

No money shall be used for the purpose mentioned until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Tennessee 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.

No expenditure until valid title, etc., pass.

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.

Open space.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 558.—An act to incorporate the National Conservatory of Music of America.

March 3, 1891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Jeannette M. Thurber, William G. Choate, Chauncey M. Depew, Abram S. Hewitt, Frank R. Lawrence, of the State of New York; William Pinckney Whyte, Enoch Pratt, of Maryland; Fitz Hugh Lee, William H. Payne, of Virginia; Olive Risley Seward, John Hay, S. P. Langley, Anthony Pollock, C. R. P. Rodgers, John M. Schofield, of the District of Columbia, and such others as may be associated with them, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name National Conservatory of Music of America, with perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of law or equity, to make and use a common seal and alter the same at pleasure; to acquire, take by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, and convey such real and personal estate as shall be required for the purposes of its incorporation; to appoint such officers and agents as the business of the corporation shall require, and to make by-laws not inconsistent with any law of the United States for the admission and qualification of members, the management of its property, and the regulation of its affairs. Said corporation is hereby empowered to found, establish, and maintain a national conservatory of music within the District of Columbia for the education of citizens of the United States and such other persons as the trustees may deem proper in all the branches of music. The said corporation shall have the power to grant and confer diplomas and the degree of doctor of music or other honorary degrees.

National Conservatory of Music incorporated. Corporators.

General powers.

Purpose.

Degrees, etc.

SEC. 2. The power to alter, amend or repeal this act, is hereby reserved.

Amendment etc.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 559.—An act to amend section eight of an act approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, entitled "An act to repeal timber culture laws and for other purposes."

March 3, 1891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section eight of an act entitled "An act to repeal timber culture laws, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, be and the same is hereby amended so as to read as follows:

Repeal of timber culture laws. Post, p. 1099, amended.

"SEC. 8. That suits by the United States to vacate and annul any patent heretofore issued shall only be brought within five years from the passage of this act, and suits to vacate and annul patents hereafter issued shall only be brought within six years after the date of the issuance of such patents. And in the States of Colorado, Montana, Idaho, North Dakota, and South Dakota, Wyoming, and the District of Alaska, and the gold and silver regions of Nevada and

Suits to annul patents, to be brought in six years.

Timber depredation suits in certain states, etc.

the Territory of Utah in any criminal prosecution or civil action by the United States for a trespass on such public timber lands or to recover timber or lumber cut thereon it shall be a defense if the defendant shall show that the said timber was so cut or removed from the timber lands for use in such State or Territory by a resident thereof for agricultural, mining, manufacturing, or domestic purposes under rules and regulations made and prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior and has not been transported out of the same, but nothing herein contained shall operate to enlarge the rights of any railway company to cut timber on the public domain, provided that the Secretary of the Interior may make suitable rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this act, and he may designate the sections or tracts of land where timber may be cut, and it shall not be lawful to cut or remove any timber except as may be prescribed by such rules and regulations, but this act shall not operate to repeal the act of June third, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, providing for the cutting of timber on mineral lands.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

March 3, 1891.	CHAP. 560. —An act to provide for the purchase of a site and the erection of a public building thereon at Saginaw, in the State of Michigan.
Preamble.	Whereas the Legislature of the State of Michigan, at its biennial session, in the year Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and eighty-nine, by law provided for the consolidation of the cities of Saginaw and East Saginaw in the State of Michigan, under the name of Saginaw; and
Saginaw, Mich. Public building.	Whereas the population of the said joint cities is of the number of sixty-five thousand inhabitants; and,
Site.	Whereas two presidential post offices are in existence within the limits of the said cities to be consolidated: Therefore,
Cost.	<i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i> 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 fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices, in the city of Saginaw and State of Michigan, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of One hundred thousand dollars, which said sum of
Appropriation.	One hundred thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for said purpose out of any moneys in the United States Treasury not otherwise appropriated.
Proposals to be advertised for.	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 said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.
Responses.	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 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 the said proposed sites.
Examination by Treasury agent.	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,
Appointment of commission.	