

Cost.	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.
Proposals to be advertised for.	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 site.
Examination, etc., by Treasury agent.	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 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.
Appointment of commission.	
Examination.	
Hearings.	
Report.	
Determination of location.	
Compensation of commissioners.	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: <i>Provided, however,</i> That the member of said commission appointed from the Treasury Department shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses.
Proviso. Treasury member.	
No expenditure until valid title, etc., pass.	No money shall be used for the purpose mentioned until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Illinois 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.
Open space.	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.

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**CHAP. 126.**—An act to promote the construction of a safe deep-water harbor on the coast of Texas.

Corpus Christi and Padre Island Harbor Company may construct harbor and bridges at Padre Island, Tex.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Corpus Christi and Padre Island Harbor Company, created and existing under and by virtue of articles of incorporation drawn in accordance with and by authority of the general incorporation act of the State of Texas, and dated December tenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, or its successors or assignees, be, and is hereby, authorized and empowered to construct, at their exclusive cost, as in their charter provided, a sea-wall, breakwaters, and viaduct off the shore of Padre Island, on the coast of Texas, within the jurisdiction of the United States, subject to the terms and conditions herein set forth.

SEC. 2. That said company shall, within two years after the passage of this act, locate and commence the construction of said harbor at a point to be selected by them off Padre Island, coast of Texas. Commencing at the water's edge and running at an angle to the shore they shall construct a viaduct of the most approved modern plan, extending seaward until a depth of, say, twenty-seven feet of water is reached; thence continuing in the same direction they shall construct a sea-wall until thirty feet or more of water is reached; thence turning southward at an angle or curve which shall throw the sea-wall parallel, or nearly so, with the shore-line of Padre Island, they shall construct a sea-wall three thousand feet in length, said sea-wall to be placed upon a base of riprap or other suitable foundation, upon which shall be constructed a wall of concrete of such form of structure as the engineer officer of said company may hereafter adopt, twenty-two feet thick, more or less, and twenty-nine feet high, reaching eleven feet above mean low water. They shall also construct breakwaters of sufficient length and so placed as to protect the shore end of the viaduct, and another of sufficient length and so placed as to protect the entrance to the embayed space, thus forming an outer harbor sufficient in extent to afford dockage for, and accommodation at its wharves for, thirty of the largest ocean steamers afloat and two hundred or more smaller vessels or coasters at one time, and shall complete said work within four years from the commencement of the same. When completed, the embayed space or harbor shall be, and is hereby, declared to be a harbor of refuge for the vessels of all nations and such vessels as may touch for orders, free of charge, except such vessels as may land at the wharves.

SEC. 3. That in consideration of the free use of the embayed space or harbor as a harbor of refuge for the vessels of all nations except vessels which land at and use the wharves, and in further consideration of the vast benefit to the general commerce of the whole country and in lieu of any money appropriations for the improvement of the said coast, the said company shall be allowed to charge and collect such reasonable port charges and wharfage as may be prescribed by regulations that may be made by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, in conformity with the laws of the United States.

SEC. 4. That no wharfage or port charges shall be charged until after the said improvement shall have been inspected by a board of three engineers of the United States Army, appointed by the Secretary of War for the purpose, and found to have been fully completed in accordance with the terms of this act and until such report shall have been approved by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 5. That the United States Government specially reserves the right at its option to take said works upon payment to the owners thereof the actual value of the same at the time of taking, which value shall be determined by a board of engineers of the United States Army, to be appointed by the Secretary of War for the purpose.

SEC. 6. The rights herein granted to the "Corpus Christi and Padre Island Harbor Company" are upon the condition that there shall be no discrimination made in favor of or against any individual or corporation in regard to the use of said harbor or its approaches by land or water.

SEC. 7. That the said Corpus Christi and Padre Island Harbor Company be, and hereby is, authorized and empowered to construct bridges across Laguna Madre from the main land to Padre Island, in accordance with such plans and specifications as the Secretary of War may approve.

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Commencement.  
 Location.  
 Viaduct.  
 Depth of water.  
 Sea-walls.  
 Length.  
 Base and wall.  
 Height, etc.  
 Breakwaters.  
 Dimensions, etc., of outer harbor.  
 Completion.  
 A free harbor of refuge for vessels.  
 Exceptions.  
 Port charges and wharfage.  
 Secretary of the Treasury to regulate.  
 Charges, etc. Inspection by Army engineers, etc.  
 Optional right of Government to take possession, etc.  
 Determination of value.  
 No discrimination in use of harbor, etc.  
 May bridge Laguna Madre.  
 Location of bridges. Secretary of War to approve plans.