indians in Colorado for the sale of their reservation in said State, and for other purposes, and to make the necessary appropriation for carrying out same."

SEC. 2. That no lands shall be included in any tract to be segregated under the provisions of this Act on which the United States Government has valuable improvements, or which have been reserved for any Indian schools or farm purposes.

Restriction.

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CHAP. 179.—An Act Relating to injured employees on the Isthmian Canal.

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[H. R. 22340.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing contained in the Act approved May thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eight, entitled "An Act granting to certain employees of the United States the right to receive from it compensation for injuries sustained in the course of their employment," shall prevent the Isthmian Canal Commission, under rules to be fixed by the commission, from granting to its injured employees, whether engaged in a hazardous employment or otherwise, leave of absence with pay for time necessarily lost as a result of injuries received in the course of employment, not exceeding in the aggregate thirty days per annum: *Provided, however,* That compensation paid to such injured employees under such regulations shall be deducted from any compensation which such employees may be entitled to receive under the terms of the said Act.

[Public, No. 256.]

Isthmian Canal Commission may grant leave of absence with pay to injured employees.
Ante, p. 556.

Time limit.

Proviso.
Compensation.

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CHAP. 180.—An Act For relief of applicants for mineral surveys.

February 24, 1909.
[H. R. 25396.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of the moneys heretofore or hereafter covered into the Treasury from deposits made by individuals to cover cost of work performed and to be performed in the offices of the United States surveyors-general in connection with the survey of mineral lands, any excess in the amount deposited over and above the actual cost of the work performed, including all expenses incident thereto for which the deposits were severally made or the whole of any unused deposit; and such sums, as the several cases may be, shall be deemed to be annually and permanently appropriated for that purpose. Such repayments shall be made to the person or persons who made the several deposits, or to his or their legal representatives, after the completion or abandonment of the work for which the deposits were made, and upon an account certified by the surveyor-general of the district in which the mineral land surveyed, or sought to be surveyed is situated and approved by the Commissioner of the General Land Office.

[Public, No. 257.]

Mineral land surveys.
Refund of unused deposit.

Permanent appropriation for refunding.

Repayments to depositors, etc.

Approved, February 24, 1909.

CHAP. 181.—An Act To permit change of entry in case of mistake of the description of tracts intended to be entered.

February 24, 1909.
[H. R. 26734.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-three hundred and seventy-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows:

[Public, No. 258.]

Public lands.
R. S., sec. 2372, p. 434. amended.

Erroneous entries corrected.

"SEC. 2372. In all cases where an entry, selection, or location has been or shall hereafter be made of a tract of land not intended to be