

CHAP. 50.—An act to provide for a building suitable for a post-office, for the accommodation of the revenue officers, and the United States courts and their officers, in the city of Charleston, West Virginia.

April 9, 1880.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to procure a proper site for and cause to be constructed a suitable building, with a fire-proof brick vault extending to each story, in the city of Charleston, West Virginia, for a post-office, and for the accommodation of United States revenue officers, and the United States courts and their officers; and the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose aforesaid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause proper plans and estimates to be made, so that no expenditures shall be made or authorized, for the purchase of a site and the full completion of said building, beyond the sum herein appropriated, upon plans to be previously approved by the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided,* That no money hereby appropriated shall be used or expended until the valid title to the land for a site, which site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of at least fifty feet, including streets and alleys, shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of West Virginia shall cede its jurisdiction over the same, and also duly release and relinquish to the United States the right to tax or in any way assess said site, or the property of the United States that may be thereon, during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

Public building at Charleston, W. Va.

Appropriation, site, plans, and completion.

Proviso. Qualifications of site, title.

Jurisdiction of United States.

Approved, April 9, 1880.

CHAP. 51.—An act to provide for the construction of a public building at the city of Paducah, State of Kentucky.

April 14, 1880.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase a site for, and cause to be constructed, a suitable building, of bricks or stone, with fire-proof vaults, for the accommodation of post-office, United States district court, and internal-revenue and other government offices, at the city of Paducah, State of Kentucky; and that for this purpose there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall, upon the passage of this act, cause the proper plans and specifications to be made so that no expenditures shall be made or authorized, for the purchase of a site and the full completion of said building, beyond the sum herein appropriated upon plans to be previously approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; only one half of said sum to be expended during present fiscal year: *Provided,* That no part of the money herein appropriated shall be expended until a valid title to the site of said building which site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of at least fifty feet, including streets and alleys shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of Kentucky shall duly relinquish and release its jurisdiction over the same, and its right to tax said site and the property thereon belonging to the United States.

Public building at Paducah, Ky.

Appropriation, site, plans, and full completion.

One-half available during present fiscal year.

Proviso. Title of site, qualifications. Jurisdiction of United States.

Approved, April 14, 1880.

CHAP. 52.—An act making appropriations for acquiring sites and the erection of suitable posts for the protection of the Rio Grande frontier.

April 16, 1880.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any

Protection of Rio Grande frontier.

Appropriation. money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
 Military posts. acquiring sites and erecting thereon such military posts on or near the
 Rio Grande frontier as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of
 War for the adequate protection thereof: *Provided*, That none of said
Proviso. appropriation shall be used for the purposes aforesaid until a valid title
 Title of sites. to said sites be vested in the United States: *And provided further*, That
Proviso. the State of Texas shall duly release and relinquish to the United States
 Jurisdiction of the right to assess or tax said sites, or any of them, or any improve-
 United States. ments placed thereon for military purposes, so long as the United States
 shall remain the owner thereof.

Approved, April 16, 1880.

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CHAP. 53.—An act donating six condemned cannon and cannon-balls to Post Number Sixty-six, Grand Army of the Republic, of Muncy, Pennsylvania, for monumental purposes.

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 hereby is, authorized to deliver, if the same can be done without detriment to the government, to Post Number Sixty-six, Grand Army of the Republic, of Muncy, Pennsylvania, six condemned cannon and cannon-balls, to be used in ornamenting a monument erected in honor of the deceased soldiers of said Muncy, Pennsylvania.

Approved, April 16, 1880.

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CHAP. 54.—An act to donate twelve condemned bronze cannon to the Blair Monument Association of Saint Louis, Missouri.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to the Blair Monument Association, of Saint Louis, Missouri, or its proper officers, twelve condemned bronze cannon, if the same can be spared without injury to the public service, for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a monument to the late Major-General Francis P. Blair, junior, at the city of Saint Louis, Missouri.

Approved, April 16, 1880.

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CHAP. 55.—An act to change the name of the steamer "J. H. Kelly" to "John Thorn"

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 hereby authorized to change the name of the steamer "J. H. Kelly", of Clayton, New York, to "John Thorn", by which name said steamer may be licensed and known.

Approved, April 16, 1880.

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CHAP. 56.—An act relating to justices of the peace in the Territories.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That when from any cause there shall be a vacancy in the office of justice of the peace in any of the Territories of the United States, it shall be lawful to fill such vacancy by appointment or election, in such manner as has been or may be provided by the governor and legislative assembly of such Territory: *Provided*, That such appointee, or person elected to fill such vacancy, shall hold office only until his successor shall be regularly elected and qualified as provided by law.