

courts, and such indices and records shall at all times be open to the inspection and examination of the public.

Record in same county not requisite to validity of lien.

SEC. 3. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the docketing of a judgment or decree of a United States court, or the filing of a transcript thereof, in any State office within the same county or parish in the State of Louisiana in which the judgment or decree is rendered, in order that such judgment or decree may be a lien on any property within such county.

Approved, August 1, 1888.

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CHAP. 730.—An act for the erection of a public building at Opelousas, Louisiana.

Opelousas, La.
Public 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 purchase, acquire by condemnation, or otherwise provide a site, and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the United States district and circuit courts, post-office, internal-revenue office, and for other Government uses, at Opelousas, Louisiana. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of fifty thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction 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 purchase of site, nor plan for said building, shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of fifty thousand dollars for site and buildings; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided,* That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Louisiana shall cede 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.

Site, plans, etc.

Estimates.

Limit.

Proviso.
Title, etc.

Approved, August 1, 1888.

August 6, 1888.

CHAP. 738.—An act for the relief of certain settlers upon the school lands of Washington Territory.

Preamble.

Whereas sections sixteen and thirty-six of each township of land in Washington Territory was reserved unto that Territory for school purposes; and

Whereas on December second, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, the legislative assembly of that Territory, by an act duly passed, authorized the county commissioners of the several counties in that Territory to lease said lands for a term of years not exceeding six years, the money received therefor being placed in the school fund; and

Whereas the lands so leased are greatly enhanced in value by the cultivation thereof, and the lessees thereof have made valuable improvements thereon and incurred large expense in reducing such land to a state of cultivation, and will incur much loss if they are caused to abandon their said improvements and cultivation; and

Whereas the validity of the said leases is questioned: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the action of the county commissioners of the several counties of Washington Territory under the authority supposed to reside in the act of the legislative assembly of said Territory of December second, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, entitled "An act to provide for the leasing of school lands in Washington Territory," when had in conformity to said act, be, and the same hereby is, confirmed, and that said act be, and the same is hereby, validated and confirmed.

Washington Territory.
Leases of certain school lands confirmed.

Approved, August 6, 1888.

CHAP. 739.—An act to provide for the issue of patents to certain persons for donation claims under the act approved September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty, commonly known as the donation law.

August 6, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases where widows, or single women, in good faith, settled upon the public lands in the Territories of Oregon or Washington, claiming donation rights under the provisions of an act of Congress entitled "An act to create the office of surveyor-general of the public lands in Oregon, and to provide for the survey, and to make donations to settlers of the said public lands," approved September twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and fifty, or of the acts amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, or either of them, and filed the notifications and made the final proof of residence and cultivation required by said acts or either of them before the surveyor-general of the Territory or before the register and receiver of the proper local land-office, and received from such surveyor-general or from the register and receiver of the local land-office certificates in due form for such donation claim, and they, or their heirs or assigns, have since occupied and improved such claims, and there are no adverse claims thereto, and in all cases where, upon proof satisfactory to such surveyor-general or register and receiver, as the case may be, donation claims under the provisions of said acts, or either of them, were set off to orphans by the surveyor-general of the Territory or the register and receiver of the proper local land-office, and certificates were issued for such claims, and the claimants, their heirs or assigns, have since occupied and improved such claims, and there are no adverse claims thereto, the title of such donation claimants, their heirs or assigns, to such claims, is hereby confirmed, and patents shall be issued for such claims in conformity with such certificates.

Public lands.
Title of certain donation claims in Washington and Oregon ratified.
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Patents to issue.

Approved, August 6, 1888.

CHAP. 740.—An act for the erection of a public building in the city of Chicago, Illinois, to be used as an appraiser's warehouse, and other public purposes.

August 6, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of erecting a public building upon the lot of ground, owned by the United States of America, on the corner of Harrison and Sherman Streets in the city of Chicago, Illinois, said building to be used as an Appraiser's Warehouse, and for other government purposes. Said building shall be constructed upon plans and specifications to be furnished by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the said building shall be protected from danger by fire, by having an open space on every side

Chicago, Ill.
Public building.
Appropriation for appraiser's warehouse, etc.

Plans, etc.