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"That any Indian to whom a tract of land has been assigned and "certificate issued, or who was entitled to receive the same, "under the provisions of the said fourth article, and who has "made valuable improvements thereon, and any Indian who, being "entitled to an assignment and certificate under said article, "has settled and made valuable improvements upon a tract as-"signed to any Indian who has never occupied or improved such "tract, shall have a preference right to select the tract upon "which his improvements are situated, for allotment under the "provisions of this section: [[underlined]] Provided, further [[/underlined]], That all al-

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