successors and assigns, for the construction and operation of its rail-
road and telegraph lines through the Nez Perces Indian Reservation in
the State of Idaho, and also through lands formerly embraced within
said reservation which have been allotted to the individual members of
the Nez Perces tribe of Indians, beginning at a point on the western
boundary of the said Nez Perces Indian Reservation, to the east bound-
ary line of said Nez Perces Indian Reservation, together with a branch
therefrom beginning at or near Spalding town site, in section twenty-
two of township thirty-six north of range four west, Boise meridian,
and extending to the south line of said Indian reservation.

SEC. 2. That the right of way hereby granted shall be fifty feet in
width on each side of the central line of said railroad as aforesaid, and
said company shall also have the right to take from said lands adjacent
to the line of said road material, stone, earth, and timber necessary for
the construction of said railroad; also ground adjacent to such right of
way for station buildings, depots, and machine shops, side tracks, turn-
outs, and water stations, not to exceed in amount three hundred feet in
width and three thousand feet in length for each station, to the extent
of one station for each ten miles of road.

SEC. 3. That before said railroad shall be constructed through any
land, claim, or improvement held by individual occupants or owners
according to any treaties or laws of the United States, compensation
shall be made such occupant or owner or claimant for all property to
be taken or damage done by reason of the construction of such railroad.
In case of failure to make satisfactory settlement with any such claim-
ant the district court of the State of Idaho for the county within which
such land may be situated shall have jurisdiction, upon petition of
either party, to determine such just compensation in accordance with
the laws of the State of Idaho provided for determining the damage
when property is taken for railroad purposes, and such compensation
shall be determined as provided for by the laws of the State of Idaho;
and the amount of damages resulting to the tribe of Indians pertain-
ing to such reservation in their tribal capacity by reason of the con-
struction of said railroad through such lands of the reservation as are
not occupied in severalty, and the time and manner of making payment
therefor, shall be ascertained and determined in such manner as the
Secretary of the Interior may direct, and be subject to his final approval.

SEC. 4. That said company shall cause maps showing the route of its
line through said reservation and allotted lands, including the grounds
for station buildings, depots, machine shops, side tracks, turn-outs, and
water stations, to be filed in the office of the Secretary of the Interior
before constructing any portion of said railroad.

SEC. 5. That the rights herein granted shall be forfeited by said com-
pany unless the road shall be constructed through the said reservation
and allotted lands within three years after the passage of this Act.

SEC. 6. That nothing herein contained shall restrict or impair the
rights which said company may now have or hereafter acquire to the
benefits and provisions of the Act of Congress approved March third,
eighteen hundred and seventy-five, entitled "An Act granting to rail-
roads the right of way through the public lands of the United States."

Approved, March 1, 1899.

CHAP. 317.—An Act For the erection of a public building at Fitchburg, Massa-
chusetts.

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 cause to be
erected thereon a substantial and commodious building with fireproof
vaults, for the use and accommodation of the post-office and for other
Government uses at Fitchburg, Massachusetts. 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; nor shall any site be pur-
chased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish
sufficient accommodation 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 Treas-
ury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred
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.

Approved, March 1, 1899.

March 1, 1899.

CHAP. 318.—An Act To accept a site as a donation and erect thereon a custom-
house and post-office building in the city of Bristol, State of Tennessee.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to accept as a
donation suitable grounds in the city of Bristol, State of Tennessee,
and cause to be erected thereon a suitable public building for the
custom-house, post-office, and United States commissioner’s office. The
cost of the site and building thereon, when completed, shall not be
more than fifty thousand dollars, the plans and specifications to be pre-
viously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; nor shall
any site be accepted until estimates of a building which will furnish
sufficient accommodations for the purposes aforesaid, and which shall
not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site
has been accepted and paid for, shall have been approved by the Sec-
retary of the Treasury, and no plan for said building shall be approved
by said Secretary involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of
fifty thousand dollars for the site and building. The site so accepted
shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by a space at
least forty feet, including streets and alleys.

Approved, March 1, 1899.

March 1, 1899.

CHAP. 319.—An Act For enlarging the public building at Topeka, Kansas.

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 cause the
public building at Topeka, Kansas, now occupied as a post-office and
other Government offices, to be enlarged, so as to make a suitable
building, with fireproof vaults and elevator therein, for the further
accommodation of the post-office and other Government offices, the
plans and specifications to be drawn with respect to the present build-
ing, so as to furnish to the post-office more room and better accommo-
dation of the Government offices. The plans, specifications, and full
estimation of said building shall be previously made and approved
according to law, and shall not cost to exceed the sum of eighty-five
thousand dollars: Provided, That said building, so enlarged, shall be
unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space
of not less than forty feet.

Approved, March 1, 1899.