

—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.

Appropriation.

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.

Repairs of monument.
Appropriation.

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.

March 2, 1881.

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.

Life-saving station, Louisville, Ky.

Proviso.

Approved, March 2, 1881.

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

March 2, 1881

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

Public building, Jackson, Miss.

R. S. 3734. 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.

Cost. *Provido*.

Appropriation. 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.

Approved March 2, 1881.

March 3, 1881. **CHAP. 123.**—An act to provide for the sale of the remainder of the reservation of the Confederated Otoe and Missouri Tribes of Indians, in the States of Nebraska and Kansas, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That with the consent of the Otoe and Missouri Tribes of Indians, expressed in open council, the Secretary of the Interior is authorized to cause to be surveyed and sold the remainder of the reservation of said Indians lying in the States of Kansas and Nebraska.

Lands of Confederated Otoe and Missouri Tribes of Indians in Kansas and Nebraska, sale of, authorized.

Commissioners.

SEC. 2. That the lands so surveyed shall be appraised by three commissioners, one of whom shall be designated by said Indians in open council, and the other two by the Secretary of the Interior.

SEC. 3. That after the survey and appraisement of said lands, the Secretary of the Interior shall be, and hereby is, authorized to offer the same for sale through the United States public-land office at Beatrice, Nebraska, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, for cash to actual settlers, or persons who shall make oath before the register or the receiver of the land-office at Beatrice, Nebraska, that they intend to occupy the land for authority to purchase which they make application, and who shall within three months from the date of such application make a permanent settlement upon the same, in tracts not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres to each purchaser: *Provided*, That, if in the judgment of the Secretary of the Interior, it shall be more advantageous to sell said lands upon deferred payments, he may, with the consent of the Indians expressed in open council, dispose of the same upon the following terms as to payments, that is to say: One-quarter in cash, to become due and payable at the expiration of three months from the date of the filing of an application as hereinbefore required, one-quarter in one year, one-quarter in two years, and one-quarter in three years from the date of sale, with interest at the rate of five per centum per annum; but in case of default in the cash payment as hereinbefore required, the person thus defaulting shall forfeit absolutely his right to the tract for the purchase of which he has applied: *And provided further*, That whenever any person shall apply under the provisions of this act to purchase a tract containing a fractional excess over one hundred and sixty acres, if the excess is less than forty acres, is contiguous, and results from inability in the survey to make township and section lines conform to the boundary lines of the reservation, his application shall not be rejected on account of such excess; but if no other objection exists the purchase shall be allowed as in other cases: *And provided further*, That no portion of said land shall be sold at less than the appraised value thereof, and in no case less than two dollars and fifty cents per acre.

Provido.

Terms of sale.

Provido.

Provido.

Price per acre.