

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the Third Session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the fifth day of December, A. D. 1870, and was adjourned without day on Saturday the fourth day of March, A. D. 1871.

ULYSSES S. GRANT, President. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Vice-President and President of the Senate. JAMES G. BLAINE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I. — *An Act to enlarge the Jurisdiction of the probate Courts in Idaho Territory.* Dec. 13, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the probate courts of the Territory of Idaho, in their respective counties, in addition to their probate jurisdiction, be, and they are hereby, authorized to hear and determine all civil causes wherein the damage or debt claimed does not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars, exclusive of interest, and such criminal cases arising under the laws of the Territory as do not require the intervention of a grand jury: *Provided*, That they shall not have jurisdiction in any matter in controversy, when the title, boundary, or right to the peaceable possession of land may be in dispute, or in chancery or divorce cases: *And provided further*, That in all cases an appeal may be taken from any order, judgment, or decree of said probate courts to the district court.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That this act shall not affect any suit pending in the district courts of said Territory at the time of its passage.

APPROVED, December 13, 1870.

CHAP. II. — *An Act granting to the Utah Central Railroad Company a Right of Way through the public Lands for the Construction of a Railroad and Telegraph.* Dec. 15, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of way through the public lands be, and the same is hereby, granted to the Utah Central Railroad Company, a corporation created under the laws of the legislative assembly of the Territory of Utah, its successors and assigns, for the construction of a railroad and telegraph from a point at or near Ogden City, in the Territory of Utah, to Salt Lake City, in said Territory; and the right, power, and authority is [are] hereby given to said corporation to take from the public lands adjacent to the line of said road material of earth, stone, timber, and so forth, for the construction thereof. Said way is granted to said railroad to the extent of two hundred feet in width on

Company to file map of location with Secretary of the Interior within three months. Rates for transportation.

Running connections with certain other roads.

Express conditions of making and accepting grant.

Congress may enforce conditions.

Railroad to be a post route and military road.

Acceptance of grant by the railroad to be in writing and in three months.

Act may be altered, &c.

each side of said railroad where it may pass through the public domain, including all necessary ground for station-buildings, work-shops, depots, machine-shops, switches, side-tracks, turn-tables, and water-stations: *Provided*, That within three months from the passage of this act the said Utah Central Railroad Company shall file with the Secretary of the Interior a map to be approved by him, exhibiting the line of the railroad of said company, as the same has been located and constructed: *Provided further*, That said company shall not charge the government higher rates than they do individuals for like transportation and telegraphic service. And it shall be the duty of the Utah Central Railroad Company to permit any other railroad, which has been or shall be authorized to be built by the United States, or by the legislature of the Territory of Utah, to form running connections with its road on fair and equitable terms.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the United States make the grants herein, and that the said Utah Central Railroad Company accepts the same, upon the express condition that the said company shall not exercise the power given by section ten of chapter sixteen of the laws of the Territory of Utah, approved February nineteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine; and upon the further express condition that if the said company make any breach of the conditions hereof, then in such case, at any time hereafter, the United States, by its Congress, may do any and all acts and things which may be needful and necessary for the enforcement of such conditions.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said Utah Central Railroad shall be a post route and a military road, subject to the use of the United States for postal, military, naval, and all other government service, and also subject to such regulations as Congress may impose, restricting the charges for such government transportation.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the acceptance of the terms, conditions, and impositions of this act, by the said Utah Central Railroad Company, shall be signified in writing under the corporate seal of said company, duly executed pursuant to the direction of its board of directors first had and obtained, which acceptance shall be made within three months after the passage of this act, and shall be served on the President of the United States; and if such acceptance and service shall not be so made, this grant shall be void.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time, having due regard for the rights of said Utah Central Railroad Company, add to, alter, amend, or repeal this act.

APPROVED, December 15, 1870.

Dec. 15, 1870. CHAP. III. — *An Act donating Chattahoochee Arsenal to the State of Florida for educational Purposes.*

Chattahoochee Arsenal given to Florida for educational purposes.

Secretary of War to make the transfer, and to whom.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the public property, with the grounds, buildings, and appurtenances thereto belonging, situated in Gadsden county, in the State of Florida, and known as the "Chattahoochee Arsenal," and at present occupied by said State as a penitentiary, be, and the same are [is] hereby, granted and donated to the State of Florida for educational purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to transfer said property to the board of internal improvement of the State of Florida, to be held by them in trust, for the use, benefit, and execution of the purpose of this grant, or for such other public purposes as said board may deem proper.

APPROVED, December 15, 1870.