

CHAP. 93.—An Act To authorize the sale of lands and plants not longer needed for Indian administrative or allotment purposes.

April 12, 1924.
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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 in his discretion to sell and convey by deed or patent, under such terms and conditions as he may prescribe, at not less than their appraised value, non-reservation Government tracts or plants or tribal administrative plants or reserves, or parts thereof, not exceeding forty acres in area and not exceeding \$2,000 in value, not longer needed for Indian administrative or allotment purposes, and small unallotted tracts not exceeding forty acres, where a sale will serve the tribal interests. All sales made under this Act shall be at public auction, to the highest and best bidder.

Indian lands.
Sale of tracts of Government or tribal owned, not needed for administrative purposes, etc.

Auction sales required.

And the Secretary of the Interior is further authorized where a tract to be disposed of under this or any other Act authorizing the disposition of tribal lands requires survey as basis for a deed or patent, to accept from the grantee, in addition to the purchase price, an amount sufficient to cover the survey costs.

Payment for cost of surveys.

The net proceeds of sale of any tribal site, plant, or tract shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States to the credit of the Indians owning the same, to be disposed of for their benefit in accordance with existing law; and the net proceeds of sales of Government-owned nontribal plants or lands shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States.

Deposit of proceeds.

Approved, April 12, 1924.