

Selection of sites for public buildings.

Secretary of Treasury may set aside selection, when.

No expenditure on buildings until commissioner who selected site files affidavit that he is not interested.

Failure to file affidavit renders selection void.

SEC. 2. That in the selection of a site for any public building not yet commenced, reference shall be had to the interest and convenience of the public, as well as to the best interests of the Government; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall have power, and it shall be his duty, to set aside any selection which in his opinion has not been made solely with reference thereto. No expenditure shall be made upon any building, a site for which has been selected, and work upon which has not been commenced, until such of the persons who acted as commissioners in selecting such site shall make and file with the Secretary of the Treasury an oath or affirmation that he is not at the time of making the affidavit, and was not at the date of making the selection of such site, directly or indirectly interested in the property selected for the same, and a similar affidavit shall be made and filed by each and every person hereafter appointed as such commissioner, before any site shall be finally adopted. In either case a failure on the part of any commissioner to make and file such an affidavit shall render the selection void.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

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CHAP. 477.—An act to change the name of the schooner "Delmar."

Name of schooner "Delmar" changed to "Addie Henry."

*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 is hereby, authorized and directed to change the name of the schooner "Delmar" to "Addie Henry," and grant a new register to the same.

Approved, June 23, 1874.

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CHAP. 478.—An act to confirm the purchase of a portion of the site of Fort Houston at Nashville, Tennessee, and to provide for the donation of the same to the Fisk University for educational purposes; also to confirm in the purchase of certain land at Fort Hamilton, New York.

Purchase of certain land at Nashville, Tennessee, confirmed.

Title to be conveyed to Fisk University.

Provisos.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the purchase by the United States, on the twenty-first day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, from Russell Houston, of certain land consisting of about three and one fourth acres, situate in the city of Nashville Tennessee, with the buildings thereon standing, and being the same premises described in a deed of said date from said Houston to the Chief Engineer of the Army, in trust for the United States, recorded in book thirty-five, page two hundred and forty-one, in the register's office of Davidson County, Tennessee, be, and the same hereby is, ratified, sanctioned, and confirmed, so that the said purchase, and the said deed thereupon executed, shall have the same legal validity and effect as if the same had been by a previous act of Congress specifically authorized.

SECTION 2. That the Secretary of War be and he hereby is, authorized and directed to grant and convey to the Fisk University of Nashville Tennessee, all the right, title, interest and estate of the United States in and to said tract of land for educational purposes: *Provided,* That no further expense relative thereto shall be incurred by the United States: *And provided further,* That the trustees of the said Fisk University be, and they are hereby, authorized to sell and dispose of the above-described property at their discretion, and to use the proceeds elsewhere for educational purposes in connection with the said Fisk University.

Purchase of certain land at Fort Hamilton, New York, confirmed.

1862, ch. 23, vol. xii, p. 343.

SECTION 3. That the purchase, by order of the executive department, under an authority supposed to be conferred by the act of February twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, making appropriations for the construction, and so forth, of certain fortifications, and so forth, of