courts, and such indices and records shall at all times be open to the
inspection and examination of the public.

SEC. 3. Nothing herein shall be construed to require the docketing
of a judgment or decree of a United States court, or the filing of a
transcript thereof, in any State office within the same county or parish
in the State of Louisiana in which the judgment or decree is rendered,
in order that such judgment or decree may be a lien on any prop-
erty within such county.

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CHAP. 730.—An act for the erection of a public building at Opelousas, Louisiana.

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, acquire by condemnation, or otherwise provide a site, and
to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building,
with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the United
States district and circuit courts, post-office, internal-revenue office,
and for other Government uses, at Opelousas, Louisiana. 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 fifty 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 expendi-
ture exceeding the said sum of fifty thousand dollars for site and
buildings; 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 ex-
pended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United
States, nor until the State of Louisiana 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.

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CHAP. 738.—An act for the relief of certain settlers upon the school lands of
Washington Territory.

Whereas sections sixteen and thirty-six of each township of land in
Washington Territory was reserved unto that Territory for school
purposes; and

Whereas on December second, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine,
the legislative assembly of that Territory, by an act duly passed, au-
thorized the county commissioners of the several counties in that Ter-
ritory to lease said lands for a term of years not exceeding six years,
the money received therefor being placed in the school fund; and

Whereas the lands so leased are greatly enhanced in value by the
cultivation thereof, and the lessees thereof have made valuable im-
provements thereon and incurred large expense in reducing such land
to a state of cultivation, and will incur much loss if they are caused
to abandon their said improvements and cultivation; and

Whereas the validity of the said leases is questioned: Therefore,