

THE NEW MEXICO HOMESTEAD BILL.

An act to establish the Office of Surveyor General of New Mexico, Kansas and Nebraska, to grant donations to actual Settlers therein, 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 President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall be, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint a surveyor-general in New Mexico, whose annual salary shall be three thousand dollars, and whose power, authority and duties shall be the same as those provided by law for the surveyor-general of Oregon; he shall have proper allowances for clerk hire, office rent and fuel, not exceeding what now is or hereafter may be allowed by law to the said surveyor-general of Oregon; and he shall locate his office from time to time at such places as may be directed by the President of the United States.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That to every white male citizen of the United States, or every white male above the age of twenty-one years, who has declared his intention to become a citizen, and who was residing in said Territory prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and who may be still residing there, there shall be, and hereby is, donated one quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres of land. And to every white male citizen of the United States, or every white male above the age of twenty-one years, who has declared his intention to become a citizen, and who shall have removed or shall remove to and settle in said Territory between the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, there shall in like manner be donated one quarter section, or one hundred and sixty acres, on condition of actual settlement and cultivation for not less than four years: Provided, however, That

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