

special police officers, without compensation; and such agents or officers shall have power to arrest, without warrant, all persons violating in their presence or sight any law relating to or affecting the protection of children, or other parties so offending by virtue of a warrant issued by the police court of the District of Columbia, which offenders shall be taken by such agents or officers before the said police court of the District of Columbia for trial. Said agents or officers are also hereby empowered to bring before the said court any child who is subjected to cruel treatment, willful abuse, or neglect, or any child under sixteen years of age found in a house of ill-fame; and said court may commit such child to an orphan asylum or other public charitable institution in the District of Columbia, with the consent of the constituted authorities of such asylum or institution, or make such other disposition thereof as now is or may hereafter be provided by law in cases of vagrant, destitute, or abandoned children: *Provided*, That any parent, guardian, or near relative who may feel aggrieved by any order of said court in the premises may appeal therefrom to the criminal court of the District of Columbia.

Powers of officers.

Court to commit.

*Provided*.  
Parent or guardian may appeal.

SEC. 3. That any person in the District of Columbia who shall torture, cruelly beat, abuse, or otherwise willfully maltreat any child under the age of eighteen years; or any person, having the custody and possession of a child under the age of fourteen years, who shall expose, or aid and abet in exposing, such child in any highway, street, field, house, out-house, or other place, with intent to abandon it; or any person, having in his custody or control a child under the age of fourteen years, who shall in any way dispose of it with a view to its being employed as an acrobat, or a gymnast, or a contortionist, or a circus-rider, or a ropewalker, or in any exhibition of like dangerous character, or as a beggar, or mendicant, or pauper, or street-singer, or street-musician; or any person who shall take, receive, hire, employ, use, exhibit, or have in custody any child of the age last named for any of the purposes last enumerated, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and when convicted thereof shall be subject to punishment by a fine of not more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years, or both.

Abuse, abandonment, or wrongful employment of a child declared a misdemeanor; punishable by fine and imprisonment.

SEC. 4. That any person who shall entice, decoy, place, take, or receive any female child under the age of eighteen years into any house of ill-fame or disorderly house, for the purpose of prostitution, or any person who, having in his custody or control such child, shall dispose of it to be so received, or to be received in or for any obscene, indecent, or immoral purpose, exhibition, or practice, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and when convicted thereof shall be subject to punishment by a fine of not more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for a term not exceeding ten years, or both.

Enticing female child to become prostitute, or using for obscene purposes, punishable by fine and imprisonment.

Approved, February 13th, 1885.

CHAP. 59.—An act to enable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to maintain public order during the ceremonies of the inauguration of the President and for other purposes.

February 13, 1885.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That such sum as may be necessary, one half payable from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated and one half from the revenues of the District of Columbia not to exceed eight thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated to enable the Commissioners to maintain public order and to protect life and property during the ceremonies of the inauguration of the President from the twentieth day of February to the sixth day of March eighteen hundred and eighty-five inclusive; and the Commissioners of the District

District of Columbia.

Appropriation.

To protect life and maintain order during ceremonies of inauguration of President in 1885.

Commissioners of Columbia are hereby authorized and required to make all reasonable and needful rules and regulations for preserving public order and protecting life and property and for regulating and fixing fares by public conveyances during the aforesaid period any person violating any of such rules and regulations shall be liable to a fine in the police court of the District of Columbia not to exceed twenty-five dollars.

Penalty.

Approved, February 13th, 1885.

February 14, 1885. **CHAP. 64.**—An act to provide for the erection of a public building in the city of Augusta, Maine.

Augusta, Me.  
Public building.  
Purchase of site.

Cost.

Plans.

Appropriation.

Proviso.  
Title.

*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 hereby is, authorized and directed to purchase or otherwise provide a suitable site, and cause to be erected thereon, at the city of Augusta, in the State of Maine, a substantial and commodious public building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the post-office, United States courts, internal-revenue office, pension office, and for other Government uses. The site, and the building thereon, when completed according to plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed the cost of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, after the site for said building shall have been purchased, to cause a plan and specifications of said building to be prepared, which plan and specifications shall not involve an expenditure, in the erection and completion of said building and the approaches thereto, exceeding the portion of said one hundred and fifty thousand dollars remaining after the site of said building shall have been paid for; and no plan for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the sum so remaining after paying for the site of said building; and the site purchased 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; and for the purposes herein mentioned the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury: *Provided,* That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, and the State of Maine shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owners thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of any civil process therein.

Approved, February 14th, 1885.

February 14, 1885. **CHAP. 65.**—An act for the erection of a public building at Troy New York.

Troy, N. Y.  
Public building.  
Purchase of site.

Plans.

Cost.

*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 a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fire-proof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the Post Office, internal-revenue offices, United States courts, and other Government offices, at the city of Troy, New York. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed for the site and building and approaches complete the sum of two hundred thousand dollars: *Provided,*