

Purchase of
books for the
use of Congress.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That for the purchase of such books as may be necessary for the use of Congress at the said city of Washington, and for fitting up a suitable apartment for containing them and for placing them therein, the sum of five thousand dollars shall be, and hereby is appropriated; and that the said purchase shall be made by the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House of Representatives, pursuant to such directions as shall be given, and such catalogue as shall be furnished by a joint committee of both houses of Congress to be appointed for that purpose; and that the said books shall be placed in one suitable apartment in the capitol in the said city, for the use of both houses of Congress and the members thereof, according to such regulations as the committee aforesaid shall devise and establish.

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Appropriations
how to be paid.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the several appropriations aforesaid shall be paid out of any monies in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 24, 1800.

STATUTE I.

April 25, 1800.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act to authorize the President of the United States to accept, for the United States, a cession of jurisdiction of the territory west of Pennsylvania, commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut.*

The President
may issue let-
ters patent re-
leasing the right
of the United
States to the
soil of the West-
ern Reserve.

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 hereby is authorized to execute and deliver letters patent in the name and behalf of the United States, to the governor of the state of Connecticut for the time being, for the use and benefit of the persons holding and claiming under the state of Connecticut, their heirs and assigns for ever, whereby all the right, title, interest and estate of the United States, to the soil of that tract of land lying west of the west line of Pennsylvania, as claimed by the state of Pennsylvania, and as the same has been actually settled, ascertained and run in conformity to an agreement between the said state of Pennsylvania and the state of Virginia, and extending from said line westward one hundred and twenty statute miles in length, and in breadth throughout the said limits in length from the completion of the forty-first degree of north latitude, until it comes to forty-two degrees and two minutes north latitude, including all that territory commonly called the Western Reserve of Connecticut, and which was excepted by said state of Connecticut out of the cession by the said state heretofore made to the United States, and accepted by a resolution of Congress of the fourteenth of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, shall be released and conveyed as aforesaid to the said governor of Connecticut, and his successors in said office, for ever, for the purpose of quieting the grantees and purchasers under said state of Connecticut, and confirming their titles to the soil of the said tract of land.

Provided Con-
necticut shall
cede to the
United States
certain western
lands;

Provided however, That such letters patent shall not be executed and delivered, unless the state of Connecticut shall, within eight months from passing this act, by a legislative act, renounce for ever, for the use and benefit of the United States, and of the several individual states who may be therein concerned respectively, and of all those deriving claims or titles from them or any of them, all territorial and jurisdictional claims whatever, under any grant, charter or charters whatever, to the soil and jurisdiction of any and all lands whatever lying westward, northward, and southwestward of those counties in the state of Connecticut, which are bounded westwardly by the eastern line of the state of New York, as ascertained by agreement between Connecticut and New York, in the year one thousand seven hundred and thirty-three, excepting only from such renunciation the claim of said state of Connecticut, and of those claiming from or under the said state, to the soil of said tract of

land herein described under the name of the Western Reserve of Connecticut.

And provided also, that the said state of Connecticut shall, within the said eight months from and after passing this act, by the agent or agents of said state duly authorized by the legislature thereof, execute and deliver to the acceptance of the President of the United States, a deed expressly releasing to the United States the jurisdictional claim of the said state of Connecticut, to the said tract of land herein described under the name of the Western Reserve of Connecticut, and shall deposit an exemplification of said act of renunciation, under the seal of the said state of Connecticut, together with said deed releasing said jurisdiction, in the office of the department of state of the United States, which deed of cession when so deposited shall vest the jurisdiction of said territory in the United States: *Provided*, that neither this act, nor any thing contained therein, shall be construed so as in any manner to draw into question the conclusive settlement of the dispute between Pennsylvania and Connecticut, by the decree of the federal court at Trenton, nor to impair the right of Pennsylvania or any other state, or of any person or persons claiming under that or any other state, in any existing dispute concerning the right, either of soil or of jurisdiction, with the state of Connecticut, or with any person or persons claiming under the state of Connecticut: *And provided also*, that nothing herein contained shall be construed in any manner to pledge the United States for the extinguishment of the Indian title to the said lands, or further than merely to pass the title of the United States thereto.

and execute a deed relinquishing her jurisdictional claim to the Western Reserve.

Saving certain constructions.

APPROVED, April 28, 1800.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act to provide for rebuilding the Lighthouse at New London; for the support of a Lighthouse at Clark's Point; for the erection and support of a Lighthouse at Wigwam Point, and for other purposes.*

April 29, 1800.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, there shall be purchased for the use of the United States, so much land contiguous to their territory, now occupied for the lighthouse at New London, as shall be sufficient for vaults and any other purpose, necessary for the better support of the said lighthouse: *Provided*, that the legislature of the state of Connecticut shall cede to the United States the jurisdiction of such additional territory.

Lighthouse at New London.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall be, and he is hereby authorized, at his discretion, to procure a new lantern with suitable distinctions, and to cause convenient vaults to be erected, and the said lighthouse at New London to be rebuilt.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the lighthouse lately erected at Clark's Point, so called, at the entrance of Accushnet river, within the town of New Bedford, in the state of Massachusetts, shall and may be supported at the expense of the United States: And the Secretary of the Treasury shall and may appoint a keeper thereof, and take further order respecting the same as in other cases: *Provided*, that the property and jurisdiction of the said lighthouse, and sufficient territory for the accommodation thereof, shall be fully ceded and legally vested in the United States.

Lighthouse at Clark's Point.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, there shall be provided and maintained at the expense of the United States, not exceeding six buoys to be placed within Buzzard's Bay, upon the most dangerous ledges there, in such manner as the safety of navigation in that bay requires.

Buoys to be placed within Buzzard's Bay.