

Naval asylum  
at Philadelphia.

For conveying Schuylkill water to the naval asylum at Philadelphia, and for all necessary repairs, nine thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars;

Hospital near  
Norfolk.

For current expenses of the hospital and its dependencies near Norfolk, one thousand five hundred dollars;

Hospital at  
Pensacola.

For completing the hospital buildings at Pensacola, and building a wharf for landing the sick, four thousand dollars.

Steam vessels  
of war.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Navy, under the direction of the President, to make preparations for, and to commence, the construction of three steam vessels of war, on such models as shall be most approved, according to the best advices they can obtain, or to complete the construction of one such vessel of war, upon a model so approved, as in the opinion of the President shall be best for the public interest, and most conformable to the demands of the public service; and that to enable the Department to carry into effect this requirement, a part of the sum already appropriated for the gradual improvement of the navy, equal to the sum of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars, shall be, and is hereby, directed to be subject to the disposition of the Department for this object, in case that amount can be diverted from that appropriation without a violation of existing contracts, and if that cannot be done consistently with the rights of contractors and the public interests, then so much of the said sum of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars as can be so diverted to this object, from the appropriation referred to, shall be subject to the disposition of the Secretary of the Navy for this purpose, and the residue of the said sum of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars shall be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, and shall be paid, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: and the said sum of three hundred and thirty thousand dollars, to be expended in the manner in this section prescribed, shall be in addition to any materials now on hand, applicable to the construction of the said steam vessels of war.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, March 3, 1839.

STATUTE III.

March 3, 1839.

CHAP. CCXXVI.—*An Act to provide for the erection of a new jail in the city of Washington, District of Columbia.*

New jail to be  
erected.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause a new jail to be erected for the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on such site as he may select; and that, for the purpose of carrying this act into effect, the sum of thirty-one thousand dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided always*, That the said jail shall be built by contract, under the superintendence of the architect of public buildings, and that the cost shall in no event exceed the said sum of thirty-one thousand dollars.

APPROVED, March 3, 1839.

STATUTE III.

March 3, 1839.

CHAP. CCXXIX. — *An Act to extend the jurisdiction of the corporation of the city of Washington over the Potomac bridge.*

Bounds extended. Corporation empowered to adopt rules, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the bounds of the county of Washington, and of the corporation of the city of Washington, be, and the same are hereby, extended so far as to comprehend the causeway and bridge lately constructed from the said city across the river Potomac, to the opposite shore: and the said corporation are

hereby empowered to adopt and enforce such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary for the safety and security of property and of the persons passing the said causeway and bridge.

APPROVED, March 3, 1839.

RESOLUTIONS.

No. 1. *Resolution authorizing an examination and payment of the claims of the workmen upon the public buildings.* Jan. 18, 1839.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the commissioners appointed by the President of the United States to superintend the prosecution of the work in the construction of the new Treasury building, be, and they are hereby, authorized to examine the claims of the workmen to indemnity for the loss of their time during the suspension of the work upon said building, by order of the President of the United States, pending the question before Congress upon the bill reported by the Committee on Public Buildings, providing "for the removal of the walls of the Treasury building, and for the erection of a fire-proof building for the Post Office Department;" and that the said commissioners allow to such of said workmen, respectively, as were suspended from labor, during the pendency of said bill, with the encouragement and under an authorized assurance that, upon the decision thereof, their labor would again be required by the Government, and who, intermediately, had no opportunity of obtaining employment in the city of Washington, such reasonable indemnity for loss of wages for labor, during the suspension of the work, as, under the circumstances of their respective cases, justice and equity may require, not exceeding, however, in any case, the average rate of the earnings of such workmen in the employment of the Government for a like preceding period of time.

The commissioners appointed to superintend the construction of the new Treasury building, shall examine the claims of the workmen to indemnity, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That the Commissioner of Public Buildings be, and he hereby is, authorized to pay to the workmen respectively such sums of money as the commissioners aforesaid shall allow and certify pursuant to the foregoing resolution, out of any money in his hands appropriated by law to the construction of the new Treasury building.

Commissioner of public buildings to pay such sums, &c.

APPROVED, January 18, 1839.

No. 2. *A Resolution for the purchase of the island at the confluence of the St. Peters and Mississippi rivers.* Feb. 13, 1839.

*Resolved 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 contract with J. B. and J. Ferribault, for the purchase of the island at the confluence of the St. Peters and Mississippi rivers, and to report his proceedings to Congress, subject to their approbation or rejection.

Sec. War to contract for the purchase, &c.

APPROVED, February 13, 1839.

No. 3. *A Resolution directing the manner in which certain laws of the District of Columbia shall be executed.* Feb. 16, 1839.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the acts of the State of Maryland for securing titles to vacant land, which were continued in force by the act of Congress of the twenty-seventh of February, eighteen hundred and one, in that part of the District of Columbia which was ceded to the United States by that State, and which have heretofore been inoperative for the want of appropriate officers or authority in the

The acts of Maryland for securing land titles to vacant land, shall be executed, &c. by the Secretary of the Treasury, &c.