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CHAP. 87.—An Act For the relief of certain members of the Flathead Nation of Indians, and for other purposes.

Flathead Indian
Reservation, Mont.
Lands on, to unal-
lotted enrolled chil-
dren.

Provides.
Lands included.

Timber sales for
tribal benefit.

Withholding of un-
sold lands until allot-
ments completed.

Homestead allot-
ments.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That during the period of one year from and after the approval of this Act the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized, under existing law and under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to make allotments on the Flathead Reservation, Montana, to all unallotted, living children enrolled with the tribe, enrolled or entitled to enrollment: *Provided,* That such allotments be made from any unallotted or unsold lands within the original limits of the Flathead Indian Reservation, including the area now classified and reserved as timber lands, cut-over lands, burned or barren lands thereon; and patents issued for allotments hereunder for any lands from which such timber has not been cut and marketed, shall contain a clause reserving to the United States the right to cut and market, for the tribal benefit, as now authorized by law, the merchantable timber on the lands so allotted: *Provided further,* That when the merchantable timber has been cut from any lands allotted hereunder, the title to such timber as remains on such lands will thereupon pass to the respective allottees, and the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to withhold from sale or entry all lands unsold and unentered within the said reservation at the date of the passage of this Act until allotments hereunder have been completed: *Provided further,* That not exceeding forty acres of each allotment made under the provisions of this Act shall be designated as a homestead which shall be inalienable and nontaxable during the minority of the allottee, and thereafter until such restrictions may be removed either by Congress or the Secretary of the Interior.

Approved, February 25, 1920.