

June 30, 1864. CHAP. CLXXX. — *An Act granting certain Privileges to the "Guardian Society" of the District of Columbia.*

Use of a certain reservation granted to the "Guardian Society."

1862, ch. 125.
Vol. xii. p. 499.

Permanent structures, how erected.

Rates of expenses to be approved in writing.

1862, ch. 125,
§ 11.
Vol. xii. p. 501.

Repealing clause.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the use and occupancy of all that part of reservation numbered seventeen, in the city of Washington, lying west of Second street east, and east of the easterly line of New Jersey avenue in said city, be, and the same is hereby, granted for the period of thirty-three years to the "Guardian Society" of the District of Columbia, a corporation duly established by act of congress, approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-two: *Provided,* That the said premises shall be used and occupied exclusively for the proper and legitimate purposes and objects of said Guardian Society: *And provided, further,* That said Guardian Society shall, within three years from and after the approval of this act, expend, in the erection of buildings upon said premises, suitable for a house of industry and a widows' and orphans' home, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, or more, otherwise the said use, as aforesaid, be forfeited to the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all permanent buildings and structures upon said premises shall be erected and made in accordance with plans and specifications approved in writing and subscribed by the commissioner of public buildings.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the rates of expenses which are, or shall hereafter be, adopted by the said "Guardian Society," or the trustees thereof, for the support and maintenance of the several classes of persons described in the eleventh section of their said act of incorporation, shall be approved in writing and subscribed by a majority of the justices of the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864.

June 30, 1864. CHAP. CLXXXI. — *An Act to authorize the President of the United States to negotiate with certain Indians of Middle Oregon for a Relinquishment of certain Rights secured to them by Treaty.*

Authority and appropriation to negotiate a treaty with Indians of Middle Oregon.

Vol. xii. p. 963.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to negotiate with the tribes known as the Confederated Indian Tribes of Middle Oregon, for the relinquishment of certain rights guaranteed to them by the first article of the treaty made with them April eighteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, by which they are permitted to fish, hunt, gather roots and berries, and pasture stock, in common with citizens of the United States, upon the lands and territories of the United States outside their reservations, and to defray the expenses of said treaty, and to pay said Indians for the relinquishment of said rights, that the sum of five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for that purpose.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864.

June 30, 1864. CHAP. CLXXXII. — *An Act in Relation to the Village of Deposit, Delaware County, New York.*

Village of "Deposit," for postal laws, &c., to be part of Delaware County, N. Y.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the village of Deposit, which is situate partly in the county of Delaware and partly in the county of Broome, in the State of New York, shall, for all the purposes of the postal laws and regulations of the United States, and the publication of the laws of the United States, and notices and other publications in pur-

suance of such laws, be regarded as within the [the] county of Delaware aforesaid.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864. _____

CHAP. CLXXXIII. — *An Act relating to the Compensation of Pension Agents.* June 30, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be paid, over and above the compensation now allowed by law, to every pension agent disbursing fifty thousand dollars annually, not exceeding five hundred dollars per annum for clerk-hire, rent of office, and office expenses; and to every agent disbursing one hundred thousand dollars annually, not exceeding seven hundred and fifty dollars per annum; and for every fifty thousand dollars additional, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, for the purposes aforesaid: *Provided,* That in no case shall the amount of compensation to any one agent exceed the sum of four thousand dollars.

Clerk-hire and expenses of pension agents.

Maximum to be \$4000.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864. _____

CHAP. CLXXXIV. — *An Act authorizing a Grant to the State of California of the "Yo-Semite Valley," and of the Land embracing the "Mariposa Big Tree Grove."* June 30, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be, and is hereby, granted to the State of California the "Cleft" or "Gorge" in the granite peak of the Sierra Nevada mountains, situated in the county of Mariposa, in the State aforesaid, and the headwaters of the Merced River, and known as the Yo-Semite valley, with its branches or spurs, in estimated length fifteen miles, and in average width one mile back from the main edge of the precipice, on each side of the valley, with the stipulation, nevertheless, that the said State shall accept this grant upon the express conditions that the premises shall be held for public use, resort, and recreation; shall be inalienable for all time; but leases not exceeding ten years may be granted for portions of said premises. All incomes derived from leases of privileges to be expended in the preservation and improvement of the property, or the roads leading thereto; the boundaries to be established at the cost of said State by the United States surveyor-general of California, whose official plat, when affirmed by the commissioner of the general land-office, shall constitute the evidence of the locus, extent, and limits of the said Cleft or Gorge; the premises to be managed by the governor of the State with eight other commissioners, to be appointed by the executive of California, and who shall receive no compensation for their services.

The "Yo-Semite Valley" granted to California.

Conditions of grant.

Leases and income therefrom.

Boundaries, how established.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall likewise be, and there is hereby, granted to the said State of California the tracts embracing what is known as the "Mariposa Big Tree Grove," not to exceed the area of four sections, and to be taken in legal sub-divisions of one quarter section each, with the like stipulation as expressed in the first section of this act as to the State's acceptance, with like conditions as in the first section of this act as to inalienability, yet with same lease privilege; the income to be expended in preservation, improvement, and protection of the property; the premises to be managed by commissioners as stipulated in the first section of this act, and to be taken in legal sub-divisions as aforesaid; and the official plat of the United States surveyor-general, when affirmed by the commissioner of the general land-office, to be the evidence of the locus of the said Mariposa Big Tree Grove.

"Mariposa Big Tree Grove" granted to California.

Conditions of grant.

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