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CHAP. XLVI. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to accept League Island, in the Delaware River, for naval Purposes, and to dispense with and dispose of the Site of the existing Yard at Philadelphia.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and is hereby, authorized to receive and accept from the city authorities of the city of Philadelphia, the title to League island, in the Delaware river, and adjacent marsh land, including the whole of the creek known as the Back channel, from the Schuylkill to the Delaware river, and all the riparian rights and privileges of said League island, adjacent marsh, and Back channel, together with so much of the opposite shore of the Back channel from the League island shore as shall, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Navy, be ample to enable the government to have the sole and exclusive use of said Back channel and both shores thereof; the said island and appurtenances to be held for naval purposes by the government of the United States: *Provided,* That the said League island, marsh adjacent, and Back channel, with its shores as aforesaid, shall not be received or accepted until the title to the whole of the same, as herein described, is complete and indefeasible, nor unless the acceptance thereof shall be recommended by a board of officers to be appointed by the President: *Provided further,* That if League island be selected, the navy yard at Philadelphia shall be dispensed with and disposed of by the United States as soon as the public convenience will admit.

Island and appurtenances to be held for naval purposes exclusively.

When League island is selected, the navy yard at Philadelphia to be dispensed with, &c.

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CHAP. XLVII. — *An Act to authorize the Trustees of the Foundry (Methodist Episcopal) Church to sell and convey Square Number two hundred and thirty-five in the City of Washington.*

The trustees of the Foundry Church, in Washington, D. C. may sell and convey square numbered two hundred and thirty-five in that city, free of any trust, &c.

The dead interred in that ground to be removed and placed in some public cemetery, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Presley Simpson, James W. Barker, Edward Owen, David A. Gardner, Nathaniel Mullikin, William J. Sibley, Daniel D. T. Leech, Edward F. Simpson, and Richard T. Morsell, trustees of the Foundry (Methodist Episcopal) Church, in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to sell and convey a certain square of ground in said city, known and distinguished on the ground plan thereof as square numbered two hundred and thirty-five, now held by said trustees in trust for said church, and lately used, in part, as a burial-ground, free and discharged of and from any trust, express or implied, now existing, or which may hereafter, before the execution of a conveyance of said square, exist, in said trustees, or their successors, whether by virtue of the deed originally conveying the same to the trustees of said church, or by virtue of any deed or deeds, certificate or certificates, or any writing or writings whatever, by said trustees or their predecessors, conveying any lot or lots, site or sites, in the part of said square used as a burial-ground as aforesaid, and free and discharged of and from any and every right, title, and interest, legal and equitable, now existing in any lot-holder in said burial-ground, under any contract with said trustees or their predecessors: *Provided, however,* That the said trustees or their successors shall, out of the proceeds of such sale, remove or cause to be removed the dead that are now interred in said ground, and give them decent sepulture in some public cemetery outside the corporate limits of the city of Washington.

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