

bama, to aid in the construction of the Mobile and Girard Railroad, or the Tennessee and Coosa Railroad, which said lands lie opposite to and coterminus with those portions of either of said roads which were constructed prior to the passage of the forfeiture Act of September twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety (Twenty-fifth Statutes, page four hundred and ninety-six), the title to which is asserted and claimed by the vendee, or successor in interest of either of said railroad companies, such homesteader is hereby accorded the privilege of transferring his claim thus initiated under the homestead laws to any other nonmineral unappropriated public land subject to homestead entry, with full credit for the period of residence and for improvements made upon his said homestead entry prior to the order of its cancellation, or prior to the passage of this Act: *Provided*, That he has not forfeited or voluntarily abandoned his homestead claim and that his application for transfer is presented within one year from the date of the passage of this Act.

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*Proviso.*  
Restriction.

Relinquishment of patented title.

“Should such homesteader elect, however, to retain the tract embraced in his homestead entry heretofore canceled, or the tract so entered by him, the title to which may be claimed by the vendee or successor in interest of either of said railroad companies, the holder of the patented title, through the railroad grant, or of the title so claimed and asserted by any person, association, or corporation under either of said railroad grants as aforesaid shall thereupon be invited to relinquish or reconvey to the United States of America the land included in such homestead entry, and upon filing such relinquishment or reconveyance the party making such relinquishment or reconveyance shall be entitled to select and receive patent for an equal quantity of nontimbered, nonmineral, and unappropriated surveyed public lands subject to homestead entry within three years after the passage of this Act, and upon the filing of such relinquishment or reconveyance all right, title, and interest under and through either of the said railroad grants or the confirmatory patent hereinbefore referred to shall revert to the United States, and the tract thus relinquished or reconveyed shall be treated and disposed of as other public lands of the United States: *Provided, however*, That such previous homesteader shall be reinstated in his rights and permitted to complete title to the land previously entered as though no cancellation of his homestead entry had been made or the title to the land had not been claimed and asserted adversely to him as aforesaid: *Provided*, That such homesteader or vendee or successor in interest of either of said railroad companies shall not be permitted to select more than one hundred and sixty acres of lands in one section nor more than three hundred and twenty acres of contiguous lands.”

Patentee entitled to equal acreage of nontimbered, etc., lands.

Reversion.

*Provisos.*  
May complete title to land formerly entered.

Restriction.

Regulations.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe rules and regulations for the administration of this Act.

Approved, March 4, 1907, 11 a. m.

**CHAP. 2925.**—An Act To provide for the establishment of an immigration station at New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, and the erection in said city, on a site to be selected for said station, of a public building.

March 4, 1907.  
[S. 7247.]

[Public, No. 260.]

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of Commerce and Labor be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to establish an immigration station at the city of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, and to cause to be erected on a site to be selected a public building to temporarily accommodate and care for immigrants arriving at said city: *Provided*, That the land and dock room necessary for said station and building be transferred to the Government of the United States free of any cost to the United States.

New Orleans, La.  
Public building at  
for immigration station,  
authorized.

*Proviso.*  
Site free of cost.

Appropriation from immigrant fund.

SEC. 2. That the sum of seventy thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the erection of said building, which sum shall be paid from the immigrant fund, said sum to include heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators, and approaches.

Approved, March 4, 1907, 11 a. m.

March 4, 1907.  
[S. 8012.]

CHAP. 2926.—An Act To erect a monument on the Tippecanoe battle ground in Tippecanoe County, Indiana.

[Public, No. 261.]

Tippecanoe battle-field, Ind.  
Appropriation for monument.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended with the sum hereinafter named, under the direction of the Secretary of War, in procuring and erecting a monument upon Tippecanoe battle ground in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, in honor of General William Henry Harrison and the soldiers who composed the American army in the battle of Tippecanoe on the seventh day of November, eighteen hundred and eleven: *Provided,* That this appropriation is made upon the condition that the State of Indiana shall provide a like sum, to be expended for said purpose under the direction of the Secretary of War, in connection with the sum herein appropriated; and no part of the sum herein appropriated shall be available until said sum to be provided by the State of Indiana shall have been placed at the disposal of the Secretary of War.

Proviso.  
State to provide like amount.

Appointment of commission.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of War shall appoint one person who, with the governor of the State of Indiana and the president of the Tippecanoe Battle Ground Memorial Association, a voluntary association in Tippecanoe County, Indiana, shall constitute a commission, whose duty it shall be to select a suitable design for said monument, with such emblems and inscriptions as will properly commemorate the valor and sacrifices of the American army at the battle of Tippecanoe, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Selection of design.

Selection of site, etc.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of said commission to select a site for said monument, which shall be on the battle ground, to superintend the erection thereof, and to make all necessary and proper arrangements for the unveiling and dedication of the same when it shall have been completed. Said commissioners shall serve without compensation, and the State of Indiana shall make due provision for the protection and preservation of said monument without expense to the Government of the United States.

Service without compensation.  
Protection and preservation.

Approved, March 4, 1907, 11 a. m.

March 4, 1907.  
[S. 8119.]

CHAP. 2927.—An Act To readjust the boundaries of the naval reservations in Porto Rico established in pursuance of the Act of July first, nineteen hundred and two.

[Public, No. 262.]

Porto Rico.  
Exchange of lands with.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered by proclamation giving specific description thereof by metes and bounds or otherwise, to cede, transfer, and convey to the government of Porto Rico, to be held and disposed of for the use and benefit of the people of said island, such portions as are not needed for naval purposes of the tract of eighty acres of public land lying along the Caguas road, city of San Juan, Porto Rico, heretofore, by paragraph marked one of the Executive proclamation of June twenty-sixth, nineteen hundred and three,