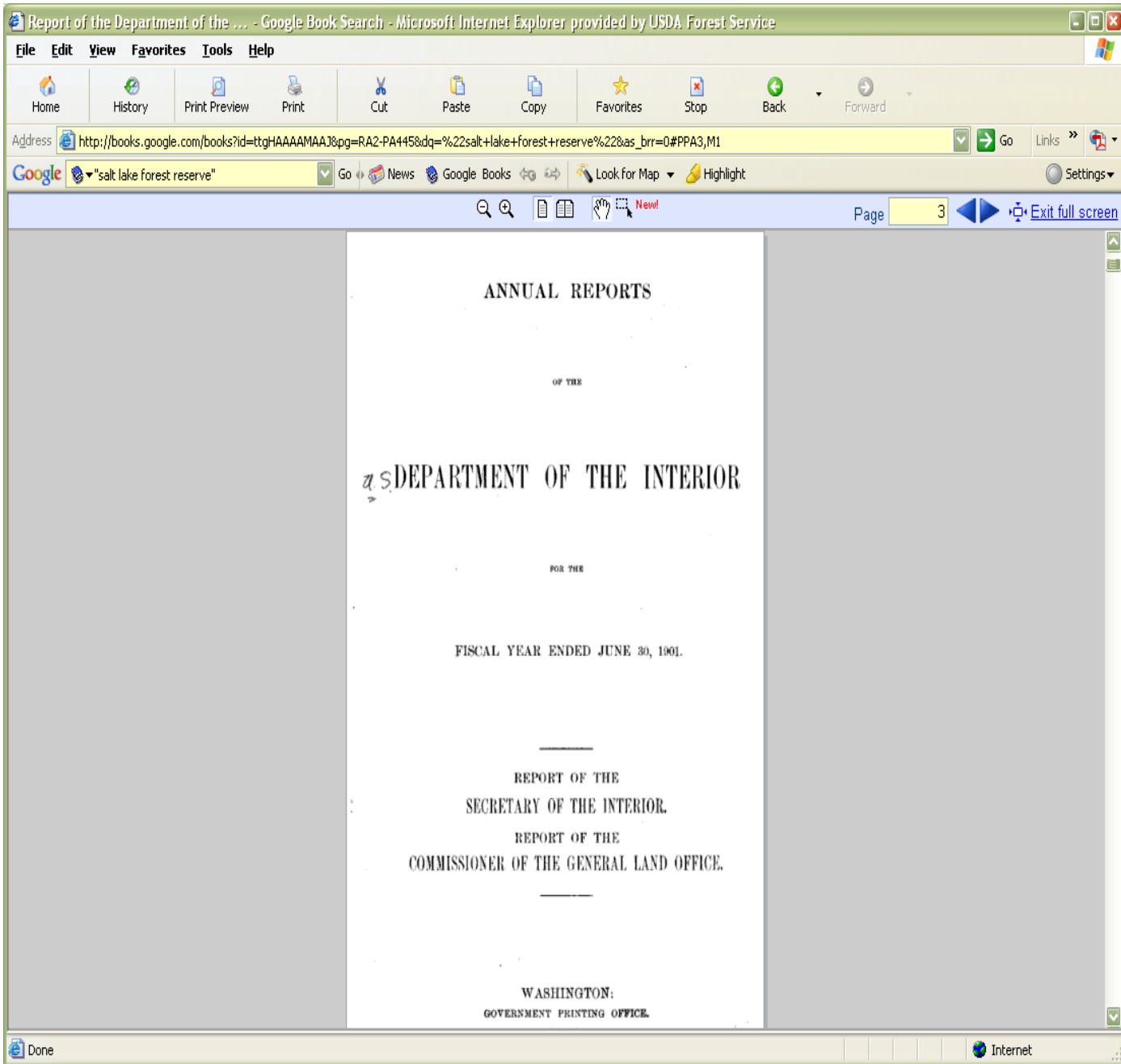
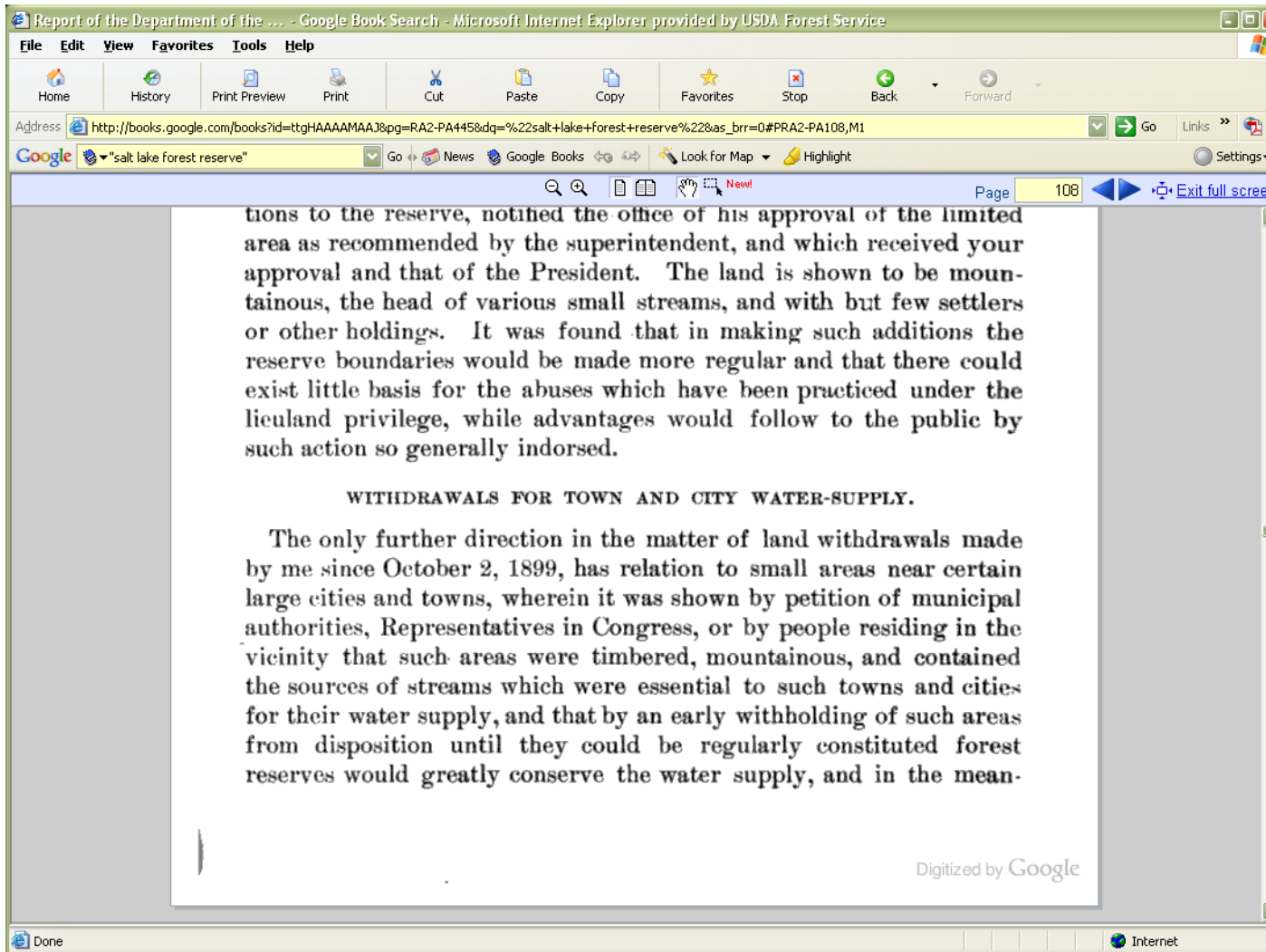


