

May 19, 1888.

CHAP. 295.—An act for the erection of a public building in the city of Asheville, North Carolina.

Asheville, N. C.
Public building.
Site, plans, etc.

Appropriation.

Estimates.

Limit of cost.

Proviso.
Title, etc.

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 suitable site and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults extending to each story, for the use and accommodation of the courts of the United States, post-office, and other offices of the Government, at Asheville, North Carolina. 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 one hundred thousand dollars, which said sum is hereby appropriated for that purpose out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; 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 place for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building independent and unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than 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 North Carolina 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 processes therein.

Received by the President, May 8, 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.]

May 31, 1888.

CHAP. 297.—An act to establish an additional land-district in the State of Oregon.

Public lands.
Harney land district,
Oregon, established.

Boundaries.

Land office

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the districts of lands subject to sale under existing laws at Lakeview, La Grande, and The Dalles land districts, in the State of Oregon, as are contained in the following boundaries, shall constitute a new land district, to be called the Harney land-district, bounded as follows: Commencing at Snake River, in the State of Oregon, on township line between townships twelve and thirteen south of second standard parallel; thence west to northwest corner of township thirteen south, of range twenty-four east, of Willamette meridian; thence due south to the southwest corner of township twenty-nine south, of range twenty-four east, of Willamette meridian; thence due east to the boundary-line of the State of Oregon; thence north on said boundary-line to the place of beginning.

SEC. 2. That the location of the office of said district shall be designated by the President of the United States, and may be changed from time to time by him as the public convenience may seem to require.