CHAP. 499.—An Act To extend the time for constructing a bridge across the Mississippi River between the city of Anoka, in the county of Anoka, and the village of Champlin, in the county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the times for commencing and completing the construction of the bridge authorized by the Act of Congress approved May 7, 1926, to be built by the highway department of the State of Minnesota across the Mississippi River between the city of Anoka, Anoka County, State of Minnesota, and the village of Champlin, county of Hennepin, State of Minnesota, are hereby extended one and three years, respectively, from May 7, 1927.

Sec. 2. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 500.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to enter into a contract to purchase, upon completion, a suitable building for customs and other governmental purposes in the city of New York.

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 is authorized to enter into a contract, on behalf of the United States, to purchase, upon completion, a building to be erected (in accordance with plans and specifications approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and containing not less than nine hundred and eighty-nine thousand square feet) upon the plot of ground known as block 581, bounded by Varick, King, Hudson, and West Houston Streets, as shown on the land map of the Borough of Manhattan, city of New York, together with such plot of ground. The total cost to the United States of such building and plot of ground shall not exceed $8,000,000. Such building shall be for the use of the United States appraiser of merchandise, United States Customs Court, and other governmental officers in the city of New York; and the Secretary of the Treasury may, if he deems it to the best interests of the Government, lease or sell, upon such terms and conditions as he deems advisable, the premises located at 641 Washington Street, New York City, now occupied by customs officers and other officers of the United States.

Sec. 2. In the event that the Secretary of the Treasury is unable to enter into such contract, he is authorized to acquire such plot by condemnation, as a site for a building for such purposes.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 501.—An Act To provide for appointment as warrant officers of the Regular Army of such persons as would have been eligible therefor but for the interruption of their status, caused by military service rendered by them as commissioned officers during the World War.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is authorized to appoint as warrant officers of the Regular Army any persons whose commissioned service in the Army during the World War, added to their prior service as quartermaster clerk, amounted to twelve years or more of continuous service prior to June 4, 1920, and who were deemed not eligible for appointment as field clerks, Quartermaster Corps, because of the interruption of their twelve years' requisite service as quartermaster clerks to render com-
commissioned service in the World War, and who also had sufficient military service under the provisions of section 4a of the Act of June 4, 1920, for appointment as warrant officers, but were not eligible for such appointment by reason of having returned to a civilian status at the end of their said commissioned service: Provided, That in determining length of service for longevity pay and retirement they shall be credited with and entitled to count the same military service as authorized for warrant officers and all classified service rendered as clerks of the Quartermaster Department and Quartermaster Corps: Provided further, That the limitation in the Act of June 30, 1922, on the number of warrant officers, United States Army, shall not apply to appointees hereunder.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 502.—An Act To authorize the sale, under provisions of the Act of March 12, 1926 (Public, Numbered 45), of surplus War Department real property.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell or cause to be sold, under the provisions of the Act of March 12, 1926, the several tracts or parcels of real property hereinafter designated, or any portion thereof, upon determination by him that said tracts or parcels are no longer needed for military purposes, and to execute and deliver in the name of the United States and in its behalf any and all contracts, conveyances, or other instruments necessary to effectuate such sale and conveyance:

Name of reservation—Fort Wayne, Michigan; Matanzas Military Reservation, Florida (excepting approximately one acre on which is located an old Spanish fortification declared a national monument by proclamation of the President under date of October 15, 1924); Camp Upton, New York; Lafayette Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (lot in); Odd Fellows Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (nine thousand and forty square feet); American Mechanics Cemetery, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania (six lots); Kirkdale Cemetery, Liverpool, England (fifty-eight lots); Newport Cemetery, Lincoln, England (thirteen lots); Washington Point, Norfolk, Virginia: Provided, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell or cause to be sold, in the manner and upon such terms as he shall deem expedient, the several cemetery lots and Washington Point, Norfolk, Virginia, hereinbefore designated, and to execute and deliver in the name of the United States and in its behalf any and all contracts, conveyances, or other instruments necessary to effectuate such sale and conveyance: Provided further, That the Secretary of War of those tracts of land commonly known as the Mount Pleasant Target Range, by exercising the option and right to purchase contained in the lease dated June 25, 1919, effective July 1, 1919, ending December 31, 1929, and signed by George F. Goblet, of Mount Pleasant, South Carolina, as the lessor; Coronado Beach Military Reservation, Coronado, California (part, approximately thirty-three acres); Omaha Depot, Omaha, Nebraska; Springfield Armory, Springfield, Massachusetts (part, approximately thirteen acres).

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