

Limit of price. gift, purchase, or otherwise, a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable 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 at the city of Monmouth, in the State of Illinois. The site and building thereon, with its appurtenances, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of forty-seven thousand dollars. 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.

Fire space.

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**CHAP. 366.**—An Act Authorizing the construction of three bridges across the Conecuh River, a navigable stream, in Escambia County, Alabama.

Escambia County may bridge the Conecuh River, Alabama.

Location.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the court of county commissioners of Escambia County, in the State of Alabama, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct, maintain, and operate three bridges across the Conecuh River, a navigable stream, in Escambia County, Alabama; said bridges to be located, one at Jurnegans Ferry, near Pollard, Alabama; one in the neighborhood of Hendleys Ferry, near Brewton, Alabama, and one near where Parkers Ferry now crosses said Conecuh River.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

**SEC. 2.** That said bridges shall be located and built under and subject to such regulations for the security of navigation as the Secretary of War may prescribe; and to secure that object the said court of county commissioners shall submit for his examination designs and drawings of the bridges and maps of the locations, and until the said plans and locations are approved by him the bridges shall not be commenced or built; and should any changes be made in either of said bridges, before or after completion, such changes shall be likewise subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Aids to navigation.

Lights.

Expense of changes.

**SEC. 3.** That the said bridges shall be so kept and managed as to offer reasonable and proper means for the passage of vessels and other craft through or under the same; and for the safety of vessels passing at night there shall be displayed on said bridges, from sunset to sunrise, at the expense of the owners thereof, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe. And any changes in either of said bridges which the Secretary of War may at any time deem necessary, and order in the interests of navigation, shall be made by the owners thereof at their own expense.

Commencement and completion.

**SEC. 4.** That this Act shall be null and void if actual construction of the said bridges be not commenced in one year and completed in three years from the date hereof.

Amendment.

**SEC. 5.** That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

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**CHAP. 367.**—An Act To provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Joliet, in the State of Illinois.

Joliet, 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 acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and to contract for the erection and completion thereon of a suitable 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, in the city of Joliet and State of Illinois, 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.

Limit of cost.

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 for site.

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.

Investigation of site.

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 conclusions 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.

—commission.

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.

—compensation of.

*Proviso.*

—of Treasury member.

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Fire space.

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**CHAP. 368.**—An Act Authorizing and directing the construction of an addition to the United States post-office in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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 a building for the accommodation of the United States post-office, including all necessary changes and alterations in the present building, a basement and one-story addition to the United States post-office building, in the city of Minneapolis and State of Minnesota, at a cost not exceeding fifty-five thousand dollars, and the provisions of Act of Congress approved April eleventh, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, entitled "An Act appropriating money for the purchase of a site and the erection of a suitable building for a post-office and other Government offices in the city of Minneapolis, State of Minnesota," are so far modified as to permit the erection of said addition within sixteen feet of any adjacent building.

Minneapolis, Minn.  
Addition to post-office building authorized.

Limit of cost.

Proximity to adjacent buildings.

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