power to make sale, or otherwise dispose of the lots of land described in the first section of this act, in such manner as will best subserve the interests of said county.

Approved, June 15, 1844.

Chap. LVII.—An Act to confirm to the city of Fernandina in Florida, certain lots reserved for public use by the Spanish Government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That lots, numbers five and seven of block number two, in the plan of the city of Fernandina, be and are hereby confirmed and relinquished to the corporate authorities of the said city for such uses as were designed by the Spanish Government in the original plan of the said city: Provided, That before the issue of patents for the same, it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the President of the United States, that the said lots were intended to be reserved in the plan of said city, for a public use.

Approved, June 15, 1844.

Chap. LVIII.—An Act making appropriations for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-five.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of navy pensions for the year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and forty-five:

To pay invalid pensions, forty thousand dollars;
To pay widows' pensions, under the act of thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, six thousand dollars;
To pay widows' and orphans' pensions, under the act of third March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, sixteen thousand dollars.

For payment of invalid pensioners, heretofore paid from the privateer pension fund, their several pensions to commence from the time they were stopped in consequence of the exhaustion of said fund, eighteen thousand dollars;

For payment of pensions to the widows and orphans of those persons who were lost in the United States' schooner Sea Gull and in the United States' schooner Grampus, agreeably to the provisions of an act passed at the present session entitled “An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen and marines of the United States' schooner Grampus,” ten thousand dollars.

Approved, June 15, 1844.

Chap. LIX.—An Act to test the utility of the sub-marine telescope.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be authorized and directed to institute such experiments under the superintendence of competent and trustworthy persons, as will fully test the utility of the sub-marine telescope invented by Mrs. Sarah P. Mather, and ascertain its value, if any, to the public service; and the expenses of which shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, That said expenses shall not exceed the sum of two thousand dollars.

Approved, June 15, 1844.