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only as the work progresses, and the same shall be applied to no other purpose whatsoever: *And provided further*, That any and all lands heretofore reserved to the United States by any act of Congress, or in any other manner by competent authority, for the purpose of aiding in any object of internal improvement, or for any other purpose whatsoever, be and the same are hereby reserved to the United States from the operation of this act, except so far as it may be found necessary to locate the route of the said railroads through such reserved lands; in which case the right of way only shall be granted.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the sections and parts of sections of land which, by such, great shall remain to the United States, within six miles on each side of said roads, shall not be sold for less than double the minimum price of the public lands when sold; which lands shall from time to time be offered at public sale to the highest bidder, under the direction of the Secretary of the Interior, and shall not be subject to entry until they shall have been so offered at public sale.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said lands hereby granted to the said state shall be subject to the disposal of the legislature thereof, for the purposes aforesaid, and no other, and the said railroads shall be and remain public highways for the use of the government of the United States, free from toll or other charge upon the transportation of any property or troops of the United States.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the lands hereby granted to said state shall be disposed of by said state only in manner following, that is to say: that a quantity of land not exceeding one hundred and twenty sections on each road, and included within a continuous length of twenty miles of said road, may be sold; and so from time to time, until said road is completed; and if said road be not completed within ten years, no further sales shall be made, and the land unsold shall revert to the United States.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the United States mail shall at all times be transported on said railroads under the direction of the Post-Office Department, at such price as Congress may by law direct.

Approved, June 10, 1852.

CHAP. XLVI.—An Act giving the Assent of Congress to the state of Missouri to impose a Tax or Taxes upon all Lands hereafter sold by the United States therein, from and after the Day of such Sale.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assent of Congress is hereby given to the State of Missouri, to impose a tax or taxes upon all lands hereafter sold by the United States, in said state, from and after the day of such sale: *Provided*, That the assent hereby given shall in no wise impair that provision of the compact with the said state which declares that all lands belonging to citizens of the United States residing without the said state shall never be taxed higher than lands belonging to persons residing therein.

Approved, June 10, 1852.

CHAP. XLIX.—An Act relating to the Salaries of Officers of the Territories of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That

whenever any officer of either of the Territories of the United States shall absent himself therefrom, and from the duties of his office, no salary shall be paid him during the year in which such absence shall occur, unless good cause therefor shall be shown to the President of the United States, who shall officially certify his opinion of such cause, to the proper accounting officer of the treasury, to be filed in his office.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted That the proviso contained in the act entitled "An act making appropriation for the payment of the civil and diplomatic expenses of the government, for the year ending the thirtieth day of June eighteen hundred and fifty-one, relating to the officers of the Territories of the United States," be, and the same is hereby so modified as to authorize the payment of the salary of any officer therein named, notwithstanding such officer may have been absent from such territory and his official duties for more than sixty days: *Provided*, The President of the United States shall certify

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