

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said commissioners are hereby authorized to appoint a secretary whose duty it shall be to record correctly all the proceedings of said Board, and faithfully preserve the same, as well as all depositions and other papers filed before said Board, and who shall take an oath to discharge the duties imposed on him by this act.

Commissioners to appoint a secretary; his duties.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the request of the Commissioners it shall be the duty of the District Attorney of the State of Mississippi, to attend said board, and give his assistance in procuring the attendance of witnesses, and his aid and advice in their examination, the better to enable the Commissioners to ascertain the facts correctly in each case.

District Att'y for Mississippi to attend board on request of Commissioners.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That each of said Commissioners shall receive, while in the discharge of the duties hereby imposed, a salary at the rate of three thousand dollars per annum, the secretary a salary at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, and the District Attorney a salary at the rate of two thousand dollars per annum, to be paid quarterly out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Salaries of Commissioners and Secretary.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That said Commissioners shall have full power to summon and cause to come before them, such witnesses as they may deem necessary, and to have them examined on oath, and if any witness shall testify falsely, with an intention to mislead said Commissioners, such witness shall be guilty of wilful and corrupt perjury, and shall, upon conviction before any jurisdiction having cognizance thereof, suffer the punishment by law inflicted on those guilty of that offence.

Commissioners authorized to summon witnesses, &c.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing contained in this act shall be so construed as to sanction what is called contingent locations which have been made by George M. Martin for the benefit of such Indians, as were supposed to have been entitled to other lands, which have been sold by the United States: such contingent locations having been made, without any legal authority. It being the true intent of this act to reserve to Congress the power of doing that which may appear just when a correct knowledge of all the facts is obtained.

Nothing in this act to be so construed as to sanction the contingent locations made by G. M. Martin.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force to the first day of March eighteen hundred and thirty-eight next, and no longer.

Act limited to 1st March, 1838.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

CHAP. XL. — *An Act making appropriations for building light-houses, light-boats, beacon-lights, buoys, and dolphins, for the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven.*

STATUTE II.  
March 3, 1837.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following appropriations be, and the same are hereby, made and directed to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury to provide, by contract, for building light-houses, beacon-lights, and for other purposes hereinafter mentioned.

Appropriations to enable Sec. of Treas. to contract for building light-houses, &c.

*State of Maine.*—For a light-house to be erected on a proper site on Mark island, in Harpswell sound, five thousand dollars; for a light-house to be erected on a proper site on Mount Desert island, at the entrance of Frenchman's bay, five thousand dollars; for a light-house on Ram island, at the mouth of Damariscotta river, five thousand dollars; for a fog-bell, on Seguin island, at the entrance of Kennebec river, fifteen hundred dollars; for placing buoys on West Quaddy bay, and for substituting for the present fog-bell, at the entrance of said passage, a cast-steel

Maine.  
Mark island.  
Mt. Desert island.  
Ram island.  
Seguin island.  
West Quaddy bay.

Spoon isle.  
Saddleback ledge.  
Eagle island point.  
Pleasant river.  
Ft. Point ledge, Adams's and Buck's ledges.  
Half-tide ledge.  
Town of Sullivan.  
York nubble.  
Portersfield's ledge.

New Hampshire.  
Whaleback light-house.  
Sunken rocks.  
Cod rock.

Massachusetts.  
Ipswich harbor.

Ned's point.  
Nanset beach.

Harbors of Lynn, &c.

Aldridge ledge, &c.

Wing's neck, &c.

Bay rock.

Connecticut.  
Lynde point.  
Black Boy reef, &c.

