

March 2, 1881. **CHAP. 108.**—An act appropriating money for the erection of a penitentiary in the Territory of Dakota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of erecting, under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, a penitentiary building in said Territory of Dakota, upon such tract or parcel of land, at or near the village of Sioux Falls, in Minnehaha County, said Territory, as shall be designated by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided,* That the money hereby appropriated shall be devoted and applied exclusively to the purchase of the necessary grounds and to the erection of a penitentiary in said Territory, and shall not exceed the sum hereby appropriated, including the sum expended for the purchase of grounds upon which to erect said penitentiary; and the penitentiary of the Territory of Dakota is hereby located at or near the village of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, said Territory, upon such tract or parcel of land as shall be selected and designated by the Secretary of the Interior as herein provided.

Approved, March 2, 1881.

March 2, 1881. **CHAP. 109.**—An act to provide for the sale of certain property owned by the United States in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, in charge of public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia, be, and is hereby, authorized to sell and convey, by good and sufficient deed, to each of the owners of lot one, square one hundred and eighty-four; lot five, square one hundred and eighty five; lots five, six, and seven, square one hundred and ninety-eight; lot twelve, square one hundred and ninety-nine, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, such portion of the ground immediately adjoining the front of said lots, or either of them, as will make the angles at the four corners of Sixteenth and K streets, northwest, right angles, upon payment into the Treasury of the United States by said owners, or each of them, of an amount for the number of feet in each lot so to be conveyed at the rate the same may be appraised by three disinterested freeholders resident of the city of Washington, to be selected and sworn to said Chief of Engineers impartially to appraise said real estate at the true value thereof in money; and upon said sale the owners of said lots respectively shall pay into the Treasury of the United States, for the erection of school-buildings in the city of Washington, one-third of said purchase-money, and the remainder thereof, with interest, in one year from the date of sale. No conveyance shall be made until all the purchase-money is paid: *Provided,* That said Chief of Engineers shall not sell or convey one portion or any part of said real estate unless all the same is sold and conveyed.

Approved, March 2, 1881.

March 2, 1881. **CHAP. 110.**—An act appropriating money towards the expense to be incurred in the centennial celebration of the battle on Groton Heights and for other purposes.

Battle of Groton Heights, September 6, 1781. Whereas, the battle of Groton Heights was one of the closing events of the American Revolution, preceding the final surrender of the British forces at Yorktown, in Virginia, only one month and thirteen days, and is logically and historically connected with that great event; and

Centennial celebration. Whereas, the State of Connecticut has already commenced preparations for the centennial celebration of this battle, the massacre attendant upon the capture of Fort Griswold, and the burning of New London

—all scenes in the bloody drama of September sixth, seventeen hundred and eighty-one; and

Whereas the people of the other States of the Union, proud of the part which their fathers took in achieving American Independence, and actuated by the feeling of a common brotherhood, must desire to unite with the people of Connecticut in paying a proper tribute to the patriotism, dauntless courage, and heroic sacrifice of the noble band of men who fought valiantly against superior numbers of British troops, and chose death rather than surrender their homes to the brutality and lust of the invaders: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended by the centennial committee of the Groton Monument Association, under the direction of the Secretary of War, for the purpose of aiding to defray the expenses which will be incurred in celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the battle and massacre at Fort Griswold, or Groton Heights, and the burning of New London, on the sixth day of September, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, in such manner as shall befit the historical significance of that event, and be indicative of the present power, prosperity, and greatness of the United States as a nation.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That the further sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of thoroughly repairing the granite monument erected in eighteen hundred and twenty-six on Groton Heights, and to be disbursed under the direction of the Groton Monument Association.

Repairs of monument.
Appropriation.

SEC. 3. That the centennial committee of the Groton Monument Association are hereby authorized to enter upon and use the battle field on Groton Heights at such times and in such manner as may be necessary for the centennial services.

Approved, March 2, 1881.

CHAP. 111.—An act establishing a life-saving station at Louisville, Kentucky.

March 2, 1881.

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 directed to establish a life-saving station at Louisville, Kentucky, with such equipments and organization as he may think proper, and whatever amount is necessary for said purpose is hereby appropriated out of any money not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That said amount shall not exceed the sum heretofore appropriated for such station.

Life-saving station, Louisville, Ky.

Proviso.

Approved, March 2, 1881.

CHAP. 112.—An act to provide for the construction of a public building at Jackson, in the State of Mississippi.

March 2, 1881

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 he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase or otherwise procure a suitable site for a public building, which site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space not less than fifty feet, including streets and alleys, and cause to be erected thereon, at the city of Jackson, in the State of Mississippi, a substantial and commodious public building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use of the United States district and circuit courts, the land-office, internal-revenue service, and post-office; the plans and

Public building, Jackson, Miss.