documents taken by or submitted to them, in like manner as herein-
before provided in regard to the proceedings of said agent of the Treas-
ury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon
finally determine the location of the building to be erected.

The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Sec-
retary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed six dollars per
day and actual traveling expenses: Provided, however, That the
member of said commission appointed from the Treasury Department.
shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses.

No money shall be used for the purpose mentioned until a valid
title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States,
nor until the State of Virginia shall have ceded 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 ad-
ministration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of
civil process therein.

The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open
space of at least forty feet on each side, including streets and alleys.

Approved, January 2, 1891.

January 2, 1891. CHAP. 43.—An act to provide for the purchase of a site, and the erection of a
public building thereon, at Taunton, in the State of Massachusetts.

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
acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and cause
to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults,
heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for
the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other
Government offices, in the city of Taunton and State of Massachu-
setts, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heat-
ing and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, complete,
not to exceed the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars.

Proposals for the sale of land suitable for said site shall be invited
by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said
city of largest circulation for at least twenty days prior to the date
specified in said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be ad-
dressed and mailed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall then
cause the said proposed sites, and such others as he may think proper
to designate, to be examined in person by an agent of the Treasury
Department, who shall make written report to said Secretary of the
results of said examination, and of his recommendation thereon, and
the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original
proposals and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come
into his possession relating to the said proposed sites.

If, upon consideration of said report and accompanying papers,
the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem further investigation
necessary, he may appoint a commission of not more than three per-
sons, one of whom shall be an officer of the Treasury Department,
which commission shall also examine the said proposed sites, and
such others as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, and
grant such hearings in relation thereto as they shall deem necessary;
and said commission shall, within thirty days after such examina-
tion, make to the Secretary of the Treasury written report of their
conclusion in the premises, accompanied by all statements, maps,
plats, or documents taken by or submitted to them, in like manner
as hereinbefore provided in regard to the proceedings of said agent
of the Treasury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall
thereupon finally determine the location of the building to be erected.
The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed six dollars per day and actual traveling expenses: Provided, however, That the member of said commission appointed from the Treasury Department shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses.

No money shall be used for the purpose mentioned until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Massachusetts shall have ceded 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.

The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet on each side, including streets and alleys.

Approved, January 2, 1891.

CHAP. 44.—An act to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Kansas City, in the State of Missouri.

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 acquire by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and to cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office, courts, and other Government offices in Kansas City and State of Missouri, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches complete, not to exceed the sum of one million two hundred thousand dollars.

Proposals for the sale of land suitable for said site shall be invited by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said city, of largest circulation, for at least twenty days prior to the date specified in said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be addressed and mailed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall then cause the said proposed sites, and such others as he may think proper to designate, to be examined in person by an agent of the Treasury Department, who shall make written report to said Secretary of the results of said examination and of his recommendation thereon and the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original proposals, and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come into his possession relating to the said proposed sites.

If, upon consideration of said report and accompanying papers, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem further investigation necessary, he may appoint a commission of not more than three persons, one of whom shall be an officer of the Treasury Department, which commission shall also examine the said proposed sites, and such others as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, and grant such hearings in relation thereto as they shall deem necessary; and said commission shall, within thirty days after such examination, make to the Secretary of the Treasury written report of their conclusion in the premises, accompanied by all statements, maps, plats, or documents taken by or submitted to them, in like manner as hereinbefore provided in regard to the proceedings of said agent of the Treasury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon finally determine the location of the building to be erected.

The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed six dollars per day and actual traveling expenses: Provided, however, That the