Rhode Island.  
Papoose Squaw Point, &c.

triangular bell, or a bell of the usual form, but increased weight, one thousand five hundred dollars; for a light-house to be erected, on a proper site at Spoon isle, in Penobscot bay, five thousand dollars; for a light-house to be erected, on Saddleback ledge, in Penobscot bay, five thousand dollars; for a light-house to be erected, on Eagle Island point, in Penobscot bay, five thousand dollars; for a light-house to be erected at the mouth of Pleasant river, five thousand dollars; for placing monuments on Fort Point ledge, Adams's ledge, and Buck's ledge, in Penobscot river, three thousand dollars; for erecting a beacon light on Half-tide ledge, and two buoys about a mile and a half from the town of Sullivan, in the county of Hancock, three thousand dollars; for the erection of a light-house on York nubble, in the county of York, five thousand dollars; for a monument on Portersfield ledge, lying between Owshead and Goose River point, and a spindle on another ledge lying near the Portersfield ledge, two thousand six hundred dollars.

*State of New Hampshire.*—For the erection of a pier on the east side of Whaleback light-house, to secure it from the force of the waves, three thousand dollars; for placing buoys at the entrance of Spruce creek, on the eastern edge of "Sunken rocks," and at the east side of Amazeen island, five hundred dollars; for placing buoys on "Cod rock," near Fort point, four hundred dollars.

*State of Massachusetts.*—For two small light-houses, should two be necessary, on proper sites, at or near Ipswich harbor, seven thousand dollars; for a light-house to be erected on a proper site at or near Ned's point, contiguous to the village of Mattapoisett, five thousand dollars; for three small light-houses on Nanset beach, Cape Cod, fifteen feet high, ten thousand dollars; for the erection of buoys upon the rocks and ledges at the entrance of the harbors of Lynn, Salem, Beverly, Marblehead, and Manchester, two thousand five hundred dollars; for placing buoys on Aldridge ledge, False spit, Hunt's ledge, Hospital Island ledge, Sculpion ledge, Governor's Island point, and Little Farm bar, in Boston harbor, five hundred dollars; for erecting a beacon at the mouth of New Bedford harbor, two thousand dollars; for two small beacon lights near the entrance of Nantucket harbor, five hundred dollars. For placing a spindle in the harbor of Edgartown, and buoys, two hundred dollars; for erecting a light-house at Wing's neck, five thousand dollars: for buoys in the harbor of Mattapoisett, one hundred dollars; for buoys on Bay rock, the ledge on the shoal on the west side of Taunton river, opposite Fall River, six hundred dollars; for buoys at a place called Egypt, in Taunton river, one hundred dollars; for a beacon on Muscle bed, and a beacon on Oyster bed point, in Mount Hope bay, five thousand dollars; for a light-house on Mayo beach, in Wellfleet bay, one thousand dollars; for a buoy at Deep-hole Rock, near Oyster island, on the south side of Barnstable, three hundred dollars.

*State of Connecticut.*—For rebuilding a light-house on a proper site, on Lynde point, at the mouth of Connecticut river, five thousand dollars; for placing buoys on Black Boy reef, Barney's reef, Stony Point reef, and Wheeler's rock in the harbor of Killingworth, three hundred dollars; for a beacon already commenced on Round island, on Saybrook bar, fifteen hundred dollars; nine hundred dollars to meet the expenses of the work as far as executed, the balance to complete and secure the same; for placing buoys on the rocks in the harbor of Greenwich, three hundred dollars; for placing buoys in Mystic harbor, one hundred dollars; for a sea-wall to preserve the light-house and other buildings, on Fairweather island, near Black Rock harbor, five thousand dollars.

*State of Rhode Island.*—For a light-house on Papoose Squaw point, a place near to, but below, the port of Bristol, five thousand dollars; for placing a buoy and beacon on South White rock, and a buoy on Charles rock, near the harbor of Wickford, one hundred dollars; for

rebuilding and changing the location of the light on Block island, five thousand dollars; for eight dolphins and two buoys, northward of Field's point, in Providence river, one thousand dollars.

