

bonded warehouse, court-house and post-office, at Memphis, Tennessee, and he is also authorized, at his discretion, to sell or exchange the lot now owned by the United States, in the city of Memphis, aforesaid, as a site for a court-house, for a new and more eligible site for the erection of the building herein mentioned, or may purchase additional ground for the enlargement of said site, or may purchase a more eligible site, and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for said purpose out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That no greater sum shall be used for the purchase of a new site, or the enlargement of the present site, than the sum herein appropriated, in addition to whatever sum may be realized from the sale of the site now owned by the United States.

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Feb. 21, 1873. CHAP. CLXXVII. — *An Act to authorize the Construction of a Fire-proof Building at Lincoln, the Capital of Nebraska.*

*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 directed to cause to be constructed a suitable brick building, with a fire-proof brick vault extending to each story, at Lincoln, Nebraska, for the accommodation of the United States circuit and district courts, post-office, and other government offices; and the sum of one hundred and thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, for the purpose aforesaid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause proper plans and estimates to be made, so that no expenditure shall be made or authorized for the full completion of said building beyond the sum herein appropriated: *Provided*, That no money hereby appropriated shall be used or expended until a valid title to the land for a site, independent and unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings, shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Nebraska shall cede its jurisdiction over the same and also duly release and relinquish to the United States the right to tax or in any way assess said site, or the property of the United States that may be thereon, during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof.

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Feb. 21, 1873. CHAP. CLXXVIII. — *An Act for the Construction of a Court-house, Post-office, and other Government Offices at Grand Rapids, Michigan.*

*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 hereby is, authorized and directed to purchase, at private sale or by condemnation, in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan, a suitable lot of ground in the city of Grand Rapids, State of Michigan, and to cause to be erected thereon a building of brick suitable for the accommodation of the court-house, post-office, and other government offices in that city; the lot of land and the building thereon, when completed, upon plans to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed the cost of two hundred thousand dollars, and the lot of land shall be of such an extent as to leave the building independent and unexposed to fire from any and all adjoining buildings: *Provided*, That no money to be appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the land shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of Michigan shall cede its jurisdiction over the same and relinquish the right to tax or assess the same while the United States shall be the possessor thereof.

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