

shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection or purchase of a building, including the necessary store-houses, which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transactions 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 site nor plans for said building or buildings shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by a space of at least fifty feet except Government buildings, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of the said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States.

Title.

Approved, March 5, 1888.

**CHAP. 29.**—An act authorizing the Secretary of War to transfer to the trustees of the Porter Academy certain property in the city of Charleston, South Carolina.

March 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 War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to convey, by deed duly and properly executed to the trustees of the Porter Academy, of Charleston, South Carolina, and to their successors, the property situated in said city, belonging to the Government of the United States, formerly used as an arsenal, now and for the seven years last past used for educational purposes, bounded on the north by Bee street, on the east by Ashley street, on the south by Doughty street, and on the west by President street, said conveyance to embrace a condition that said property shall be inviolably dedicated to educational purposes, and no other.

Porter Academy,  
Charleston, S. C.  
Secretary of War to  
transfer certain real  
estate to.

**SEC. 2.** That the Secretary of War shall require the said trustees to file an acceptance in the War Department of said property, stipulating that the same shall be dedicated and used for all time for educational purposes, and for no other.

Acceptance.

Approved, March 8, 1888.

**CHAP. 30.**—An act to amend an act to restrict the ownership of real estate in the Territories to American citizens, and so forth, approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven.

March 9, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That an act entitled "An act to restrict the ownership of real estate in the Territories to American citizens, and so forth," approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, be so amended that the same shall not apply to or operate in the District of Columbia, so far as relates to the ownership of legations, or the ownership of residences by representatives of foreign Governments, or attaches thereof.

Alien ownership of  
real estate.  
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Foreign representa-  
tives may acquire, in  
District of Columbia.

Approved, March 9, 1888.

**CHAP. 34.**—An act to fix the charge for passports at one dollar.

March 23, 1888.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That from and after the passage of this act a fee of one dollar shall be collected for each citizen's passport issued from the Department of State. That all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this are hereby repealed.

Passport fees re-  
duced.  
Vol. 18, p. 90.

Approved, March 23, 1888.