*State of New York.*—For a light-house on a proper site on Cumberland head, Lake Champlain, five thousand dollars; for the erection of a light-house on a proper site at Split rock point, Lake Champlain, five thousand dollars; for a revolving, or double light upon the south side of Execution rocks, opposite Sand's point, in Long Island sound, five thousand dollars; for a light-house at Big Sandy creek, on Lake Ontario, county of Jefferson, five thousand dollars; for a light-house on Stony point, in the town of Henderson, in the county of Jefferson, three thousand dollars; for buoying out Gedney's channel, three thousand dollars; for a beacon-light at Silver Creek harbor, on Lake Erie, four thousand five hundred dollars; for a light-house on Flynn's Knoll, near Sandy Hook, two hundred thousand dollars; to be built under the direction of the Engineer Department; for a light-boat off Sandy Hook, twenty-five thousand dollars; for placing a beacon on Romer's shoal, near Sandy Hook, fifteen thousand dollars; for the erection of a light-house at Esopus meadows, on the west shore of the Hudson river, three thousand dollars; for placing a buoy on the wreck of a vessel sunk at Tappan bay, one hundred dollars; for a light-house on Cedar island, Sag harbor, one thousand dollars; for placing buoys in Sag harbor, two hundred dollars; for erecting a light-house at Rondout creek, on the Hudson river, five thousand dollars; for erecting a beacon-light at Dunkirk harbor, two thousand seven hundred dollars; for erecting a beacon-light at Van Buren harbor, two thousand seven hundred dollars; for a floating-light, to be stationed on or near the Middle Ground, so called, in Long Island Sound, nearly abreast Straiford point, ten thousand dollars; for a light-house on Robin's reef, in the harbor of New York, fifty thousand dollars; for a light-house at Salmon River harbor, three thousand dollars.

Block island.  
Field's point.  
New York.  
Cumberland head.  
Split rock.  
Execution rocks.  
Big Sandy creek.  
Stony Point.  
Gedney's Channel, &c.  
Romer's Shoal.  
Esopus Meadows.  
Tappan Bay.  
Cedar island.  
Sag Harbor.  
Rondout creek.  
Dunkirk harbor.  
Van Buren harbor.  
Middle Ground.  
Robin's reef.  
Salmon River harbor.  
New Jersey.  
Cohansey creek.  
Egg Island.  
Absecum inlet.  
Pennsylvania.  
Erie harbor.  
Delaware.  
Reedy island.  
Brandywine shoal.  
Delaware breakwater.  
Maryland.  
Nanticoke, &c.  
Love point, &c.  
Virginia.  
Hog island.  
York river.  
Old Point.  
Chesapeake.

*State of New Jersey.*—For a light-house at the mouth of Cohansey creek, five thousand dollars; for the erection of a light-house at or near Egg island, near the entrance of Maurice river, five thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house near Absecum inlet, on the sea-coast, in the State of New Jersey, to be so constructed as to be distinguished from the other light on the coast, five thousand dollars.

*State of Pennsylvania.*—For completing the beacon-light at the end of the pier which forms the entrance into the harbor of Erie, on Lake Erie, six hundred and seventy-four dollars.

*State of Delaware.*—For a light-house on the lower or southern end of Reedy island, in the Delaware bay, ten thousand dollars; for the erection of a light-house on the Brandywine shoal, in the Delaware bay, in addition to the sum already appropriated, fifteen thousand dollars, agreeably to the plan and estimate made by Hartman Bache, of the engineer corps; for mooring buoys in the harbor of the Delaware breakwater, two thousand dollars.

*State of Maryland.*—For a light-house on a proper site on Sharp's island, in the Chesapeake bay, five thousand dollars; for placing buoys on the rivers Nanticoke, Manokin, Annamessex, Pocamoke, and Wicomico, Hooper's and Cajey's straits, and Tangier and Pocamoke sounds, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, in addition to a former appropriation; for erecting a light-house at Love Point, in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated, one thousand dollars.

