

February 18, 1925.
[H. R. 4441.]
[Public, No. 424.]

CHAP. 265.—An Act To amend section 4044 of the Revised Statutes, as amended.

Postal Service.
R. S., sec. 4044, p.
779, amended.
Rendering of money-
order accounts.
Vol. 28, p. 32, amend-
ed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4044 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is amended to read as follows:

“It shall be the duty of postmasters at post offices authorized to issue money orders to render to the comptroller, Bureau of Accounts, Post Office Department, quarterly, monthly, semimonthly, weekly, semiweekly, or daily account, of all money orders issued and paid, of all fees received for issuing them, of all transfers and payments made from money-order funds, and of all money received to be used for the payment of money orders or on account of money-order business.”

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[H. R. 8090.]
[Public, No. 425.]

CHAP. 266.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to remove the quarantine station now situated at Fort Morgan, Alabama, to Sand Island, near the entrance of the port of Mobile, Alabama, and to construct thereon a new quarantine station.

Mobile, Ala., quaran-
tine station.
Site on Sand Island
to be used for.

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 is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be constructed on a site now owned by the United States Government on Sand Island, near the entrance of the port of Mobile, Alabama, or on such site on this island as may hereafter be ceded to the United States by the State of Alabama, a quarantine station at a cost for station, dredging, and all other improvements and appurtenances provided for by this Act not exceeding \$300,000, which amount is hereby authorized to be appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby further authorized to accept title for and on behalf of the United States to such additional lands on Sand Island as may be ceded by the State of Alabama to the United States for use as a national quarantine station as aforesaid.

Cost authorized for
construction.

Acceptance of title
for lands ceded by Ala-
bama.

Facilities for opera-
tions, equipment, etc.

Proviso.
Amount for furnish-
ing, etc.
Post, p. 1343.

Transfer and dispo-
sal of equipment
from station at Fort
Morgan.

SEC. 2. That the said quarantine station shall include such wharves, bulkheads, buildings and equipment, water supply, electric-lighting system, telephone cable, heating and sewage systems, and the dredging of a channel leading to the proposed wharves, and such other facilities as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Treasury for the proper operation of a quarantine station: *Provided,* That \$40,000 of the amount herein authorized to be appropriated may be used for miscellaneous furnishing and equipment.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized to transfer and remove such furniture, equipment, articles, and materials as may be useful in the construction and equipment of the new quarantine station at Sand Island, Alabama, from the quarantine station now maintained at Fort Morgan, Alabama, and make such disposition of the buildings, site, and equipment at Fort Morgan, Alabama, at such time and on such terms as he may deem to be to the best interests of the Government.

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[H. R. 4548.]
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CHAP. 267.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of Commerce to acquire, by condemnation or otherwise, a certain tract of land in the District of Columbia for the enlargement of the present site of the Bureau of Standards.

District of Columbia.
Bureau of Standards.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Commerce be, and he is hereby, authorized to acquire,

by condemnation or otherwise, that certain parcel of land herein-after more fully described, aggregating approximately three hundred and forty-six thousand two hundred and thirty-four square feet, for the enlargement of the present site of the Bureau of Standards, at a price or cost not to exceed \$173,117, the said land being that lying to the east of the main site of the Bureau of Standards, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, including the land situated and lying between Tilden and Van Ness Streets, and extending along Connecticut Avenue, bounded and described approximately as follows:

Beginning at the southwest corner of Van Ness Street, sixty feet wide, and Connecticut Avenue, one hundred and thirty feet wide, south twenty-four degrees twenty-six minutes east, eight hundred and forty-five and eighty-two one-hundredths feet to the center line of Tilden Street, one hundred and twenty feet wide, as proposed by District of Columbia highway plan; thence with the arc of a circle whose radius is one thousand two hundred and twenty-six and six-tenths feet, a distance of three hundred and eighty-six and thirty-seven one-hundredths feet, deflecting to the left; thence with the arc of a circle whose radius is one thousand nine hundred feet, a distance of two hundred and seventeen and nineteen one-hundredths feet, deflecting to the right, to the southeast corner of the land of the Bureau of Standards; thence with the east line of the Bureau of Standards' land north four minutes east, eight hundred and ninety and seventy-seven one-hundredths feet to the south line of Van Ness Street, sixty feet wide; thence with the south line of Van Ness Street, south eighty-nine degrees fifty-six minutes east, two hundred and thirty-eight and six one-hundredths feet to the point of beginning, containing approximately three hundred and forty-six thousand two hundred and thirty-four square feet, or seven and nine-thousand-four-hundred-and-eighty-four ten-thousandths acres.

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CHAP. 268.—An Act Granting to certain claimants the preference right to purchase unappropriated public lands.

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[H. R. 9765.]
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior, in his judgment and discretion, is hereby authorized to sell, in the manner hereinafter provided, any of those lands situated in the State of Louisiana which were originally erroneously meandered and shown upon the official plats as water-covered areas, and which are not lawfully appropriated by a qualified settler or entryman claiming under the public lands laws.

Public lands.
Sale authorized of,
in Louisiana, erroneously surveyed as
water-covered areas.

That any citizen of the United States who, or whose ancestors in title in good faith under color of title or claiming as a riparian owner has, prior to this Act, placed valuable improvements upon or reduced to cultivation any of the lands subject to the operation of this Act, shall have a preferred right to file in the office of the register and receiver of the United States land office of the district in which the lands are situated, an application to purchase the lands thus improved by them at any time within ninety days from the date of the passage of this Act if the lands have been surveyed and plats filed in the United States land office; otherwise within ninety days from official notice to such claimant of the filing of such plats. Every such application must be accompanied with satisfactory proof that the applicant is entitled to such preference right and that the lands which he applies to purchase are not in the legal possession of an adverse claimant or in the actual possession of a

Preference right to
settlers on, in good faith.

Application to be
filed.

Proof of possession.