

Appropriation.

by him, and that the necessary quarantine buildings and appliances be established thereon; and that the sum of forty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated to carry out the purposes of this act.

Approved, March 5, 1888.

March 5, 1888.

CHAP. 21.—An act granting to Edwin Libby Post, Grand Army of the Republic, permission to erect a soldiers' monument on vacant land adjoining custom-house at Rockland, Maine.

Rockland, Me.
Public building.

Soldiers' monument.

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 is hereby authorized to grant permission to the Edwin Libby Post, Grand Army of the Republic, to erect a soldiers' monument on vacant land belonging to the Government and adjoining the United States custom-house at Rockland, Maine, on such conditions as may seem to him proper.

Approved, March 5, 1888.

March 5, 1888.

CHAP. 22.—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to convey to the city of Austin, Texas, a tract of land in said city for educational purposes.

Austin, Tex.
Arsenal Block do-
nated to.

Proviso.

To revert if not used
for educational pur-
poses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to convey to the city of Austin, in the State of Texas, for educational purposes, a certain tract or parcel of land known as the "Arsenal Block," and lying in the southeast portion of the said city of Austin, and bounded on the east by East avenue, on the south by Third street, on the north by Waller Creek, and on the west by Red River street: *Provided,* That any conveyance made by the Secretary of War pursuant to this act shall be upon the express condition that the title to the property described shall revert to the United States whenever the city of Austin shall cease to use the same for educational purposes.

Approved, March 5, 1888.

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CHAP. 23.—An act for the purchase of a site, including the building thereon, also for the erection of the necessary store-houses, for the use of the office of the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, at the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

Signal service.
Purchase of building
for, Washington, D. C.

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New building.

Proviso.

Limit of price.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase or otherwise provide a site containing about fifty-four thousand square feet of ground, and the building thereon, on the northeast quarter of square numbered twenty-five, corner of twenty-fourth and M streets northwest, Washington, District of Columbia, belonging to David Fergusson, for use of the Signal Bureau of the War Department, and cause to be erected, on such portion of the site as is not now occupied by buildings, substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults, for use as store-houses for the accommodation of the office of the Chief Signal Officer of the Army, and for other Government uses, at Washington, District of Columbia. The site and building thereon, including the store-houses, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided,* That not more than one hundred and twelve thousand dollars be paid to David Fergusson for the property herein referred to; nor

shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection or purchase of a building, including the necessary store-houses, which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transactions of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no site nor plans for said building or buildings shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by a space of at least fifty feet except Government buildings, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of the said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States.

Title.

Approved, March 5, 1888.

CHAP. 29.—An act authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer to the trustees of the Porter Academy certain property in the city of Charleston, South Carolina.

March 8, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to convey, by deed duly and properly executed to the trustees of the Porter Academy, of Charleston, South Carolina, and to their successors, the property situated in said city, belonging to the Government of the United States, formerly used as an arsenal, now and for the seven years last past used for educational purposes, bounded on the north by Bee street, on the east by Ashley street, on the south by Doughty street, and on the west by President street, said conveyance to embrace a condition that said property shall be inviolably dedicated to educational purposes, and no other.

Porter Academy,
Charleston, S. C.
Secretary of War to
transfer certain real
estate to.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War shall require the said trustees to file an acceptance in the War Department of said property, stipulating that the same shall be dedicated and used for all time for educational purposes, and for no other.

Acceptance.

Approved, March 8, 1888.

CHAP. 30.—An act to amend an act to restrict the ownership of real estate in the Territories to American citizens, and so forth, approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

March 9, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act to restrict the ownership of real estate in the Territories to American citizens, and so forth," approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, be so amended that the same shall not apply to or operate in the District of Columbia, so far as relates to the ownership of legations, or the ownership of residences by representatives of foreign Governments, or attaches thereof.

Alien ownership of
real estate.
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Foreign representa-
tives may acquire, in
District of Columbia.

Approved, March 9, 1888.

CHAP. 34.—An act to fix the charge for passports at one dollar.

March 23, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act a fee of one dollar shall be collected for each citizen's passport issued from the Department of State. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this are hereby repealed.

Passport fees re-
duced.
Vol. 18, p. 90.

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