

STATUTE I.
July 1, 1836.

CHAP. CCXXXVI.—*An Act to authorize the Governor and Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida, to sell the lands heretofore reserved for the benefit of a general seminary of learning in said Territory.*

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Governor and Legislative Council of the Territory of Florida shall be, and they are hereby, authorized to sell and convey, in fee simple, for the benefit of the University of Florida, of which, Joseph M. White, R. K. Call, Thomas Randall, John G. Gamble, Thomas Eston Randolph, Louis M. Goldsborough, Ben. Chaires, Turbutt R. Betton, F. Eppes, E. Loockerman, Fitch W. Taylor, J. Loring Woart, Ashbeel Steel, and J. Edwin Stewart are trustees, any part not exceeding one half of the two townships of land heretofore reserved and appropriated by Congress for the establishment and support of a seminary of learning in the Territory of Florida, and to appropriate so much of the money arising from the sale thereof, as may be deemed expedient for the erection of commodious and durable buildings for said University; for the purchase of apparatus, and whatever else may be suitable for such University; and to invest the remainder in some productive funds, the proceeds of which shall be devoted for ever to the benefit of said University of Florida.

Lands may be sold.

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CHAP. CCXLVIII.—*An Act authorizing the Winnisimmet Company to lay out and make a way on lands of the United States, in Chelsea, in the State of Massachusetts.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, the Winnisimmet Company, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to lay out and make a way or street over lands of the United States situated in Chelsea, in said Commonwealth, in front of the United States marine hospital; said way or street to be in continuation of the marginal street of said company: *Provided*, That said way shall not exceed fifty feet in width, and shall be so constructed, under the supervision of the collector for the district of Boston and Charlestown, as not to injure or prejudice the upland or wharf belonging to said hospital.*

A street may be laid out.

Proviso.

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CHAP. CCXLIX.—*An Act to authorize the Shenandoah Bridge Company, at Harper's Ferry, to erect a bridge on the lands of the United States, at or near the town of Harper's Ferry.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Shenandoah bridge company, at Harper's Ferry, be, and they are hereby, authorized to erect a bridge across the river Shenandoah, on the lands belonging to the United States, at or near the town of Harper's Ferry, and to connect the same, by a sufficient road or passway through the said lands, with the road on the east side of the said river, and the main street of the said town; *Provided*, That in the construction of the said bridge, and the road or passway to and from it, the said company shall not, in virtue of this act, interfere with the rights or privileges of any individuals or existing corporation; *And provided, also*, That the location of the said bridge upon the public lands aforesaid, shall be submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War, prior to the erection thereof.*

A bridge at Harper's Ferry, on the land of the United States.

Proviso.

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SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That on the said terms and conditions the said Shenandoah bridge company shall be, and they are hereby, empowered to erect a toll-house adjacent to the said bridge on*

May erect a toll-house.

Proviso.

the lands, aforesaid of the United States; *Provided*, That should the said bridge never be constructed, or having been constructed, shall be abandoned, by the said company, the rights vested therein, by this act, shall cease and determine.

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CHAP. CCLII.—*An Act to authorize and enable the President to assert and prosecute with effect, the claim of the United States to the legacy bequeathed to them by James Smithson, late of London, deceased, to found at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men.*

May appoint an agent to prosecute the claim.

Be it enacted, by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to constitute and appoint an agent or agents, to assert and prosecute for and in behalf of the United States, and in their name, or otherwise, as may be advisable, in the Court of Chancery, or other proper tribunal of England, the right of the United States to the legacy bequeathed to them by the last will and testament of James Smithson, late of London, deceased, for the purpose of founding, at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men: and to empower such agent or agents, so appointed, to receive and grant acquittances for all such sum or sums of money, or other funds, as may or shall be decreed or adjudged to the United States, for, or on account of, said legacy.

Agent to give bonds.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said agent or agents shall, before receiving any part of the said legacy, give a bond or bonds, in the penal sum of five hundred thousand dollars, to the Treasurer of the United States, and his successors in office, with good and sufficient securities to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the faithful performance of the duties of the said agency, and for the faithful remittance to the Treasurer of the United States, of all and every sum or sums of money, or other funds, which he or they may receive, for payment in whole or in part of the said legacy. And the Treasurer of the United States is hereby authorized and required to keep safely all sums of money or other funds which may be received by him in virtue of the said bequest, and to account therefor separately from all other accounts of his office, and subject to such further disposal thereof as may be hereafter provided by Congress.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That any and all sums of money, and other funds, which shall be received for, or on account of, the said legacy, shall be applied in such manner as Congress may hereafter direct, to the purpose of founding and endowing at Washington, under the name of the Smithsonian Institution, an establishment for the increase and diffusion of knowledge among men; to which application of the said moneys, and other funds, the faith of the United States is hereby pledged.

To defray the expenses.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, to the end that the claim to the said bequest may be prosecuted with effect, and the necessary expenses in prosecuting the same be defrayed, the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to apply to that purpose, any sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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