

CHAP. 410.—An act to provide for the sale of the present United States marine hospital and site, and the purchase of a new site, and erection thereon of a new marine hospital, in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. June 22, 1874.

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 dispose of, at public sale to the highest bidder, the United States marine hospital building and grounds pertaining thereto in the city of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and to procure, by purchase, a site in or convenient to the said city of Pittsburgh, which shall be eligibly and healthfully located, and shall be ceded to the United States Government by the State of Pennsylvania, and erect thereon a suitable building for use as a United States marine hospital, the same to be of such dimensions as shall be sufficient to accommodate all such marines as would be likely to seek asylum at that point, and in accordance with designs to be prepared by the Supervising Architect to the satisfaction of the Supervising Surgeon of Marine Hospital Service, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; *Provided*, That the cost of site and construction of the new building shall not exceed the sum realized from the sale of the present building and site: *And provided further*, That the new site shall not be purchased, or the construction of the building commenced until the sale of the present building and site is concluded. And the Secretary of the Treasury is further authorized to provide for the care and maintenance in private hospitals of such patients as are entitled to admission to a United States marine hospital during the construction of the new building, provided, it is practicable so to do; but in the event of such provision being found to be impracticable, then the present building shall be occupied for such patients until the new building is ready for occupancy.

Sale of marine hospital at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
Purchase of new site.
Erection of building.
Approval of designs.
Cost of new site and building limited.
Proviso.
Temporary care of patients.

Approved, June 22, 1874.

CHAP. 411.—An act to provide for the appointment of a commission of engineers to investigate and report a permanent plan for the reclamation of the alluvial basin of the Mississippi River subject to inundation. June 22, 1874.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to assign three officers of the Corps of Engineers, United States Army, and to appoint two civil engineers eminent in their profession and who are acquainted with the alluvial basin of the Mississippi River, to serve as a board of commissioners; the president of said board to be designated by the President of the United States. It shall be the duty of said commission to make a full report to the President of the best system for the permanent reclamation and redemption of said alluvial basin from inundation, which report the President shall transmit to Congress at its next session with such recommendations as he shall think proper.

Commission of engineers to examine alluvial basin of the Mississippi River.
Designation of president of the board.
Duty of the commission.
Report to be transmitted to Congress.
Compensation of members appointed from civil life.
Secretary.
Traveling expenses, how paid.

SEC. 2. That the members of the commission who may be appointed from civil life shall receive compensation at the rate of five thousand dollars per annum. The commission may employ a secretary at a rate of compensation not exceeding two hundred dollars per month for the time he is employed, and the necessary traveling expenses of the members of said commission not officers of the Army, and of the secretary, shall be paid upon the approval of bills for the same by the Secretary of War.

SEC. 3. That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary to carry into effect the foregoing provisions is hereby appropriated, and shall be subject to disbursement by the Secretary of War in accordance with the provisions of this act.

Approved, June 22, 1874.