

appoint assistants and employes required for the management of buildings placed in his charge and may at his pleasure discharge any person so employed.

Passed the Senate February 14, 1919.

Passed the House February 21, 1919.

Approved by the Governor February 28, 1919.

CHAPTER 51.

[S. B. 81.]

STATE GRANTS TO UNITED STATES FOR WAR EMERGENCIES.

AN ACT relating to the lands of the state, granting rights of way thereon to the United States, and ratifying all action heretofore taken by the board of state land commissioners and the commissioner of public lands in permitting the United States to go upon the lands of the state and build railroads thereon and remove timber therefrom.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

SECTION 1. Whereas, on account of the recent emergencies of war it was necessary that the United States be permitted to go upon the lands of the State of Washington and build railroads thereon and remove timber therefrom; and whereas there was no authority in law for the State of Washington to grant such rights to the United States; all action heretofore taken by the board of state land commissioners and the commissioner of public lands in permitting such acts by the United States is hereby ratified and confirmed, and the commissioner of public lands is hereby authorized to grant to the United States such rights of way over and across the lands of the state, including tide and shore lands, as may be made necessary by the military necessi-

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ties of the present war; and the consent of the State of Washington is hereby given to the United States, upon the termination of the present war, to transfer such easements to such persons, firms, or corporations as it may desire.

Extent of grant.

SEC. 2. The said rights of way shall be of such width or widths as shall appear to the commissioner of public lands to be necessary, together with such additional lands as are required for excavations, embankments, depot and station grounds, passing tracks, or borrow pits.

Maps and field notes to be filed.

SEC. 3. In order to obtain the benefits of this grant the United States shall file with the commissioner of public lands a map or maps of the rights of way desired, together with the field notes of the survey thereof, and shall pay to the state the amount of the appraised value of the lands affected by, used for, or included within the said rights of way and extra widths, together with the appraised value of the timber thereon.

Payment for land and timber.

Passed the Senate February 5, 1919.

Passed the House February 21, 1919.

Approved by the Governor February 28, 1919.

CHAPTER 52.

[S. B. 79.]

VALIDATING ERRONEOUS SALE OF SCHOOL LAND IN COWLITZ COUNTY.

AN ACT authorizing the issuance of a deed to lot six (6) of section thirty-six (36), township six (6) north, range three (3) east, W. M., Cowlitz County, Washington, and validating an erroneous sale of the same.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Washington:

Governor authorized to execute deed.

SECTION 1. That the commissioner of public lands be and he hereby is authorized to certify to