

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 Lawrence, 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 purchased 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 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 unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys.

Limit of cost.

Fire space.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 358.—An Act To provide for the erection of a public building at Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

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 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 fireproof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the courts of the United States, post-office, and other offices of the Government at Elizabeth City, 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 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 expenditure exceeding the said sum of fifty thousand dollars for site and building. 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 except the ordinary preliminary expenses 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 owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Elizabeth City, N. C.
Public building au-
thorized.

Limit of cost.

Fire space.

Provided.
Title, etc.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 359.—An Act To provide for a building for the use of the post-office, and other civil offices in the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

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 cause to be constructed on the permanent reservation owned by the United States at Hot Springs, in the State of Arkansas, and at such spot thereon as may be selected and set apart by the Secretary of the Interior and

Hot Springs, Ark.
Public building au-
thorized.