—all scenes in the bloody drama of September sixth, seventeen hundred and eighty-one; and

Whereas the people of the other States of the Union, proud of the part which their fathers took in achieving American Independence, and actuated by the feeling of a common brotherhood, must desire to unite with the people of Connecticut in paying a proper tribute to the patriotism, dauntless courage, and heroic sacrifice of the noble band of men who fought valiantly against superior numbers of British troops, and chose death rather than surrender their homes to the brutality and lust of the invaders: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the centennial committee of the Groton Monument Association, under the direction of the Secretary of War, for the purpose of aiding to defray the expenses which will be incurred in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the battle and massacre at Fort Griswold, or Groton Heights, and the burning of New London, on the sixth day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, in such manner as shall befit the historical significance of that event, and be indicative of the present power, prosperity, and greatness of the United States as a nation.

SEC. 2. That the further sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of thoroughly repairing the granite monument erected in eighteen hundred and twenty-six on Groton Heights, and to be disbursed under the direction of the Groton Monument Association.

SEC. 3. That the centennial committee of the Groton Monument Association are hereby authorized to enter upon and use the battle field on Groton Heights at such times and in such manner as may be necessary for the centennial services.

Approved, March 2, 1881.

CHAP. 111.—An act establishing a life-saving station at Louisville, Kentucky.

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 is hereby directed to establish a life-saving station at Louisville, Kentucky, with such equipments and organization as he may think proper, and whatever amount is necessary for said purpose is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated: Provided, That said amount shall not exceed the sum heretofore appropriated for such station.

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CHAP. 112.—An act to provide for the construction of a public building at Jackson, in the State of Mississippi.

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 or otherwise procure a suitable site for a public building, which site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space not less than fifty feet, including streets and alleys, and cause to be erected thereon, at the city of Jackson, in the State of Mississippi, a substantial and commodious public building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use of the United States district and circuit courts, the land-office, internal-revenue service, and post-office; the plans and
estimates for said building having first been prepared, examined, and approved, as required by section thirty-seven hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, upon calculations and specifications that will insure the completion of the building at a cost not to exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars: Provided, That no money to be appropriated for said building shall be used until a valid title to the site selected shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Mississippi shall have ceded to the United States jurisdiction over the same for all purposes, during the time the government shall be or remain the owner thereof, except for the enforcement of the criminal laws of the State and the service of civil process therein. And the sum of one hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purposes of this act out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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