

acquire by condemnation, or otherwise provide a site and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fireproof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the post-office and for other Government uses at Lawrence, Massachusetts. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of one hundred thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodation for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site nor plan for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of one hundred thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys.

Limit of cost.

Fire space.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 358.—An Act To provide for the erection of a public building at Elizabeth City, North Carolina.

March 2, 1899.

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, or otherwise provide, a suitable site, and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fireproof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the courts of the United States, post-office, and other offices of the Government at Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of fifty thousand dollars, nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site nor plan for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of fifty thousand dollars for site and building. The site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided,* That no part of said sum except the ordinary preliminary expenses shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of North Carolina shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Elizabeth City, N. C.
Public building au-
thorized.

Limit of cost.

Fire space.

Provided.
Title, etc.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 359.—An Act To provide for a building for the use of the post-office, and other civil offices in the city of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

March 2, 1899.

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 cause to be constructed on the permanent reservation owned by the United States at Hot Springs, in the State of Arkansas, and at such spot thereon as may be selected and set apart by the Secretary of the Interior and

Hot Springs, Ark.
Public building au-
thorized.

Limit of cost.

accepted by the Secretary of the Treasury for such purpose, a suitable building, with fireproof vaults, to be used for post-office and other Government offices, not to exceed in cost the sum of seventy-eight thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall cause proper plans and estimates to be made, so that no expenditure shall be made or authorized for the full completion of said building beyond the amount herein specified.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 360.—An Act For the erection of a public building at Menominee, Michigan.

Menominee, Mich.
Public building au-
thorized.

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 or acquire by condemnation a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fireproof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the post-office and other Government offices at Menominee, State of Michigan. 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: *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.

Limit of price.

Proviso.
Fire space.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 361.—An Act To provide for the erection of a public building at Kansas City, Kansas.

Kansas City, Kans.
Public building au-
thorized.

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 fireproof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the post-office and other Government offices at the city of Kansas City, 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 one hundred and 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 approaches thereto exceeding the portion of said one hundred and fifty thousand dollars remaining after the site for 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.

Limit of price.

Proviso.
Fire space.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 362.—An Act Regulating the postage on letters written by the blind.

Postal service.
Postage on letters
written by the blind.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all letters written in point print or raised characters used by the blind when unsealed shall be transmitted through the mails as third-class matter. All acts or parts of acts conflicting with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 2, 1899.