

retary of War is authorized and directed to fix reasonable charges for use of said power.

SEC. 2. That unless the work herein authorized be commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof, the privileges hereby granted shall cease and be determined.

SEC. 3. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

**CHAP. 438.**—An Act To enable the city of Albuquerque, New Mexico, to create certain indebtedness, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the city of Albuquerque, in the county of Bernalillo and Territory of New Mexico, is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds of the said city in a sum not to exceed sixty-five thousand dollars in all, in such denominations and at such rate of interest, not exceeding five per centum per annum, as the municipal government of said city shall provide, notwithstanding the Act of Congress approved July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, entitled "An Act to prohibit the passage of local or special laws in the Territories of the United States, to limit Territorial indebtedness, and for other purposes." And any and all bonds of the said city issued in pursuance of the terms of this Act shall be valid and binding obligations of said city, notwithstanding the same or any part thereof may be in excess of the limit of municipal indebtedness fixed by said Act of Congress approved July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six: *Provided,* That the bonds issued by virtue of this Act shall be issued only for the purpose of funding the warrants of said city outstanding on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight. Such bonds shall not be disposed of for less than their par value, and shall not bear a greater rate of interest than five per centum per annum.

SEC. 2. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

**CHAP. 439.**—An Act For the erection of public building at Lockport, New York, and New Brighton, Pennsylvania.

*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 acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices, in the city of Lockport and State of New York, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of fifty thousand dollars.

Proposals for the sale of land suitable for said site shall be invited by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said city of largest circulation for at least twenty days prior to the date specified in the advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be addressed and mailed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall then cause the said proposed sites, and such others as he may think proper to designate, to be examined in person by an agent of the Treasury Department, who shall make written report to said Secretary of the results of said

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examination, and of his recommendation thereon and the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original proposals and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come into his possession relating to said proposed site.

If, upon consideration of said report and accompanying papers, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem further investigation necessary, he may appoint a commission of not more than three persons, one of whom shall be an officer of the Treasury Department, which commission shall also examine the said proposed sites and such others as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, and grant such hearings in relation thereto as they shall deem necessary; and said commission shall, within thirty days after such examination, make to the Secretary of the Treasury written report of their conclusion in the premises, accompanied by all statements, maps, plats, or documents taken by or submitted to them, in like manner as hereinbefore provided in regard to the proceedings of said agent of the Treasury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon finally determine the location of the building to be erected.

The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed six dollars per day and actual traveling expenses: *Provided, however,* That the member of said commission appointed from the Treasury Department shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses.

No part of said sum shall be expended, except ordinary preliminary expenses until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of New York shall have ceded to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein. The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet on each side, including streets and alleys.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices in the borough of New Brighton and State of Pennsylvania, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 440.—An Act Authorizing the commissioner of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company to pay certain dividends barred by the Act of February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

March 3, 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, from the funds in his hands available for that purpose, to all claimants otherwise legally entitled thereto who have not yet received them, the sixty-two per centum in dividends heretofore declared in favor of the depositors of said company, notwithstanding the limitation for the payment of such dividends contained in section eight of an Act entitled "An Act amending the charter of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, and for other purposes," approved February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

Freedman's Savings and Trust Company. Payment of dividend to certain depositors authorized.

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