

the present site for one of suitable size, or to sell the present site and with the proceeds thereof to purchase a suitable site, using, in connection with such exchange or purchase, so much as may be necessary of said sum of eighty-one thousand nine hundred dollars, not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, which shall be available for that purpose.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to procure a site for and cause to be erected thereon a suitable addition to the public building now the property of the United States in the city of Los Angeles, California, with fireproof vaults therein, for the adequate accommodation of the United States district and circuit courts, internal revenue, customs offices, and other Government offices in the city of Los Angeles, California.

Los Angeles, Cal.
Public building authorized.

The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed, for the site and all improvements and additions, complete, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *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; and no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of California 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; and there is hereby appropriated for the purchase of said site and the commencement of said additional building one hundred thousand dollars.

Limit of cost.

Proviso.
Fire space.

Title, etc.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 443.—An Act To provide for the purchase of additional land in the square now occupied by the custom-house in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and for the erection of a new public building thereon for the accommodation of the Government service in said city.

March 3, 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to acquire title to additional property in the block or square upon which stands the United States custom-house, in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and to give additional space for the accommodation of the Government service in said custom-house building, the Secretary of the Treasury, acting for and on behalf of the Government of the United States, is hereby authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, a certain lot or piece of ground, with the buildings thereon, in the said city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, now owned and lately occupied by the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall not pay for such additional property an amount in excess of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Baltimore, Md.
Public building authorized.
Site.

SEC. 2. That after having acquired the lot or parcel of ground specified in the preceding section, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby further authorized and directed to cause to be erected upon the enlarged site, consisting of the property already owned by the Government, and the additional lot authorized to be purchased as aforesaid, reserving such space as it may be deemed necessary to reserve for approaches to said building, a substantial and commodious new fireproof building, including heating apparatus, vaults, elevator service, and approaches, adequate for the use and accommodation of the United States custom-house service, internal revenue service, subtreasury, and other Government offices, excepting the post-office, in the said city of Baltimore. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be

Limit of cost.

previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, according to law, and the cost of said building, exclusive of the site, shall not exceed in the aggregate the sum of one and one-half million dollars; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall not approve any plan or plans for said building the cost of which will exceed, when completed, the said sum of one and one-half million dollars.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 444.—An Act To provide for a public building at Cleveland, Ohio.

Cleveland, Ohio.
Public building au-
thorized.

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, the block of land located in the city of Cleveland which is bounded by Rockwell street on the north, by Wood street on the east, by Superior street on the south, and on the west by the land now owned by the United States, upon which the post-office building is located, to be used in connection with the said land already occupied by the post-office or Government building, as a site for a new public building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office, custom-house, internal-revenue office, United States circuit and district courts, signal service, Weather Bureau, pension office, and other Government offices, in the said city of Cleveland and State of Ohio: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Treasury can purchase said property at a reasonable price.

Proviso.
Cost of site.

—limit, etc.

The cost of the site and building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators and approaches, complete, shall not exceed the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars.

The public building now located upon the land belonging to the United States aforesaid shall be torn down before the new building is completed, but the same may be used until a sufficient portion of the new building is finished to make temporary provision for the transaction of the Government business therein.

Fire space.

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

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 445.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to reimburse the governors of States and Territories for expenses incurred by them in aiding the United States to raise and organize and supply and equip the Volunteer Army of the United States in the existing war with Spain," approved July eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, and for other purposes.

Reimbursement of
States for expenses
equipping volunteers,
etc., Spanish war.
Ante, p. 730, amend-
ed.
Expenses after July
8, 1898, allowed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to reimburse the governors of States and Territories for expenses incurred by them in aiding the United States to raise and organize and supply and equip the Volunteer Army of the United States in the existing war with Spain," approved July eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, be so amended that the Secretary of the Treasury shall be, and is hereby, authorized to allow, in the settlement of the claims of the governors of States and Territories for reimbursement under the provisions of the said Act, expenses incurred after as well as before July eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight: *Provided,* That no reimbursement shall be made for service of members of the National Guard, or organized militia, or naval reserves of any State or Territory who were not accepted into the Volunteer Army of the United

Proviso.
No reimbursement
for members militia,
etc., not accepted as of
same grade.