FORTY-THIRD CONGRESS. Sess. II. CH. 188, 189. 1875.

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CHAP. 188.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act for the restoration to homestead-entry and to market of certain lands in Michigan," approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act for the restoration to market of certain lands in Michigan," be, and hereby is, amended so as to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cause patents to be issued to three hundred and twenty members of the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan, for the selections found to have been made by them, but which were not, prior to the passage of said act, regularly reported and recognized by the Secretary of the Interior and Commissioner of Indian Affairs; and the remainder of said lands not disposed of, and not valuable mainly for pine-timber, shall be subject to entry under the homestead-laws, for one year from the passage of this act; and the lands remaining thereafter undisposed of shall be offered for sale at a price not less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre.

SEC. 2. That all Indians who have settled upon and made improvements on section ten, in township forty-seven north, of range two east, and section twenty-four in township forty-seven north, of range three west, Michigan, shall be permitted to enter not exceeding eighty acres each, at the minimum price of land, upon making proof of such settlement and improvement before the register of the land-office at Marquette, Michigan; and when said entries shall have been completed in accordance herewith, the remaining lands embraced within the limits of said sections shall be restored to market.

SEC. 3. That all actual, permanent, bona fide settlers on any of the lands reserved for Indian purposes under the treaty with the Ottawa and Chippewa Indians of Michigan of July thirty-first, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, shall be entitled to enter not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres of land, either under the homestead-laws or to pay the minimum price of land, upon making proof of his location thereon and continued residence, before the expiration of ninety days from the passage of this act: Provided, That such settlers do not claim any of the lands heretofore patented to Indians, or in conflict with the selections found to have been made by Indians referred to in the first section of this act, and shall have settled upon said lands prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

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CHAP. 189.—An act to correct a clerical error in the act granting the right of way through the public lands to the Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company, approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two.

Whereas in the third session of the Forty-second Congress, the committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses on the amendments to the bill (S. 984) granting the right of way through the public lands to the Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company, submitted as part of their report the recommendation that the second proviso in the amendment of the House of Representatives adding provisos to the end of the bill be stricken out and the following words be inserted: "And provided further, That the said Denver and Rio Grande Railway Company is hereby recognized as a lawful corporation from the date of its incorporation under the laws of Colorado, and all the powers, privileges, and franchises by said laws conferred upon said company are hereby expressly ratified, confirmed, and legalized as existing from said date of incorporation; but beyond such recognition, ratification, and confirmation of and to said company, this act shall not be construed as affirming or denying the rights of Territories to pass laws for the incorporation