

CHAP. 66.—An act to provide for the sale or exchange of a certain piece of land in the Wallabout Bay, in the State of New York, to the city of Brooklyn.

Feb. 26, 1877.

Whereas, the United States Government owns certain lands in the city of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, that are unoccupied, are partly under water, and are not needed for Government use; and

Unoccupied lands of United States in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Whereas the city of Brooklyn is without an available site for a public market for the accommodation of its inhabitants, and has appealed to its representatives in Congress to secure a site for such building on the lands of the United States at Wallabout Bay; Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized, empowered, and directed to organize a commission of three members. The commission when organized shall proceed to arrange equitable terms, conditions and considerations for the conveyance, to the city of Brooklyn, of all that certain piece or parcel of land partly under water, situate in Wallabout Bay, in the State of New York, and bounded and described as follows: Beginning at the intersection of the northerly side of Flushing avenue with the westerly side of Washington avenue; running thence westerly along the northerly side of Flushing avenue five hundred and sixty feet to the westerly side of Clinton avenue; thence northerly in a straight line in continuation of the westerly line of Clinton avenue sixteen hundred and fifty feet to tide water; thence easterly along the water-front to the westerly side of Washington avenue; and thence southerly along the westerly side of Washington avenue fourteen hundred and seventy-five feet to the point or place of beginning, be any or all of the said several dimensions more or less; the land being bounded on the north by Wallabout Bay; on the east by Washington avenue; on the south by Flushing avenue; and on the west by Clinton avenue.

Commission to arrange conveyance.

Description.

SEC. 2. That when the commission, or a majority of its members, shall have agreed on the consideration, terms, and conditions of sale, they shall report their conclusions to the Secretary of the Navy, who shall lay them before Congress at the beginning of its next session, and if Congress shall ratify the same, and authorize it to be done, the Secretary of the Navy shall make, execute and deliver to the city of Brooklyn a good and sufficient deed of conveyance of the land above described, or such part thereof as the said commissioners may recommend the sale of, as soon as the terms agreed upon shall have been complied with.

Report of commissioners, and of Secretary of Navy.

Conveyance.

Approved, February 26, 1877.

CHAP. 67.—An act to refund to the mayor and city council of Baltimore certain moneys illegally assessed and collected for internal-revenue tax.

Feb. 27, 1877.

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 required to pay to the mayor and city council of Baltimore the sum of thirteen thousand five hundred dollars, which sum, due the said mayor and city council as interest from the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, was collected from said company illegally as an internal revenue tax, by Joseph J. Lewis, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, on the nineteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; the same to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation. To pay city of Baltimore.

Approved, February 27, 1877.

CHAP. 68.—An act to provide for changing and fixing the boundaries of certain property ceded to the Government of the United States by the city of Memphis, Tennessee.

Feb. 27, 1877.

Whereas, the corporate authorities of the city of Memphis in the State of Tennessee, are desirous, in order to render the same more eligible and suitable for the purpose intended, of enlarging, changing,

Preamble.

and fixing in more definite terms the boundaries of the lot of land heretofore given and granted by the said corporate authorities to the Government of the United States for a site upon which to erect a custom-house, post-office, bonded warehouse, and United States district and circuit court rooms, in the said city of Memphis, and which said lot of land was accepted by the Government of the United States under and by virtue of an act of Congress approved March first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act to provide for the further building of a custom-house, post-office, bonded warehouse, and United States district and circuit court rooms in the city of Memphis, Tennessee," and upon which said building is now being erected, in pursuance of the act of Congress aforesaid; and the Secretary of the Treasury being of the opinion that such enlargement and change in the boundaries of said lot of ground would greatly increase its value to the Government, make it more suitable for the location of a public building, and in no way interfere with the work already done in the construction of the custom-house, post-office, and so forth, aforesaid, nor increase the cost thereof: Therefore,

1876, ch. 106,
Ante, 55.

Acceptance of lot
in Memphis for cus-
tom-house, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following described property or lot of land in the city of Memphis and State of Tennessee, namely, beginning at a point where the west line of Front street intersects the north line of the first alley south of Madison street, and running thence northward with the west line of Front street three hundred and sixty four and twenty five hundredths feet, to a stake; thence westward at right angles to Front street, and with the south line of the first alley north of Madison street, for a distance of three hundred feet, to a stake; thence southward parallel to the west line of Front street, three hundred and sixty four and twenty-five hundredths feet, to a stake; and thence eastward with the north line of the first alley south of Madison street to the beginning, given and granted by the said city of Memphis to the Government of the United States for a site upon which to erect a custom-house, post-office, bonded warehouse, and United States district and circuit court rooms, and upon a part of which said building is now being erected under and by virtue of the said act of Congress, approved March first eighteen hundred and seventy six, be, and the same is hereby accepted for the purposes aforesaid; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to use and cover such parts thereof in the continuation of said building as he may deem advisable.

Retrocession to
Memphis.

SEC. 2. That so much of the property or lot of ground heretofore granted by the city of Memphis, to the Government of the United States for the purposes aforesaid as is not covered by, and included in the foregoing description is hereby ceded back to the said city of Memphis: *Provided, however,* That the foregoing provisions of this act shall not take effect unless the said city of Memphis shall execute to the Government of the United States a valid deed to the property hereinbefore described.

Proviso.

1876, ch. 106,
Ante, 55,
Repealed in part.

SEC. 3. That so much of the act of Congress approved March first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act to further provide for the building of a custom-house, post-office, bonded warehouse, and United States court-rooms in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, as authorizes and directs the Secretary of the Treasury to sell certain property therein mentioned, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

Approved, February 27, 1877.

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CHAP. 69.—An act to perfect the revision of the statutes of the United States, and of the statutes relating to the District of Columbia.

Correction of Re-
vised Statutes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of correcting errors and supplying omissions in the act entitled "An act to revise