

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 441.—An Act To amend section nine hundred and forty-one of the Revised Statutes.

Delivery bond in admiralty proceedings.

R. S., sec. 941, p. 179, amended.
General bond.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section nine hundred and forty-one of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

“**SEC. 941.** When a warrant of arrest or other process in rem is issued in any cause of admiralty jurisdiction, except in cases of seizures for forfeiture under any law of the United States, the marshal shall stay the execution of such process, or discharge the property arrested if the process has been levied, on receiving from the claimant of the property a bond or stipulation in double the amount claimed by the libellant, with sufficient surety, to be approved by the judge of the court where the cause is pending, or, in his absence, by the collector of the port, conditioned to answer the decree of the court in such cause. Such bond or stipulation shall be returned to the court, and judgment thereon, against both the principal and sureties, may be recovered at the time of rendering the decree in the original cause. And the owner of any vessel may cause to be executed and delivered to the marshal a bond or stipulation, with sufficient surety, to be approved by the judge of the court in which he is marshal, conditioned to answer the decree of said court in all or any cases that shall thereafter be brought in said court against the said vessel, and thereupon the execution of all such process against said vessel shall be stayed so long as the amount secured by such bond or stipulation shall be at least double the aggregate amount claimed by the libellants in such suits which shall be begun and pending against said vessel; and like judgments and remedies may be had on said bond or stipulation as if a special bond or stipulation had been filed in each of said suits. The court may make such orders as may be necessary to carry this section into effect, and especially for the giving of proper notice of any such suit. Such bond or stipulation shall be indorsed by the clerk with a minute of the suits wherein process is so stayed, and further security may at any time be required by the court. If a special bond or stipulation in the particular cause shall be given under this section, the liability as to said cause on the general bond or stipulation shall cease.”

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—orders, etc.

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CHAP. 442.—An Act To increase the limit of the cost for the erection of a public building in Stockton, California, and making provision for the acquisition of additional land or a new site therefor, and to provide for an addition to the public building at Los Angeles, California, and appropriating money therefor.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the amount heretofore fixed as the limit of the cost for the erection of a public building by the United States Government in Stockton, California, be, and the same is hereby, increased by eighty-one thousand nine hundred dollars, making the aggregate cost thereof one hundred and fifty-six thousand nine hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. That the officers of the United States Government having charge of the erection of public buildings are authorized and required to be governed by the limitation hereby prescribed in making contracts for the erection of said building: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, an additional piece or parcel of land adjacent to the present site of said building, of such size as may be necessary to provide for the site of said building or the future extension thereof, at a cost not to exceed ten thousand dollars; or if, in his judgment, the interests of the Government will be better subserved thereby, in case such adjacent lands can not be procured for a reasonable sum, to exchange

Stockton, Cal.
Limit of cost for public building extended.

Contracts.

Proviso.
Additional ground, etc.

the present site for one of suitable size, or to sell the present site and with the proceeds thereof to purchase a suitable site, using, in connection with such exchange or purchase, so much as may be necessary of said sum of eighty-one thousand nine hundred dollars, not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars, which shall be available for that purpose.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to procure a site for and cause to be erected thereon a suitable addition to the public building now the property of the United States in the city of Los Angeles, California, with fireproof vaults therein, for the adequate accommodation of the United States district and circuit courts, internal revenue, customs offices, and other Government offices in the city of Los Angeles, California.

Los Angeles, Cal.
Public building authorized.

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 all improvements and additions, complete, the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars: *Provided*, That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys; and no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of California 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; and there is hereby appropriated for the purchase of said site and the commencement of said additional building one hundred thousand dollars.

Limit of cost.

Proviso.
Fire space.

Title, etc.

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CHAP. 443.—An Act To provide for the purchase of additional land in the square now occupied by the custom-house in the city of Baltimore, Maryland, and for the erection of a new public building thereon for the accommodation of the Government service in said city.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to acquire title to additional property in the block or square upon which stands the United States custom-house, in the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and to give additional space for the accommodation of the Government service in said custom-house building, the Secretary of the Treasury, acting for and on behalf of the Government of the United States, is hereby authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase or condemnation, a certain lot or piece of ground, with the buildings thereon, in the said city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, now owned and lately occupied by the Merchants' National Bank of Baltimore; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall not pay for such additional property an amount in excess of the sum of one hundred thousand dollars.

Baltimore, Md.
Public building authorized.
Site.

SEC. 2. That after having acquired the lot or parcel of ground specified in the preceding section, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby further authorized and directed to cause to be erected upon the enlarged site, consisting of the property already owned by the Government, and the additional lot authorized to be purchased as aforesaid, reserving such space as it may be deemed necessary to reserve for approaches to said building, a substantial and commodious new fireproof building, including heating apparatus, vaults, elevator service, and approaches, adequate for the use and accommodation of the United States custom-house service, internal revenue service, subtreasury, and other Government offices, excepting the post-office, in the said city of Baltimore. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be

Limit of cost.