

July 7, 1882.

CHAP. 278.—An act for the erection of a public building at Dallas, Texas.

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, and other government offices, at the city of Dallas, in the State of Texas. 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 complete the sum of seventy-five 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 Texas shall have ceded 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 civil process therein.

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CHAP. 279.—An act granting four condemned cannon to Otis Chapman Post Number One hundred and three of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Chicopee, Massachusetts, 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 is hereby authorized to deliver to Otis Chapman Post Number One hundred and three of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Chicopee, Massachusetts, four condemned cast-iron cannon for monumental purposes.

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July 8, 1882.

CHAP. 281.—An act to authorize the construction of a railroad bridge across the Sainte Marie River.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Sault Sainte Marie Bridge Company, a corporation duly organized by and under the laws of the State of Michigan, whenever due authority shall have been given to any person or corporation by the Dominion of Canada with the sanction of the British Government to build or join in the building of a bridge for such purpose, to build a bridge across the Sainte Marie River at or near the rapids in said river, in Chippewa County, Michigan, for the use of and connection of railroads whose business crosses or will cross the river at said locality, and whose lines of road are now or may hereafter approach the river at that place; and that when constructed all the trains of all the roads terminating at said river at that place, or opposite thereto, shall be allowed to cross the said bridge for reasonable compensation to be made to the owners thereof, under the limitations and conditions hereinafter mentioned. And in case of litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of the said river within the waters of the United States, the cause may be tried before the district court of the United States of the State in which any portion of said obstruction or bridge touches.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of said Sault Sainte Marie Bridge Company before entering upon the construction of said bridge to submit to the Secretary of War, for his approval a drawing and description fully showing the plan and location proposed for said bridge; and the construction thereof shall not be entered into until such approval of the plan and of the location of the site of the bridge has been obtained.