

Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of fifty thousand dollars; and no plan for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of fifty thousand dollars for said building; and the site donated shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Texas 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 civil process therein.

Proviso.
Title, etc.

Approved, August 8, 1888.

CHAP. 794.—An act for the erection of a public building at Ottumwa, Iowa.

August 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 the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase, acquire by condemnation, or otherwise provide a site, and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the post-office, and for other Government uses, at Ottumwa, Iowa. The site and building thereon, 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 forty thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction 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 purchase of site, nor plan for said building, shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of forty thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Iowa 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 civil process therein.

Ottumwa, Iowa.
Public building.

Site, plans, etc.

Estimates.

Limit of cost.

Proviso.
Title, etc.

Approved, August 8, 1888.

CHAP. 816.—An act to cancel certain reservations of lands, on account of live-oak, in the southwestern land-district of the State of Louisiana.

August 9, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the reservation set apart by order of the President, October twenty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-five, in the southwestern land-district of the State of Louisiana, known as Pecan Island, within the following townships to wit: Number fifteen south, range one west; number fifteen south, range two west; number sixteen south, range one west; number fifteen south, range one east; number sixteen south, range one east, on account of the live-oak supposed to grow thereon, be, and are hereby, canceled and annulled; *Provided*, That all persons who have in good faith settled upon and made improvements upon Pecan Island, within

Louisiana.
Pecan Island open to
homestead settlers.

Proviso.
Bona fide settlers.