*State of Virginia.*—For the erection of a light-house on the south end of Hog island, on the Atlantic coast, five thousand dollars; for a light-boat on York River spit, or a light-house, ten thousand dollars. For removing the light-house at Old Point Comfort into Fortress Monroe, six thousand dollars; for a light-house in the Chesapeake, eight

Day's point,  
&c.

thousand dollars; for a light-house at Day's point, on James river, five thousand dollars; for a light-boat, or light-house, in the Potomac river between Mathias point, in Virginia, and Maryland point, in the State of Maryland; *Provided*, On inquiry, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem such light necessary to the safe and uninterrupted navigation of that section of the river Potomac, ten thousand dollars; for a new light-boat in the Chesapeake bay, eight thousand dollars; for a light-house at the mouth of Potomac creek, five thousand dollars.

Chesapeake  
bay.  
Potomac  
creek.  
N. Carolina.  
Powell's point,  
&c.

*State of North Carolina.*—For a light-house off Powell's point, Albermarle sound, five thousand dollars; for rebuilding a light-house at Federal point, five thousand dollars; for a light-house on Pea island, near New inlet, five thousand dollars; for building a new light-boat at Long shoal, in Pamlico sound, ten thousand dollars.

S. Carolina.  
St. Helena and  
Port Royal.  
Charleston  
harbor.

*State of South Carolina.*—For light-houses or light-boats in the inlets of Saint Helena and Port Royal, twenty thousand dollars; for the construction of five beacon-lights in Charleston harbor, six thousand dollars, in addition to the appropriation of the last session; the location of said lights to be changed, if deemed expedient by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Georgia.  
Little Cum-  
berland island,  
&c.

*State of Georgia.*—For a light-house on the north end of Little Cumberland island, eight thousand dollars; for the erection of a light-house on the north end of Jekyl island, eight thousand dollars. For the placing of buoys, and beacons, to render the entrance to the harbor of Brunswick secure and easy at all times, ten thousand dollars. For a light-house on Sapaelo island and for placing buoys and beacons at Dobby bar, and Sapaelo bar, for the purpose of rendering safe and secure an entrance at all times to the city of Darien, five thousand dollars; for a floating light to be anchored within Martin's Industry, ten thousand dollars.

Alabama.  
Mobile harbor.  
Sand island.

*State of Alabama.*—For placing buoys in the harbor of Mobile, six hundred dollars; for the erection of a light-house on Sand island, opposite Mobile point, ten thousand dollars.

Ohio.  
Turtle island,  
&c.

*State of Ohio.*—For a light-house on Turtle island, at the entrance of Maumee bay, in Lake Erie, eight thousand dollars; for a beacon-light on a proper site near the entrance of the harbor of Sandusky bay, two thousand five hundred dollars; for a beacon-light at or near Manhattan, three thousand dollars; for additional buoys to mark the channel at the mouth of the Miami of Lake Erie, and across Maumee bay, two hundred dollars; for a light-house on the south side of Cunningham island, in Lake Erie, three thousand dollars.

Indiana.  
City West  
arbor, &c.

*State of Indiana.*—For a light-house at City West harbor, five thousand dollars; to complete the light-house at Michigan City, three thousand dollars.

Louisiana.  
Vermillion  
bay.  
Lake Pont-  
chartrain, &c.

*State of Louisiana.*—For a beacon-light at or near the southwest pass of Vermillion bay, five thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house at the pass between Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Maurepas, six thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house, and a house for the keeper, on Saint Joseph's island, in Lake Borgne, twelve thousand dollars; for placing two buoys at Dauphin Island pass, two buoys at Pass Marianne, two buoys at Pass Christian, and two buoys at Heron pass, fifteen hundred dollars; for beacons and light-houses at the entrance of the harbor recently constructed on Lake Pontchartrain, at the canal above New Orleans, twenty-five thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house on Lake Pontchartrain, at the mouth of the Bayou Saint John, ten thousand dollars; for beacons and light-houses at Port Pontchartrain, in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated, twenty thousand dollars.

Bayou St.  
John.  
Port Pont-  
chartrain.  
Mississippi.

