

(Extracts of United States Laws relating to Kansas.)

A BILL TO ORGANIZE THE TERRITORIES OF NEBRASKA AND KANZAS.

“Strike out all after the enacting clause, and insert:

“That all that part of the territory of the United States included within the following limits, except such portions thereof as are hereinafter expressly exempted from the operation of this act to wit: beginning at a point in the Missouri river where the fortieth parallel of north latitude crosses the same: thence west on said parallel to the east boundary of the territory of Utah, or the summit of the Rocky Mountains; thence on said summit northward, to the forty-ninth parallel of north latitude; thence east on said parallel to the western boundary of the Territory of Minnesota; thence southward on said boundary to the Missouri river: then down the main channel of said river to the place of beginning, be, and the same is hereby created into a temporary government by the name of the Territory of Nebraska; and when admitted as a state or states, the said territory, or any portion of the same, shall be received into the Union with or without slavery, as their constitution may prescribe at the time of their admission: Provided, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to inhibit the government of the United States from dividing said territory into two or more territories, in such manner and at such times as Congress shall deem convenient and proper, or from attaching any portion of said territory to any other state or territory of the United States: Provided further, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to impair the rights of persons or property now pertaining to the Indians in said territory, so long

as such rights shall be the United States which, by treaty or consent of said tribe, jurisdiction of any be excepted out of the territory of Nebraska to the President of said territory of government of the respecting such Indians by treaty, law, or consent to the government.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the authority in and authority in vested in a governor and until his successor is sooner removed, the governor shall remain in office as commander-in-chief and respites for offenses and reprieves for offenses the decision of the shall commission under the laws of laws be faithfully.

SEC. 3. And be it enacted, That the territory of said territory office for five years the United States proceedings of the and all the acts a department; he of the legislative each session, and correspondence