

Appropriation
for military posts
on Yellow-stone
and Muscleshell
Rivers.

States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the construction of such military posts or depots, at such points as may be selected by the Secretary of War.

Approved, July 22, 1876.

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CHAP. 224.—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to purchase a parcel of land on the Island of Key West, Florida.

Purchase of land
on island of Key
West.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to purchase, for the use of the United States, at a price which shall be agreed upon between him and the owners, and not to exceed two thousand dollars, a certain parcel or tract not exceeding five acres of land claimed by W. C. Maloney and wife, lying and situate on the island of Key West, Florida, and adjoining the military reservation on said island: *Provided*, That the title of said parties to said property shall be found to be in all respects good and valid in law and equity; but this authority shall expire at the end of one year from the passage of this act, and the necessary amount of money to pay for the said land in the event of purchase is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

Possession re-
stored in case of
disagreement.

SEC. 2. That if the Secretary of War and the owners of said property shall be unable to agree upon a price to be paid by the United States for said land, or if for any reason the United States shall fail to acquire the title to the same within a reasonable time after the passage of this act, then it shall be the duty of the Secretary of War to cause the possession of said property if the same belongs to the said Maloney and wife or such part of it as is now or may be occupied by the United States, to be restored to them.

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CHAP. 225.—An act to extend the duration of the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims

Ante, pp. 1, 3, 6,
32.

Alabama claims
court continued.

1874, ch. 459,
18 Stat., 245.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the existence of the Court of Commissioners of Alabama Claims, created by the act entitled "An act for the creation of a court for the adjudication and disposition of certain moneys received into the Treasury under an award made by the tribunal of arbitration constituted by virtue of the first article of the treaty concluded at Washington the eighth of May, anno Domini, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, between the United States of America and the Queen of Great Britain," be, and the same is hereby, continued and extended to the first day of January next, with the same effect and no other as if said last named day had been named in said act for the termination of the powers of said court, and said act is hereby continued in force during said period.

Powers of clerk
continued.

SEC. 2. That the powers of the clerk of said court are hereby extended for an additional period, not to exceed two months from and after the termination of the existence of the court, for the purpose of closing his accounts, depositing the records, documents, and all other papers in the possession of the court or its officers in the Office of the Secretary of State, as provided in said act; and all disbursements made by him during this period shall be under the direction of the Secretary of State.

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