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THE
Statutes at Large
AND
PROCLAMATIONS
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
FROM DECEMBER 1869 TO MARCH 1871,
AND
TREATIES AND POSTAL CONVENTIONS

Arranged in Chronological Order and carefully collated with
the Originals at Washington,

WITH

REFERENCES TO THE MATTER OF EACH ACT AND TO THE SUBSEQUENT
ACTS ON THE SAME SUBJECT.

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and products hereinafter enumerated shall be exempt from internal tax, from internal tax. namely: Canned and preserved fish, shell-fish, meats, fruits, and vegetables. *Ante*, p. 257.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLX. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act authorizing the Construction of a Bridge across the Missouri River upon the military Reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas."*

July 14, 1870.
1868, ch. 179.
Vol. xv. p. 121.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sixth section of the act entitled "An act authorizing the construction of a bridge across the Missouri river, upon the military reservation at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas," be amended, so as to read as follows: SECTION 6. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for the Saint Joseph and Denver City Railroad Company, a corporation chartered and created by the laws of the State of Kansas, or their assigns, to build a bridge, and maintain the same, across the Missouri river at or near Saint Joseph, Missouri, on the terms, and subject to the limitations and restrictions contained in the first, second, and third sections of the act of Congress, passed July twenty-five, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act to authorize the construction of certain bridges, and to establish them as post-roads," and that said corporation may have, hold, and enjoy all the rights, privileges, and franchises conferred by, and contained in, said last-mentioned act; and said company may construct and maintain ways for wagons, carriages, and for foot passengers, charging and receiving reasonable tolls therefor; and when said bridge is constructed under said limitations it shall be a lawful structure and be recognized and known as a post-route: *Provided,* That if said bridge shall be constructed as a drawbridge the spans of the draw shall not be less than two hundred feet in the clear on each side of the central point.

St. Joseph and Denver City R. R. Co. may bridge the Missouri at St. Joseph.

Rights, restrictions, &c. 1866, ch. 246, §§ 1-3.
Vol. xiv. p. 244.

Bridge made a post-route.
Proviso.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

CHAP. CCLXI. — *An Act to vacate the Fort Dakota military Reservation in the Territory of Dakota, and for other Purposes.*

July 14, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the military reservation at Fort Dakota, in the county of Minnehaha, and Territory of Dakota, be, and the same is hereby, vacated, and the lands embraced in said reservation shall be subject to private entry under the provisions of the pre-emption and homestead laws of the United States, except so much thereof as may be embraced in sections heretofore reserved for school purposes: *Provided,* That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to interfere with any rights which may have accrued previous to the withdrawal of said lands for the purposes of such reservation: *And provided also,* That any improvements on said reservation made by the military authorities prior to its relinquishment by the Secretary of War, shall be appraised by the register and receiver of the land office of the district in which said reservation is situated, and paid for by the purchaser of the lands on which the same are located: *And provided further,* That no patent shall issue for any portion of said lands until the improvements thereon shall have been paid for at their appraised value.

Military reservation at Fort Dakota vacated, and lands subject to private entry, &c.

Existing rights not affected.

Improvements to be appraised and paid for.

Patents not to issue until, &c.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

July 14, 1870.
1867, ch. 176, § 83.
Vol. xiv. p. 683.

Law refusing
discharge to
bankrupt, unless
assets pay 50
per cent. not to
apply to debts
contracted prior
to Jan. 1, 1869.
1868, ch. 258.
Vol. xv. p. 237.
Acts of bank-
ruptcy.

CHAP. CCLXII. — *An Act in Amendment of the Act entitled "An Act establishing an uniform System of Bankruptcy throughout the United States."*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the second clause of the thirty-third section of said act, as amended by the first section of an act in amendment thereof, approved July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, shall not apply to those debts from which the bankrupt seeks a discharge which were contracted prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the clause in the thirty-ninth section of said act which now reads "or who, being a banker, merchant, or trader, has fraudulently stopped or suspended and not resumed payment of his commercial paper within a period of fourteen days," shall be amended so as to read as follows: "or who, being a banker, broker, merchant, trader, manufacturer, or miner, has fraudulently stopped payment, or who has stopped or suspended and not resumed payment of his commercial paper within a period of fourteen days."

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.

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CHAP. COLXIII. — *An Act authorizing the Establishment of Water-Meters for the Potomac Water, the Laying of an additional Water-Main from the distributing Reservoir of the Washington Aqueduct, and for other Purposes.*

Potomac
water may be
shut off where
waste occurs
and notice is
disregarded;

to be allowed
for mechanical,
&c. purposes
and private foun-
tains, &c. only
when, &c.

Supply to
places requiring
a large quantity
to be determined
by meters;
charge for
water.

Iron main from
the distributing
reservoir to Cap-
itol Hill.

Expense how
to be paid.

Washington
and Georgetown
may borrow the
necessary
money, to be
paid out of rev-
enue from water
rents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to prevent unnecessary waste of Potomac water, and in order to more fully enforce the laws of the corporation of Washington and Georgetown, in relation to the distribution of the same, the engineer officer in charge of the Washington aqueduct is hereby authorized and empowered, after giving notice, to shut off the water when such notice shall be disregarded from any places where a waste of water is occurring.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the use of Potomac water for mechanical and manufacturing purposes, or for private fountains, street and pavement washers, shall be allowed only when, in the opinion of said engineer, it will not be detrimental to the general distribution of water in the two cities.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the supply of water to all manufacturing establishments, hotels, livery-stables, and other places requiring a large quantity, shall be determined by meters erected and maintained at the expense of the consumer; and the said corporations of Washington and Georgetown shall charge and collect for the quantity so determined a price not exceeding three cents per hundred gallons.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said engineer officer shall cause to be furnished and laid from the distributing reservoir of the Washington aqueduct to Capitol Hill, in the city of Washington, along such route as he shall determine, an iron main of thirty-six inches in diameter, connected with the present mains at such points as he shall direct, and that the entire cost thereof shall be borne proportionately by the corporations of Washington and Georgetown, and in order to provide for such cost, the said corporations are hereby empowered and authorized to increase the present water rates and water taxes to such an amount as may by them be deemed necessary.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purpose of enabling the corporations aforesaid to carry out the provisions of this act, it shall be competent for them to borrow, in such proportions as they may deem necessary, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred and sixty thousand dollars for the city of Washington, and forty thousand dollars for the city of Georgetown, redeemable within a period of ten years, out of any revenue to be derived from water rents.

APPROVED, July 14, 1870.