thousand dollars; said building to be constructed with a fire-proof vault extending to each story, and under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, who 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 of three hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That no money which may hereafter be appropriated shall be used or expended for the purposes herein mentioned until a valid title to the land for the site of such building, which, it is understood, the city of Hartford proposes to donate for this purpose, shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Connecticut 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.

Fire-proof vault.

Plans and estimates.

No money to be expended until, &c.

See *Post*, p. 353.

APPROVED, March 18, 1872.

CHAP. LXII. — *An Act authorizing the Survey and Marking of the Boundary between the Territory of the United States and the Possessions of Great Britain, from the Lake of the Woods to the Summit of the Rocky Mountains.*

March 19, 1872.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, be, and he is hereby, authorized to co-operate with the government of Great Britain in the appointment of a joint commission, in accordance with the plan and estimates of Brigadier-General A. A. Humphreys, Chief of Engineers, submitted November twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy, for determining the boundary line between the United States and the British possessions, between the Lake of the Woods and the Rocky Mountains: *Provided, however*, That engineers in the regular service of the United States shall be employed exclusively as engineers in the performance of the duties contemplated by this act, without any additional salary, and the Secretary of War is hereby directed to make the necessary details of engineers for that purpose.

Joint commission to determine the boundary between the United States and British possessions, &c.

Engineers in the regular service to act.

SEC. 2. That fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be required, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the object of said joint commission.

Appropriation.

See *Post*, p. 529.

APPROVED, March 19, 1872.

CHAP. LXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Pre-emption Settlers in the State of California.*

March 22, 1872.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all bona-fide pre-emption claimants who may have filed their declaratory statements, prior to the passage of this act, upon any of the public lands in the State of California, shall have one year from and after the passage of this act in which to make proof and payment of their respective claims.

Certain pre-emption settlers in California to have one year from, &c., to prove, &c., their claims.

APPROVED, March 22, 1872.

CHAP. LXV. — *An Act appropriating Money for the Purchase of a suitable Site, and erecting a Building thereon, in the City of Saint Louis, Missouri, to be used for the Purposes of a Custom-house, Post-office, and other federal Offices.*

March 27, 1872.

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 is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, at a private sale, or by condemnation in pursuance of the statutes of the State of Missouri, a suitable lot in the city of Saint Louis, for the purpose of erecting thereon a building, to be used for the purposes of a custom-house, post-office, United State court, and other federal offices; and that the sum of five hundred

Site to be procured in Saint Louis, Mo., for building for custom-house, post-office, &c.

Appropriation.

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