

ever the Secretary of War shall decide that the public interest requires it, is also expressly reserved.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 5. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date thereof.

Approved, May 21, 1890.

May 22, 1890.

CHAP. 270.—An act to increase the appropriation for the erection of a public building at Sacramento, California.

Sacramento, Cal. Public building, and site. Limit of cost increased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the amount heretofore fixed as the limit of cost for the erection of a public building by the Government of the United States at Sacramento, California, be, and the same is hereby, increased to three hundred thousand dollars, and that the same is hereby fixed as the limit of cost of the erection of said building, including site.

Limitation of contracts.

SEC. 2. That the officers of the United States Government having charge of the erection of public buildings are authorized and required to be governed by the limitations hereby prescribed in making contracts for the erection of said building.

Approved, May 22, 1890.

May 22, 1890.

CHAP. 271.—An act to provide for the purchase of a site, and the erection of a public building thereon, at Ashland in the State of Wisconsin.

Ashland, Wis. Public building, etc. Site. Building.

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 acquire, by purchase, condemnation or otherwise, a site, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices, in the city of Ashland and State of Wisconsin, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Limit of cost.

Proposals for site invited.

Proposals for the sale of land suitable for said site shall be invited by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said city of largest circulation for at least twenty days prior to the date specified in said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Responses.

Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be addressed and mailed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall then cause the said proposed sites, and such others as he may think proper to designate, to be examined in person by an agent of the Treasury Department, who shall make written report to said Secretary of the results of said examination, and of his recommendation thereon, and the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original proposals and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come into his possession relating to the said proposed sites.

Examination, etc., of sites by agent.

Examining commission.

If, upon consideration of said report and accompanying papers, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem further investigation necessary, he may appoint a commission of not more than three persons, one of whom shall be an officer of the Treasury Department, which commission shall also examine the said proposed sites, and such others as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, and grant such hearings in relation thereto as they shall deem necessary; and said commission shall, within thirty days after such examination, make to the Secretary of the Treasury written report of their conclusion in

Hearings.

Commission report.

the premises, accompanied by all statements, maps, plats, or documents taken by or submitted to them in like manner as hereinbefore provided in regard to the proceedings of said agent of the Treasury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon finally determine the location of the building to be erected.

The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed six dollars per day and actual traveling expenses: *Provided, however,* That the member of said commission appointed from the Treasury Department shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses.

No money shall be used or applied for the purposes mentioned, until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Wisconsin shall have ceded 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.

The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, on each side including streets and alleys.

Approved May 22, 1890.

Final determination.

Commissioners' compensation.

*Proviso.*  
Limitation as to Treasury member.

No expenditure until valid title and jurisdiction pass.

Open space.

**CHAP. 288.**—An act to amend section four of "An act to authorize the county of Laurens, in the State of Georgia to construct a bridge across the Oconee River at or near Dublin, in said county and State," approved June eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

May 23, 1890.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That section four of "An act to authorize the county of Laurens, in the State of Georgia, to construct a bridge across the Oconee River at or near Dublin, in said county and State," approved June eighteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, which reads as follows: "That if the construction of the bridge hereby authorized shall not be commenced within two years from the time this act takes effect, and be completed within four years after its commencement, then this act shall be void," be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to read as follows: That if the construction of the bridge hereby authorized shall not be commenced within three years from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and be completed within four years after its commencement, then this act shall be void.

Laurens County, Ga., to bridge Oconee River at Dublin, Ga.; amendment of act authorizing.  
Vol. 25, p. 189.

Commencement and completion extended.

Approved, May 23, 1890.

**CHAP. 291.**—An act to provide for the purchase of a site, and the erection of a public building thereon, at York, in the State of Pennsylvania.

May 24, 1890.

*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 acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices, in the city of York and State of Pennsylvania, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of eighty thousand dollars.

York, Pa.  
Public building, etc.

Site.  
Building.

Limit of cost.

Proposals for the sale of land suitable for said site shall be invited by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said city of largest circulation for at least twenty days prior to the date specified in said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Proposals for site invited.