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while would prevent speculative entries of the lands so withdrawn. Upon careful investigation by the agents of this office the facts alleged were found to exist, and it being further discovered here that but few entries already existed which could possibly be made a base for speculative lieu-land selections, temporary withdrawals were formally directed of limited areas for the benefit of the following towns and cities:

Payson, Utah, 4 townships, December 5, 1900, on petition of mayor and city council.

Salt Lake City, Utah, about 8 townships, November 26, 1900, on petition of mayor and city council and of State legislature.

Tooele, Utah, about 33 sections, February 14, 1901, on petition of mass meeting of citizens of Tooele, Utah.

Seattle, Wash., about 50 sections, October 10, 1899, on petition of mayor and city comptroller on behalf of the city and indorsed by Congressman Cushman and superintendent Sheller.

Florence, Colo., about 1½ townships, June 26, 1900, on petition of the mayor and citizens.

Tucson, Ariz., about 5½ townships, June 20, 1900, on petition of Pima and Pinal counties; indorsed by University of Arizona, by Special Agent Holsinger, and the register of United States land office, Tucson, Ariz.

Baker City, Oreg., 26 sections, July 29, 1901, on petition of the mayor and the city officers; transmitted by Congressman Moody, of Oregon.

In addition to these there was also a like withdrawal made October 10, 1900, of a limited area near Cheyenne, in Wyoming, for the protection of the water supply of that city. This action was had by my assistant as acting commissioner.

The Wichita Forest Reserve in Oklahoma was the creation of the proclamation of the President of July 4, 1901, upon the recommendation of the Secretary of the Interior. It was made to protect the only considerable timber and watershed in the region of country recently opened to settlement, and was clear of any entries or other disposal. The temporary withdrawals made confer no right for lieu-land indemnity to those who may own lands therein, and the law which authorizes such right only attaches when a formal reserve is established by proclamation of the President. In the meanwhile such further investigation can be had as will determine the final course to be pursued. There is no reason for discontinuing this practice as to any cases arising in the future wherein a showing shall be made to justify it.

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