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EXECUTIVE ORDERS

RELATING TO

INDIAN RESERVES,

FROM MAY 14, 1855, TO JULY 1, 1902.

COMPILED BY THE INDIAN OFFICE UNDER AUTHORITY OF ACT OF CONGRESS
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UINTAH VALLEY RESERVE.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, October 3, 1861.

SIR: I have the honor herewith to submit for your consideration the recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, that the Uintah Valley, in the Territory of Utah, be set apart and reserved for the use and occupancy of Indian tribes.

In the absence of an authorized survey (the valley and surrounding country being as yet unoccupied by settlements of our citizens), I respectfully recommend that you order the entire valley of the Uintah River within Utah Territory, extending on both sides of said river to the crest of the first range of contiguous mountains on each side, to be reserved to the United States and set apart as an Indian reservation.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

CALEB B. SMITH, *Secretary.*

The PRESIDENT.

RESERVES IN UTAH.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE, *October 3, 1861.*

Let the reservation be established, as recommended by the Secretary of the Interior.

A. LINCOLN.

(See acts of Congress approved May 5, 1864, 13 Stats., 63, June 18, 1878, 20 Stats., 165, and May 24, 1888, 25 Stats., 157.)

3. Act of May 5, 1864 (13 Stat. 63)

CHAP. LXXVII. — *An Act to vacate and sell the present Indian Reservations in Utah Territory, and to settle the Indians of said Territory in the Uinta Valley.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause the several Indian reservations heretofore made, or occupied as such, in the territory of Utah, excepting Uinta valley, to be surveyed into tracts or lots, not exceeding eighty acres each, under the direction of the commissioner of the general land-office, and upon the completion of such surveys shall cause said tracts or lots to be sold, upon sealed bids, to be duly invited by public advertisement, for a period not less than three months, in a newspaper of general circulation published in the territory of Utah, and also a newspaper published in Washington, to the highest and best bidder; said bids may be filed with the governor of said territory at the seat of government thereof, and with the Secretary of the Interior in Washington; such bids as may be received by said governor shall, without opening the same, be forwarded to the Secretary of the Interior, when the same, with the bids filed with him, shall be opened in the presence of the Secretary of the Interior, the commissioner of public lands, and the commissioner of Indian affairs, and any bidders who may choose to be present at the opening thereof; and the Secretary of the Interior shall apply the proceeds of such sales to the construction of improvements upon the reservations which may be established under the provisions of this act, or by other lawful authority, or to the purchase of stock, agricultural implements, or such other useful articles as to him may seem best adapted to the wants and requirements of the Indians: *Provided*, That no tract of land shall be sold under the provisions of this section for less than its appraised value in cash, to be duly ascertained by commissioners appointed by the Secretary of the Interior for that purpose

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent of Indian affairs for the territory of Utah be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to collect and settle all or so many of the Indians of said territory as may be found practicable in the Uinta valley, in said territory, which is hereby set apart for the permanent settlement and exclusive occupation of such of the different tribes of Indians of said territory as may be induced to inhabit the same.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, for the purpose of making agricultural improvements in the Uinta valley for the comfort of the Indians who may inhabit the same, and to enable them to become self-sustaining by means of agriculture, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, which sum shall be expended by the superintendent of Indian affairs for said territory, under the instruction of the Secretary of the Interior.

APPROVED, May 5, 1864.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
Washington, July 18, 1905.

The PRESIDENT:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a copy of a report from the Acting Commissioner of Indian Affairs, dated the 17th instant, upon a telegram from Chief Engineer Code, dated the 15th, regarding the discovery of an application in the engineer's office for the State of Utah, filed by J. H. Mease, Vernal, Utah, for 250 second-feet of water from Rock Creek, on the Uintah Indian Reservation.

As it is stated that the said application antedates those filed in behalf of the Indians, it seems to be necessary to take advantage of the provision of the act of March 3, 1905 (33 Stats., 1048), which empowers the President to—

set apart and reserve any reservoir site or other lands necessary to conserve and protect the water supply for the Indians and for general agricultural development.

In view of the facts, and complying with the recommendation of the Indian Office, I respectfully request that the lands described below may be reserved, under the provision of law cited, for the purpose indicated, viz:

West half of east half, east half of west half, section 19, and west half of east half and east half of west half and lot numbered 1, section 18, and south-west quarter and west half of northwest quarter of section 7, all in township 2 south, range 5 west, Uintah special meridian; also west half of section 12, township 2 south, range 6 west of the Uintah special meridian.

Very respectfully,

THOS. RYAN, *Acting Secretary.*

THE WHITE HOUSE, July 20, 1905.

Approved:

T. ROOSEVELT.

