

March 3, 1873. CHAP. CCCXXI. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to negotiate with the Chief and Head-men of the Crow Tribe of Indians, for the Surrender of their Reservation or a Part thereof in the Territory of Montana.*

*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 to negotiate with the chiefs and head-men of the Crow tribe of Indians, in the Territory of Montana, for the surrender of their reservation in said Territory, or of such part thereof as may be consistent with the welfare of the said Indians; *Provided,* That any such negotiation shall leave the remainder of said reservation in compact form and in good locality for farming purposes, having within it a sufficiency of good land for farming and a sufficiency for water and timber; and if there is upon such reservation a locality where fishing could be valuable to the Indians, to include the same if practicable; and the Secretary shall report his action in pursuance of this act to Congress, at the next session thereof, for its confirmation or rejection.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

Secretary of the Interior may negotiate with the Crow Indians for surrender of their reservation in Montana, if, &c.