

before the cession of the territory to the United States by the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, of eighteen hundred and forty-eight, denoting the various grades of title, with his decision as to the validity or invalidity of each of the same under the laws, usages, and customs of the country before its cession to the United States; and shall also make a report in regard to all pueblos existing in the Territory, showing the extent and locality of each, stating the number of inhabitants in the said pueblos, respectively, and the nature of their titles to the land. Such report to be made according to the form which may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior; which report shall be laid before Congress for such action thereon as may be deemed just and proper, with a view to confirm *bona-fide* grants, and give full effect to the treaty of eighteen hundred and forty-eight, between the United States and Mexico; and, until the final action of Congress on such claims, all lands covered thereby shall be reserved from sale or other disposal by the government, and shall not be subject to the donations granted by the previous provisions of this act.

SEC. 9. And be it further enacted, That full power and authority are hereby given the Secretary of the Interior to issue all needful rules and regulations for fully carrying into effect the several provisions of this act.

SEC. 10. And be it further enacted, That the President of the United States shall be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a surveyor-general for the Territories of Nebraska and Kansas, who shall locate his office at such place as the President of the United States shall, from time to time direct, and whose duties, powers, obligations and responsibilities, and compensation, shall be the same as those of the surveyor-general of Wisconsin and Iowa, and who shall be allowed the same amount for office rent, fuel, incidental expenses, and clerk hire, as is allowed to said surveyor-general of Wisconsin and Iowa.

SEC. 11. And be it further enacted, That said surveyor-gen-

eral shall cause the survey of the Territories, of state townships and sections as shall be required by the Land Office.

SEC. 12. And be it further enacted, That in which the Interior of the said Territory shall be operated on by the hundred and forty-eight and stipulations of the survey were unsurveyed the specific after the survey file such notes fixed for the President of the United States shall forfeit with the Secretary of the township by law for

SEC. 13. And be it further enacted, That the Territory of Kansas, which has been extinguished the called the of Kansas, shall constitute a district; the established at such place and he is hereby authorized and consequence moneys for the same reside at the same place the same