

water and to erect a pier or piers and crib in the navigable waters of said lake, for the making, preserving and working of said aqueducts or pipes or tunnel, the plan and location thereof to be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War: *Provided*, That said city shall furnish and maintain at its own expense, such beacon-lights or other signals on such piers or crib, as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

*Proviso.*  
*Lights.*

Approved, May 9, 1888.

**CHAP. 241.**—An act for the erection of a public building at Portsmouth, Ohio.

May 11, 1888.

*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 provide a site, and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fire proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the post-office and for other Government uses, at Portsmouth, Ohio; the site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of sixty thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site, nor plan for said building, shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of sixty thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Ohio shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Portsmouth, Ohio.  
Public building.

Sites, plans, etc.

Estimates.

Cost.

*Proviso.*  
*Title, etc.*

Received by the President, April 30, 1888.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

**CHAP. 242.**—An act to provide for a light-house at Newport News, Middle Ground, Virginia.

May 14, 1888.

*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 authorized and directed to cause a light-house to be constructed at Newport News, Middle Ground, Virginia.

Newport News, Va.  
Light-house authorized at Middle Ground.

Approved, May 14, 1888.