

impair the legal or equitable rights of any other person or persons to the said land, or to any part thereof.

APPROVED, December 29, 1854.

Dec. 30, 1854.

**CHAP. XIX.—An Act to Provide for the Contingent Expenses of the Territory of Nebraska.**

Appropriation  
for contingencies  
of Nebraska ter-  
ritory.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of one thousand dollars be appropriated to defray the contingent expenses for the government of the territory of Nebraska for the remainder of the present fiscal year, the former appropriation of fifteen hundred dollars having been drawn from the treasury by the late Governor Burt, and by reason of his death unavailable for the present, it being the true intent and meaning of this act that not more than fifteen hundred dollars shall be expended for said contingencies within this fiscal year.

APPROVED, December 30, 1854.

Jan. 3, 1855.

**CHAP. XX.—An Act giving the Consent of Congress to the Cession by the State of Massachusetts to the State of New York, of the District of Boston Corner.**

Preamble.

Whereas, the commonwealth of Massachusetts, by an act of its legislature, approved May fourteenth, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-three, ceded the sovereignty and jurisdiction over that portion of its territory known as the district of Boston Corner, situated in the southwesterly corner of said commonwealth, and westerly of the southwest line of the town of Mount Washington, in the county of Berkshire and commonwealth aforesaid, to the State of New York, said act not to take effect, however, until the Congress of the United States shall consent to such cession and annexation :

And whereas, the State of New York, by an act of its legislature, passed July twenty-first, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-three, accepted the sovereignty and jurisdiction over that portion of the territory of Massachusetts above described, and known as the district of Boston Corner, upon the terms, and subject to the provisions expressed in said act of cession, as appears by certified copies of said acts filed in the office of the clerk of the House of Representatives:

And whereas, for the better defining the limits and extent of the territory above-mentioned, commissioners on behalf of said States of Massachusetts and New York, duly authorized for that purpose, have caused an accurate survey and map to be made of said territory, and sufficient monuments to be erected in and along its eastern boundary line, as required by said acts, a copy of said survey and map, duly authenticated, having also been filed in the office of said clerk: Therefore—

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the consent of the Congress of the United States be, and the same is hereby, given to said cession and annexation.

APPROVED, January 3, 1855.

Jan. 3, 1855.

**CHAP. XXI.—An Act for the Liquidation of the Penitentiary Indebtedness.**

Appropriation  
to pay debt of  
penitentiary.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of seven thousand one hundred and eighty-six dollars and ninety-two cents is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Interior to liquidate the present indebtedness of the penitentiary in the District of Columbia.

APPROVED, January 3, 1855.