

March 1, 1899.

**CHAP. 330.**—An Act For the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon in the city of New Brunswick, New Jersey.

New Brunswick,  
N. J.  
Public building au-  
thorized.

Limit of cost.

Fire space.

Plans, 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 acquire by condemnation or otherwise, a suitable lot of land in the city of New Brunswick, in the county of Middlesex and State of New Jersey, and cause to be erected on the land so purchased or acquired a building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices and purposes in that city, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of one hundred thousand dollars. That said building, when completed, shall be protected by an open space of not less than forty feet on every side thereof, including streets and alleys. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, after the site for the said building shall have been purchased, to cause a plan and specifications of said building to be prepared, which plan and specifications shall not require or involve an expenditure in the erection and completion of said building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, complete, exceeding the sum that shall remain after the site of said building shall have been paid for. That no plans or specifications for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury which shall require or involve an expenditure exceeding the amount herein limited, nor shall the erection of said building be commenced until after such plans and specifications and full estimate therefor shall have been previously made and approved according to law.

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March 2, 1899.

**CHAP. 335.**—An Act For a public building at the city of Wilkesbarre, Pennsylvania.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.  
Public building au-  
thorized.

Limit of cost.

Proviso.  
Fire space.

*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 by private sale or secure by condemnation a site for, and to contract for the erection and completion thereon of a suitable building, with fireproof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices at the city of Wilkesbarre, in the county of Luzerne and State of Pennsylvania. The plans, specifications, and full estimate for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed, for the site and building complete, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will have 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 or condemned and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided,* That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

March 2, 1899.

**CHAP. 336.**—An Act For the erection of a public building in the city of Elgin, Illinois.

Elgin, Ill.  
Public building  
authorized.

*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 for the use and accommodation of the post-office and other offices of the Government at Elgin, Illinois.

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 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.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

Limit of cost

Fire space.

**CHAP. 337.**—An Act To supplement and amend an Act entitled “An Act for the erection of a new custom-house in the city of New York, and for other purposes,” approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one.

March 2, 1899.

*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, for customs purposes, the premises heretofore selected by the Secretary of the Treasury, under the Act of September fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, as a site for a custom-house building, and known as the Bowling Green site, in the city of New York and State of New York, and the sum of seven hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in addition to the balance in the Treasury remaining unexpended under the provisions of the Act of Congress approved September fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, entitled “An Act for the erection of an appraiser’s warehouse in the city of New York, and for other purposes,” is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available for such purpose.

New York.  
Purchase of site and  
erection of custom-  
house authorized.

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Cost of site.

**SEC. 2.** That upon the acquisition of said site the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be erected thereon a substantial, commodious, and fireproof building for the purposes of a custom-house, at a cost not to exceed three million dollars, exclusive of the cost of the site, and for the preparation of the plans and the commencement of the work the sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and made immediately available for this purpose; and the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to contract for the completion of said building, including heating and ventilating apparatus, fireproof vaults, elevators, and approaches complete, within the limit of cost prescribed by law, subject to the appropriations which may hereafter be made by Congress.

Limit of cost for  
building.

Contracts author-  
ized.

Plans, etc.

**SEC. 3.** That the Secretary of the Treasury may, in his discretion, invite not less than five architects to compete for the preparation and furnishing of plans, drawings, and specifications, and the local supervision of the construction of said new custom-house building, under the direction and general supervision of the Secretary of the Treasury.

**SEC. 4.** That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to sell at public or private sale, to the highest bidder, after due advertisement, but for not less than three million dollars, the present custom-house property in the city of New York, bounded by Wall, William, and Hanover streets, and Exchange place, and to deposit the proceeds of the sale, after the payment of the usual incidental expenses, in the United States Treasury as miscellaneous receipts derived from

Sale of present cus-  
tom-house property.