reserved for the use of the United States in pursuance of the provisions of the Act of July first, nineteen hundred and two: Provided, That before such cession shall be made the government of Porto Rico shall, by proper authority, cede, convey, release, and transfer to the United States the following tracts of land, together with all buildings and improvements thereon: That tract or parcel of land containing about eleven acres, extending east from the new wireless station, between the north line of the survey heretofore made by the Navy Department and the south line of the military reservation, to the tract of four and fifty-nine hundredths acres belonging to and reserved by the insular government for jail or penitentiary purposes; also, that triangular tract or parcel of land containing seven-tenths of an acre, lying to the northward of the western portion of the present naval hospital reservation, extending to the army reservation line, also, all public lands of Porto Rico south of the barrio de la Puntilla.

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CHAP. 2928.—An Act Providing for the completion by the Secretary of War of a monument to the memory of the American soldiers who fell in the battle of New Orleans at Chalmette, Louisiana, and making the necessary appropriation therefor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, or so much thereof as may be necessary, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, for the completion of a monument to the memory of the soldiers who fell in the battle of New Orleans in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, said monument to be completed under the direction and approval of the Secretary of War: Provided, That the State of Louisiana shall cede and transfer its jurisdiction to the property on which said monument is to be completed in accordance with the provisions of act numbered forty-one of the legislature of that State, approved July nineteenth, nineteen hundred and two: Provided further, That when said monument is completed the responsibility of maintaining the same and keeping the grounds surrounding it shall remain with the United Daughters of Seventeen hundred and seventy-six and Eighteen hundred and twelve, free of any expense or responsibility on the part of the Government of the United States.

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CHAP. 2929.—An Act To confer certain civic rights on the Metlakahtla Indians of Alaska.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all Indians of the Tsimpsian or Haida tribe of the full or mixed blood who emigrated from British Columbia and settled at Metlakahtla on Annette Island, in southeastern Alaska, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-seven and subsequent years, as well as all descendants of such Indians, and all other Indians who have since become and remained bona fide residents of said Metlakahtla, Alaska, shall, if otherwise qualified, be entitled to receive and obtain licenses as masters, pilots, and engineers, as the case may be, of any and all steamboats and other craft, and also licenses as operators of motor boats and other craft, subject to the provisions of the Act of Congress approved May sixteenth, nineteen
hundred and six, entitled "An Act to amend section forty-four hundred and twenty-six of the Revised Statutes of the United States, regulation of motor boats," with the same force and effect as if they had been citizens of the United States; any such Indian may be the owner of any such motor boat or other craft, subject to the provisions of the said Act of May sixteenth, nineteen hundred and six, although such Indian be not a citizen of the United States, without depriving said motor boat or other craft of the benefits and privileges of a vessel of the United States.

SEC. 2. That a certificate under the hand of any officer of the customs in Alaska, to the effect that the applicant for one of the different licenses mentioned in the foregoing section comes within one of the provisions of said first section of this Act, shall, together with the affidavit of the applicant to that effect, be sufficient evidence of the fact that said applicant is entitled to the privileges conferred upon said Indians by the first section of this Act.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

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Galveston, Tex. Public building at, for immigration station, authorized.

Chap. 2930. — An Act To provide for the establishment of an immigration station at Galveston, in the State of Texas, and the erection in said city, on a site to be selected for said station, of a public building.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to establish an immigration station at the city of Galveston, in the State of Texas, and to cause to be erected, on a site to be selected, a public building to temporarily accommodate and care for immigrants arriving at said city: Provided, That the land and dock room necessary for said station and building be transferred to the Government of the United States free of any cost to the United States.

SEC. 2. That the sum of seventy thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the erection of said building, which sum shall be paid from the immigrant fund, said sum to include heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section six of chapter three hundred and thirteen of the Twenty-ninth Statutes at Large, approved June third, eighteen hundred and ninety-six, be amended so as to read, as follows:

"Sec. 6. That each member of said boards of medical examiners of the District of Columbia shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, take an oath to administer, fairly and impartially, the provisions of this Act. Each board shall elect from its own members a president and a secretary. Each board shall hold a meeting for examination in the city of Washington on the second Tuesday in January, April, July, and October of each year, and continuing so long as may be necessary to examine all applicants, and other meetings shall be held