Thirty-Seven Congress of the United States of America:

At the Second Session,

Begun and held at the city of Washington, on Monday, the Second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

AN ACT

Giving public lands to the several States and Territories which may provide colleges for the benefit of agriculture and the mechanic arts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

That there be granted to the several States for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, an amount of public land to be appportioned to each State, a quantity equal to thirty thousand acres for each Senator and representative in Congress to which the States are respectively entitled by the apportionment under the census of eighteen hundred and sixty; Provided, That no mineral lands shall be selected or purchased under the provisions of this act, Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That the land aforesaid, after being surveyed, shall be appportioned to the several States in sections or subdivisions of sections, not less than one quarter of a section, and whenever there are public lands in a State, subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the quantity to which said State shall be entitled shall be selected from such lands within the limits of such State, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to issue to each of the States in which there is not the quantity of public lands subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre to which said State may be entitled, under the provisions of this act, land scrips to the amount in notes for the deficiency of its distributive share; said scrips to be sold by said State and the proceeds thereof applied to the uses and purposes prescribed in this act and for no other use or purpose whatsoever; Provided, That in no case shall any State to which land scrips may thus be issued, be allowed to locate the same within the limits of any other State, or any Territory of the United States, but their assignees may thus locate said land scrips upon any of the unappropriated lands of the United States subject to sale at private entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents or less per acre. And provided further, that not more than one million acres shall be located by such assignees in any one of the States, and provided further, that no such location shall be made before