

sylvania avenue and Madison place (Fifteen-and-a-half street northwest), in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, part of which is covered by the building now occupied by the Department; and the construction of said building shall be in charge of the Attorney-General, who shall be authorized and directed to select and adopt plans for the said building and to make contracts for its construction and for the removal of the old building, after proper advertisements and the reception of plans and bids, and to pay to the persons submitting the two sets of plans next in order of merit to those selected such sums as, in his judgment, shall be proper compensation for their preparation; and for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Act and completing and furnishing the said building the sum of one million dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the money appropriated for said building shall be expended under the direction of the Attorney-General.

SEC. 2. That said building shall be constructed so as to provide a court room and necessary accommodations for the Court of Claims. In the meantime the Attorney-General is authorized to hire temporary quarters for the use of said court, and to remove said court and its records and archives thereto; and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for that purpose, to remain available until expended.

Accommodation for Court of Claims, etc.

SEC. 3. That the Attorney-General shall annually report to Congress at the commencement of each session a detailed statement of all the proceedings made under the provisions of this Act.

Report.

SEC. 4. The limit of cost of said building is one million of dollars and no plan therefor shall be accepted or construction thereof entered upon that will involve an expenditure exceeding the limit of cost fixed herein.

Limit of cost.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 447.—An Act Authorizing the exchange of lot six, of square ten, known as the old custom-house lot, in the city of Saint Augustine, Florida, for lands adjoining that part of the United States military reservation in said city designated as the powder-house lot.

March 3, 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 empowered to convey the title of the United States to lot six, of square ten, in the city of Saint Augustine, State of Florida, known as the old custom house lot, to Charles F. Hamblen, or his heirs or assigns, in exchange and upon a conveyance by said Charles F. Hamblen, his executors or assigns, to the United States of America of the lot of land known as the Hedrick lot, in square forty-four, in said city of Saint Augustine, situated between the United States military reservation known as the powder-house lot and the Matanzas River or Bay, with all riparian rights and water privileges to said lot belonging. But the conveyance of the said lands belonging to the United States by the Secretary of the Treasury shall be subject to the rights of Henry M. Flagler in and to a lease of the same heretofore made to him by the Treasury Department: *Provided, however,* That the exchange of lands herein authorized shall not take effect until the governor of the State of Florida shall have ceded to the United States jurisdiction over the said lands to be conveyed by the said Charles F. Hamblen, with exemption from State, county, and municipal taxation: *And provided further,* That the title to the land authorized to be acquired by this Act shall be approved by the Attorney-General.

St. Augustine, Fla.
Exchange authorized of old custom-house lot for adjoining lands.

Provisos.
Jurisdiction over lands conveyed, etc.

Title.

SEC. 2. That an open thoroughfare or street sixty feet in width shall be maintained along the northern boundary of the present military reservation known as the powder-house lot and along the northern boundary of the lands which shall have been acquired as aforesaid by the

Street along northern boundary of military reservation, etc.

United States; this provision to be operative when the city of Saint Augustine shall by ordinance abolish that part of Marine street south of the north line of said powder-house lot, or sooner, at the discretion of the Secretary of War.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 448.—An Act To authorize the construction of a bridge across the Missouri River at the city of Yankton, South Dakota.

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 Dakota Southern Railroad Company, a corporation organized for that purpose under the general corporation laws of the State of South Dakota, or its assigns, to construct, under and subject to the conditions and limitations hereafter provided, a combined railroad, wagon, and foot-passenger bridge across the Missouri River, at the city of Yankton, South Dakota, and to lay on and over said bridge railway tracks for the more perfect connection of any and all railways that now are, or which may hereafter be, constructed to the Missouri River at the city of Yankton, or to the river on the opposite side of the same, near the city of Yankton, and to build, erect, and lay on and over said bridge ways for wagon, vehicles of all kinds, and for the transit of animals, and to provide ways for foot passengers, and to maintain and operate said bridge for the purposes aforesaid; and that when said bridge is constructed all trains of railroads terminating at said river, and on the opposite side thereof, at the city of Yankton, South Dakota, shall be allowed to cross said bridge for reasonable compensation to be made to the owners of the same; and if the amount of said compensation can not be agreed upon by the parties the same shall be fixed by the Secretary of War. The owners of said bridge may also charge and receive reasonable compensation or tolls for the transit over said bridge of all wagons, carriages, vehicles, animals, and foot passengers: *Provided*, That the Secretary of War may at any time prescribe such rates of toll for such transit over said bridge as may be deemed proper and reasonable.

Dakota Southern
Railroad may bridge
Missouri River at
Yankton.

Transit, etc.

Tolls.

Proviso.
—rates.

May be drawbridge,
etc.

Proviso.
Construction if built
of unbroken spans.

—if as drawbridge.

Draw.
Lights.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under the provisions of this Act may, at the option of the corporation building the same, be built as a draw-bridge, or with unbroken or continuous spans: *Provided*, That if the same shall be made of unbroken continuous spans, it shall not be in any case of less elevation than fifty feet above extreme high-water mark, as understood at the point of location, to the lowest part of the superstructure; nor shall the spans of said bridge be less than three hundred feet in the clear at low-water mark; and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current of the river at high water, and the main spans shall be over the main channels of the river: *And provided also*, That if a bridge shall be built under this Act as a draw-bridge the same shall be constructed as a pivot drawbridge, with one or more draws, as the Secretary of War may prescribe, and with spans of not less than two hundred feet in length in the clear on each side of the central or pivot piers of the draws, and the next adjoining spans over the river to the draws shall not be less than two hundred and fifty feet in the clear, measured at low water; and said spans shall not be less than ten feet above extreme high-water mark, measuring to the lowest part of the superstructure of the bridge; and the piers of said bridge shall be parallel with the current of the river at high water: *And provided also*, That said draw shall be opened promptly, upon reasonable signal, without unnecessary delay; and said company or corporation shall maintain, at its own expense, from sunset till sunrise, such lights or other signals on said bridge as the Light-House Board shall prescribe, and such sheer booms or other structures as may be necessary to safely guide vessels, rafts, or other water craft safely