

Act, which, together with the former entry, shall not exceed six hundred and forty acres, subject to the requirements of law as to residence and improvements, except that no residence shall be required on such additional entry if the entryman owns and is residing on his former entry: *Provided further*, That the entryman shall be required to enter all contiguous areas of the character herein described open to entry prior to the entry of any noncontiguous land: *And provided further*, That instead of cultivation as required by the homestead laws the entryman shall be required to make permanent improvements upon the land entered before final proof is submitted tending to increase the value of the same for stock-raising purposes of the value of not less than \$1.25 per acre, and at least one-half of such improvements shall be placed upon the land within three years after the date of entry thereof."

Approved, October 25, 1918.

Limit.

No residence on addition, if on former.
Selection of contiguous lands.

Improvements required instead of cultivation.

CHAP. 196.—Joint Resolution To establish a reserve of the Public Health Service.

October 27, 1918.
[S. J. Res. 63.]

[Pub. Res., No. 45.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of securing a reserve for duty in the Public Health Service in time of national emergency there shall be organized, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, under such rules and regulations as the President shall prescribe, a reserve of the Public Health Service. The President alone shall be authorized to appoint and commission as officers in the said reserve such citizens as, upon examination prescribed by the President, shall be found physically, mentally, and morally qualified to hold such commissions, and said commissions shall be in force for a period of five years, unless sooner terminated in the discretion of the President, but commission in said reserve shall not exempt the holder from military or naval service: *Provided*, That the officers commissioned under this Act, none of whom shall have rank above that of assistant surgeon general, shall be distributed in the several grades in the same proportion as now obtains among the commissioned medical officers of the United States Public Health Service and shall at all times be subject to call to active duty by the Surgeon General and when on such active duty shall receive the same pay and allowances as are now provided by law and regulation for the commissioned medical officers in the said regular commissioned medical corps.

Public Health Service.
Reserve of, to be organized.

Qualifications for commissions.

Term, etc.

Proviso.
Rank, etc.

Pay while on active duty.

Approved, October 27, 1918.

CHAP. 197.—An Act Providing for the protection of the users of the telephone and telegraph service and the properties and funds belonging thereto during Government operation and control.

October 29, 1918.
[H. R. 12976.]

[Public, No. 230.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whoever during the period of governmental operation of the telephone and telegraph systems of the United States by the Postmaster General, under the Act of Congress approved July sixteenth, nineteen hundred and eighteen, and the proclamation of the President dated July twenty-second, nineteen hundred and eighteen, shall, without authority and without the knowledge and consent of the other users thereof, except as may be necessary for operation of the service, tap any telegraph or telephone line, or willfully interfere with the operation of such telephone and telegraph systems or with the

Telephone and telegraph service.
Unauthorized interference with, under Government control.
Ante, p. 904.
Post, p. 1807.