

al shall require special agents of the Post Office Department to collect or disburse the public moneys accruing from postages, such special agent or agents, when so employed, shall, prior to entering upon such duty, give bond in such sum, in such form, and with such security, as the Postmaster-General may approve.

APPROVED, June 12, 1866.

Special collecting or disbursing agents to give bond.

CHAP. CXV.—*An Act making Appropriations for the Construction, Preservation, and Repairs of certain Fortifications and other Works of Defence, for the Year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.* June 12, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and they are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction, preservation, and repairs of certain fortifications and other works of defence for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven:

Appropriations for fortifications.

For Fort Wayne, near Detroit, Michigan, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Wayne.
For Fort Ontario, Oswego, New York, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Ontario.
For Fort Montgomery, at outlet of Lake Champlain, New York, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Montgomery.
For Fort Scammel, Portland, Maine, thirty-five thousand dollars.	Fort Scammel.
For Fort George, on Hog Island ledge, Portland, Maine, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort George.
For Fort Popham, Kennebec river, Maine, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Popham.
For Fort Constitution, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, seventy-five thousand dollars.	Fort Constitution.
For Fort Winthrop, Boston, Massachusetts, thirty thousand dollars.	Fort Winthrop.
For Fort Warren, Boston, Massachusetts, twenty-five thousand dollars.	Fort Warren.
For sea-wall at Great Brewster's island, Boston harbor, Massachusetts, seventy-five thousand dollars.	Sea-wall at Great Brewster's;
For sea-walls on Deer and Lovell's islands, Boston harbor, Massachusetts, fifty thousand dollars.	on Deer and Lovell's islands.
For fort at entrance of New Bedford harbor, Massachusetts, thirty thousand dollars.	Fort at entrance of New Bedford Harbor.
For Fort Schuyler, East river, New York, thirty thousand dollars.	Fort Schuyler.
For fort at Willett's Point, opposite Fort Schuyler, New York, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort at Willett's Point.
For repairs of Fort Hamilton, New York, thirty thousand dollars.	Fort Hamilton.
For fort on site of Fort Tompkins, Staten Island, New York, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Tompkins.
For fort at Sandy Hook, New Jersey, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort at Sandy Hook.
For repairs of Fort Mifflin, near Philadelphia, twenty-five thousand dollars.	Fort Mifflin.
For construction of permanent platforms for modern cannon of large calibre, in existing fortifications of important harbors, one hundred thousand dollars.	Platforms for modern cannon of large calibre.
For repairs of Fort Washington, on the Potomac river, twenty thousand dollars.	Fort Washington.
For Fort Monroe, Hampton Roads, Virginia, thirty thousand dollars.	Fort Monroe.
For Fort Taylor, Key West, Florida, one hundred thousand dollars.	Fort Taylor.
For Fort Jefferson, Garden Key, Tortugas, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Jefferson.
For fort on Ship island, coast of Mississippi, ten thousand dollars.	Fort on Ship Island.
For Fort Clinch, Amelia island, Florida, fifty thousand dollars.	Fort Clinch.
For fort at Fort Point, San Francisco bay, California, one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.	Fort at Fort Point;
For fort at Lime Point, California, seventy-five thousand dollars.	at Lime Point;
For fort at Alcatraz island, San Francisco bay, California, ninety thousand dollars.	at Alcatraz Island.

Survey of northern and northwestern lakes.

Sites for permanent sea-coast defences.

Purchase not to be made until, &c.

For survey of northern and northwestern lakes, including Lake Superior, fifty thousand dollars.

For purchase of sites now occupied and lands proposed to be occupied for permanent sea-coast defences, provided that no such purchase shall be made except upon the approval of its expediency by the Secretary of War, and of the validity of title by the Attorney-General, thirty-five thousand dollars.

Approved, June 12, 1866.

June 12, 1866. CHAP. CXVI.—*An Act authorizing documentary Evidence of Titles to be furnished to the Owners of certain Lands in the City of St. Louis.*

Preamble.
1812, ch. 99.
Vol. ii. p. 748.
Vol. ii. p. 812,
note.
Vol. xi. pp. 294,
442.
Vol. xii. p. 85.

Whereas within the city of Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri, there are many lots, tracts, pieces, and parcels of land which were confirmed by the act of Congress of June the thirteenth, eighteen hundred and twelve, on the ground of inhabitation, possession, or cultivation of the same prior to December the twentieth, eighteen hundred and three, and in some cases there is no adequate documentary evidence of said confirmations; and in consequence of the death of the ancient witnesses, who knew the facts of said inhabitation, possession, or cultivation, the owners of said lands, in said cases where there is no adequate documentary evidence of said confirmations, are without complete evidence of title to the same, as against the United States; and whereas persons holding grants and confirmations of lands in said city of Saint Louis, under other acts of Congress heretofore passed, may, in some cases, be without perfect documentary evidence of said grants or confirmations by the United States, and difficulties may hereafter arise therefrom, to the great injury of such persons: Therefore—

District court may decree the title of the United States in certain lots in St. Louis to the person having the best claim.

Certain property not to be released.

Not where full documentary evidence exists.

Proceedings to obtain a decree.

Who to be made defendants.

Minors.
Authority of district court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled. That the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Missouri is hereby authorized, by proper decree, to declare released, granted, relinquished, and conveyed by the United States, in fee simple and in full property, all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to any lot, tract, piece or parcel of land within the city of Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri, to the person or persons having the best claim or claims to the same; but nothing in this act shall authorize said court to declare released, granted, relinquished, and conveyed, as aforesaid, any land within any wharf, street, lane, avenue, alley, or other public thoroughfare, or within the boundaries of any land which has been heretofore granted or assigned by the United States for the use or support of schools, or within the boundaries of any land heretofore lawfully confirmed or lawfully granted by the United States, where full, sufficient, and complete documentary evidence of such confirmation or grant now exists of record.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted.* That every person desiring a decree in his or her favor, under this act, shall file a petition in said district court, asking for such decree, and describing the land for which said decree is desired; and the United States and all persons claiming such land adversely to said petitioner (if there be any such adverse claimants) shall be made defendants in said cause; and if any party to any such cause shall be a minor under the age of twenty-one years, a guardian ad litem shall be appointed by said court for said minor; and said district court shall have full and complete power, jurisdiction, and authority to hear, try, and determine all questions arising in said cause relating to the claim of the petitioner, the extent, locality, and boundaries of said claim, and all other matters connected therewith or concerning the same; and said district court shall also have power to make, prescribe, and enforce such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper to carry this act into full and complete execution.