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CHAP. 196.—An Act Authorizing the State of Montana to make selections from certain public lands.

Montana.
May select lands in
Bitter Root Valley.
Vol. 25, p. 676.

Vol. 26, p. 796.

Vol. 17, p. 226.

Proviso.
Existing rights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the State of Montana to select as a part of the lands granted the said State under the provisions of an Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the division of Dakota into two States, and to enable the people of North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, and Washington to form constitutions and State governments, and to be admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and to make donations of public lands to such States," approved February twenty-second, eighteen hundred and eighty nine, and an Act entitled, "An Act to amend sections twenty-two hundred and seventy-five and twenty-two hundred and seventy-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States providing for the selection of lands for educational purposes in lieu of those appropriated for other purposes," approved February twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, any of the lands in the Bitter Root Valley, lying above the Lo Lo Fork of the Bitter Root River, mentioned and described in an Act entitled, "An Act to provide for the removal of the Flathead and other Indians from the Bitter Root Valley in the Territory of Montana," approved June fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two: *Provided, however,* That no existing rights to any of the said lands initiated under any of the laws of the United States shall be invalidated by this Act.

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CHAP. 197.—An Act Adding the towns of Manchester and Vernon, in the State of Connecticut, to the customs district of Hartford, Connecticut, and making the city of Rockville, Connecticut, a port of delivery.

Hartford, Conn.,
customs district.

Manchester and
Vernon assigned to.

Rockville, a port of
delivery.

Vol. 24, p. 492.

R. S., sec. 2333, p. 498,
amended.

Immediate transpor-
tation privileges to
Rockville.

Vol. 21, p. 174.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, creating the customs district of Hartford, be amended by adding the towns of Manchester and Vernon, in the State of Connecticut, to the towns already named as comprising said district, and that the town of Vernon, city of Rockville, in said State of Connecticut, within said district of Hartford, is hereby constituted a port of delivery within the meaning of said Act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, and the Act of which said Act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, is an amendment.

SEC. 2. That the privileges of the seventh section of the Act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, entitled "An Act to amend the statutes in relation to immediate transportation of dutiable goods and for other purposes," be, and they are hereby, extended to the said town of Vernon, city of Rockville, district and State aforesaid.

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CHAP. 198.—An Act Concerning leases in the Yellowstone National Park.

Yellowstone Na-
tional Park.
Leases authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to lease to any person, corporation, or company, for a period not exceeding ten years, at such annual rental as the Secretary of the Interior may determine, parcels of land in the Yellowstone National Park, of not more than ten acres in extent for each tract and not in excess of twenty acres in all to any one person, corporation, or company on which may be erected hotels

and necessary outbuildings: *Provided*, That such lease or leases shall not include any of the geysers or other objects of curiosity or interest in said park, or exclude the public from free and convenient approach thereto or include any ground within one-eighth of a mile of any of the geysers or the Yellowstone Falls, the Grand Canyon, or the Yellowstone River, Mammoth Hot Springs, or any object of curiosity in the park: *And provided further*, That such leases shall not convey, either expressly or by implication, any exclusive privilege within the park except upon the premises held thereunder and for the time therein granted. Every lease hereafter made for any property in said park shall require the lessee to observe and obey each and every provision in any Act of Congress, and every rule, order, or regulation made, or which may hereafter be made and published by the Secretary of the Interior concerning the use, care, management, or government of the park, or any object or property therein, under penalty of forfeiture of such lease, and every such lease shall be subject to the right of revocation and forfeiture, which shall therein be reserved by the Secretary of the Interior: *And provided further*, That persons or corporations now holding leases of ground in the park may, upon the surrender thereof, be granted new leases hereunder, and upon the terms and stipulations contained in their present leases, with such modifications, restrictions, and reservations as the Secretary of the Interior may prescribe.

Proviso.
Natural curiosities excluded.

Privileges granted.

New leases to present holders.

Authority of Secretary of the Interior.

Repeal.
Vol. 23, p. 626.

This act, however, is not to be construed as mandatory upon the Secretary of the Interior, but the authority herein given is to be exercised in his sound discretion.

That so much of that portion of the Act of March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, relating to the Yellowstone Park as conflicts with this Act be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

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CHAP. 199.—An Act For the disposal of the accretions of the Virginus indemnity fund.

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Whereas the Secretary of State holds, "subject to such disposition as Congress may direct," an amount of money received by him as interest and premiums on the bonds in which the so-called Virginus indemnity was invested, as required by section thirty-six hundred and fifty-nine of the Revised Statutes, pending the presentation, proof, and adjudication of the claims thereto; and

Preamble.

R. S., sec., 3659, p. 719.

Whereas it appears that further interest has accrued, and is accruing, in respect of such money: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said sum, being the earnings of a fund which was paid to the United States in trust for the purpose of relief of the families of those of the ship's company and of such of the passengers as were citizens of the United States who were executed, and to afford compensation to such of the ship's company and to such passengers as in like manner were citizens of the United States who were detained and suffered loss in Cuba, excluding from any participation therein all individuals indemnified as British subjects, is the property of the beneficiaries of said original fund, and the Secretary of State is hereby directed to distribute the same, together with all accretions thereof, accrued and which may accrue, among those persons who have already substantiated their right to participate in said fund, their heirs or legal representatives, under and by virtue of Executive orders heretofore issued and published.

"Virginus" indemnity.

Distribution of accrued interest on trust fund to beneficiaries.

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