

Lewis, for the use of the Jeff. C. Davis Post Number Sixteen of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Vincennes, Indiana, six condemned cast-iron cannon, to be used for monumental purposes.

Approved, July 5, 1882.

**CHAP. 272.**—An act to authorize the changing of Alley-Ways in the City of Washington

July 6, 1882.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever all the owners of an entire square, or all the owners of a part of a square bounded on all sides by public streets, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, shall present to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, a petition asking that any alley or alleys within said square or part of square may be closed wholly or partially, and shall in said petition offer to dedicate for public use, and shall so dedicate if in the opinion of the Commissioners of said District such dedication is necessary, as alley-ways, ground owned by the petitioners in amount equal at least in area to that of the alley-way sought to be, closed, and shall also present to said Commissioners with said petition a correct plot of such square or part of square signed by all of the owners thereof, upon which shall be accurately delineated the positions and dimensions of the existing alley way or ways, and a subdivision of the entire area of the alley or alleys, sought to be closed into parcels according to an agreement of all said owners for the future ownership of the same, the name of the agreed future owner of each parcel being marked thereon, and showing also the position and dimensions of the new alley way or ways proposed to be substituted therefor, it shall be the duty of said Commissioners, upon being satisfied of the truth of the facts stated in the petition as to ownership and of correctness of the plot, and also that the proposed change will not be detrimental to the public convenience, to make an order declaring the existing alley-way or ways closed as prayed for, and opening the new alley way or ways proposed to be substituted therefor

Changing alley-ways, Washington, D. C.

**SEC. 2.** That the Commissioners shall cause a certified copy of the order to be attached to the plot and delivered to the petitioners, who may file the same for record with the recorder of deeds of the District, who shall record the same as other instruments affecting real estate, and thereafter the right of the public to use the alley-way or ways declared closed, and the proprietary interest of the United States therein, shall forever cease and determine, and the title to the same shall be vested according to the agreement of the owners as shown in the aforesaid plot, each person being thenceforward the owner in fee-simple of the parcel or parcels upon which his name shall be marked as provided in section one. The new alley way or ways described in said order and delineated on said plot shall thereafter be and remain dedicated to public use as alley-ways, and like other alleys of said City, shall be under the care and control of the City Authorities

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**CHAP. 273.**—An act in regard to a monumental column to commemorate the battle of Monmouth.

July 6, 1882.

Whereas an association by the name of "The Monmouth Battle Monument Association", incorporated by the legislature of the State of New Jersey, secured by grant a portion of the battle-field of Monmouth for the purpose of erecting a monument thereon, which land is now held in trust for such object; and

Monument in commemoration of battle of Monmouth.

Preamble.

Whereas under a law of said State passed March fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, a commission has been appointed to erect a monument thereon and improve the grounds; and

Whereas the sum of twenty thousand dollars has been raised or secured toward erecting such monument and caring therefor, and improving the grounds where it will stand; and

Whereas the sum of twenty thousand dollars is inadequate to erect a monument befitting the historic significance of the event it is designed to commemorate and the present greatness of the nation: Therefore,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by said commission in erecting and completing on the battle-field of Monmouth a suitable monument, the money to be paid to the commission aforesaid under the direction of the Secretary of War: *Provided, however,* That the said Monmouth Battle Monument Association and the said commission shall have raised, to be expended in the erection of said monument and in the improvement of the site, at least the sum of twenty thousand dollars: *And provided further,* That the design for the said monument shall be approved by the Secretary of War, and the sum herein appropriated shall not be available until a contract is made to complete the work within that sum.

Approved, July 6, 1882.

July 7, 1882. **CHAP. 274.**—An act to provide for the erection of a public building for the use of the post office and government offices at the city of Terre Haute, Indiana.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to purchase a site and to cause to be erected at the city of Terre Haute, in the State of Indiana, a suitable building for the use and accommodation of the post office and other government offices in said city, with fire-proof vaults extending to each story; the site, and the building thereon, when completed according to plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, not to exceed the cost of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and the sum of seventy five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of said site and the completion of said building: *Provided,* That there shall be an open space of not less than fifty feet upon every side of said building, including streets and alleys, and that no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to said site shall be vested in the United States, and the State of Indiana shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of any civil process therein.

Approved, July 7, 1882.

July 7, 1882. **CHAP. 275.**—An act to provide for the construction of a public building at the city of Shreveport, State of Louisiana.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase a site for, and cause to be erected, a suitable building of bricks or stone, with fire-proof vaults, for the accommodation of the post-office, United States courts, internal-revenue, Signal Service, customs, and other government officers, at the city of Shreveport, State of Louisiana; and that for this purpose there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury