

site shall be vested in the United States, and the State of West Virginia shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of any civil process therein: *Provided*, That 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 said 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 fifty thousand dollars remaining after the site of said building shall have been paid for, and no plan 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.

*Proviso.*

Approved, March 3, 1885.

**CHAP. 328.**—An act for the erection of a public building at Wichita, Kansas.

March 3, 1885.

*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 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, United States courts and other Government offices, at the city of Wichita, State of Kansas. 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 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 said 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 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: *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 invested in the United States, nor until the State of Kansas 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 States and the service of civil process therein.

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*Proviso.*

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Approved, March 3, 1885.

**CHAP. 329.**—An act for the erection of a public building at Port Townsend Washington Territory,

March 3, 1885.

*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 custom-house, bonded warehouse, post-office, and other Government offices, at the city of Port Townsend, Washington Territory. The plans, specifications, and full

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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 thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *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 street 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,

Approved, March 3, 1885.

March 3, 1885.

**CHAP. 330.**—An act to amend section eighteen hundred and eighty-nine of chapter one, title twenty-three, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relative to general incorporation acts of Territories.

Powers of Territorial legislatures. R. S., sec. 1889, p. 363, amended. Legislatures of Territories not to grant private charters, but may pass general incorporation acts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section eighteen hundred and eighty-nine of chapter one, title twenty-three, of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended so as to read as follows:

“**SEC. 1889.** The legislative assemblies of the several Territories shall not grant private charters or special privileges, but they may, by general incorporation acts, permit persons to associate themselves together as bodies corporate for mining, banking, manufacturing, or other industrial pursuits, or the construction and operation of railroads, wagon-roads, canals, or irrigating-ditches, and the colonization and improvement of lands in connection therewith, or for colleges, seminaries, churches, libraries, or any benevolent, charitable, or scientific association”.

Approved, March 3d, 1885.

March 3, 1885.

**CHAP. 331.**—An act for the erection of a public building in the city of Auburn, New York.

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Public building.

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Plans, cost, etc.

Appropriation.

Proviso.

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*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 hereby is, authorized and directed to purchase or otherwise provide a suitable site, and cause to be erected thereon, at the city of Auburn, in the State of New York, a substantial and commodious public building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the post-office and United States courts, and for other Government uses. The site and the buildings 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 the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of at least forty 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 said site shall be vested in the United States, and the State of New York shall cede 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 any civil process therein.

Approved, March 3, 1885.