*State of Mississippi.*—For the erection of a light-house at the mouth of Pearl river, in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated, five thousand dollars.

*State of Michigan.*—For a light-house on a proper site at the mouth of Grand river, five thousand dollars; for a light-house at a proper site at the mouth of Detroit river, five thousand dollars; for a light-house on Windmill island, at the outlet of Lake St. Clair, five thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house at the mouth of Saginaw river, five thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house at Wagooshance, or Fox point, on the Straits of Michillimackinac, five thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house at the mouth of Kalamazoo river, five thousand dollars.

Michigan.

Saginaw river.  
Wagooshance,  
or Fox Point.  
Kalamazoo  
river.

*Territory of Florida.*—For a light-house on the most suitable site at or near the east entrance from the Gulf of Mexico into Appalachicola bay, to be selected by the Secretary of the Treasury, ten thousand dollars; for a light-house at the entrance of Saint Joseph's bay, ten thousand dollars; for three buoys at the mouth of Saint John's river, one thousand dollars; for buoys to mark the channel from the eastern pass into Appalachicola bay to the town of Appalachicola, one thousand dollars; for a light-boat to be stationed at the northwest passage, twelve miles from Key West, ten thousand dollars; for buoys at the northwest passage and harbor of Key West, eight hundred dollars; for a light-house on the north point of Amelia island, eight thousand dollars; for rebuilding and changing the location of the light-house at Mosquito inlet, seven thousand dollars; for placing buoys on a rock in the outer harbor of Key West, five hundred dollars; for securing the foundation of the light-house on Sand Key, and for the attendance of a boat procured by the lake keeper, one thousand six hundred and twenty dollars; for rebuilding the light-house at Cape Florida, ten thousand dollars; for a light-house on Carryforce reef on the southeastern extremity of the coast of Florida, twenty thousand dollars.

Florida.  
Appalachicola  
bay.  
St. Joseph's  
bay.  
St. John's  
river.  
Appalachicola  
bay.  
Key West.  
Key West.  
Amelia island.  
Mosquito in-  
let.  
Key West.  
Sand Key.  
Cape Florida.  
Carryforce  
reef.

*Territory of Wisconsin.*—For erecting a light-house at the mouth of Milwaukee river, five thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house at the mouth of the Manitowac river, five thousand dollars; for a light-house at Chipewagan, five thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house at the entrance of Green bay, five thousand dollars; for erecting a light-house at Root river, five thousand dollars.

Wisconsin.  
Milwaukee  
river.  
Manitowac river.  
Chipewagan.  
Green bay.  
Root river.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That before any of the improvements aforesaid are commenced, the Board of Navy Commissioners shall cause an examination to be made for the purpose of ascertaining whether the safety of navigation requires any additional facilities, and if so what is most suitable for each place needing such additional facilities, and thereupon to report their opinion in regard to all such places as speedily as may be to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall proceed with the works so recommended. But if the said board, after causing such examination to be made, shall be of opinion that any of said improvements are not needed to facilitate the navigation, or that the navigation is so inconsiderable as not to justify the proposed works, or that the same are inexpedient from any cause, no further proceeding shall be had, and their opinions with the facts shall be reported to Congress.

Before any of the improvements are commenced, the Board of Navy Commissioners to cause an examination to be made, &c., and report to the Secretary of the Treasury.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to adopt the improvements in lamps and lanterns of light-houses, and the mode of warming the same, invented by Isaac Dunham, if, in his opinion, after due examination, and trial thereof, (if necessary,) said improvements shall be deemed of utility in respect to the saving of expense, in repairs and support, or in respect to improving the lights: *Provided,* the right to adopt said improvements in the light-houses and light-boats of the United States can be obtained on terms which the Secretary shall deem reasonable.

Secretary of the Treasury to adopt the improvement in lamps, &c., invented by Isaac Dunham, on certain conditions.  
Proviso.

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