SEC. 2. To accomplish the purposes of this Act, the Secretary of War is authorized to accept, on behalf of the United States, free of encumbrances and without cost to the United States, the title in fee simple to such lands as he may deem necessary or desirable for new permanent Air Corps stations and depots and/or the extension of or addition to existing Air Corps stations or depots; or, with the written approval of the President, to exchange for such lands existing military reservations or portions thereof; or, if it be found impracticable to secure the necessary lands by either of these methods, to purchase the same by agreement or through condemnation proceedings.

SEC. 3. The Secretary of War is further authorized and directed to construct, install, and equip, or complete the construction, installation, and equipment, inclusive of bomb-proof protection as required, at each of said stations and depots, such buildings and utilities, technical buildings and utilities, landing fields and mats, and all utilities and appurtenances thereto, ammunition storage, fuel and oil storage and distribution systems therefor, roads, walks, aprons, docks, runways, sewer, water, power, station and aerodrome lighting, telephone and signal communications, and other essentials, including the necessary grading and removal or remodeling of existing structures and installations. He is authorized, also, to direct the necessary transportation of personnel, and purchase, renovation, and transportation of materials, as in his judgment may be required to carry out the purposes of this Act. The Secretary of War is further authorized to acquire by gift, purchase, lease, or otherwise, at such locations as may be desirable, such bombing and machine-gun ranges as may be required for the proper practice and training of tactical units.

SEC. 4. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, such sums of money as may be necessary, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War for the purposes of this Act, including the expenses incident to the necessary surveys, which appropriation shall continue available until expended: Provided, That the provisions of section 1136, Revised Statutes (U. S. C., title 20, par. 1339), shall not apply to the construction of the aforesaid stations and depots.

Approved, August 12, 1935.

[CHAPTER 516.]

AN ACT

To authorize the issuance and sale to the United States of certain bonds of municipal governments in Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That bonds or other obligations of Puerto Rico or any municipal government therein, payable solely from revenues derived from any public improvement or undertaking (which may include transfers by agreement or otherwise from the regular funds of the issuer in respect of the use by it of the facilities afforded by such improvement or undertaking), and issued and sold to the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof, shall not be considered public indebtedness of the issuer within the meaning of section 3 of an Act approved March 2, 1917, entitled “An Act to provide a civil government for Porto Rico, and for other purposes”, as amended.

Approved, August 13, 1935.