

March 2, 1881.

CHAP. 108.—An act appropriating money for the erection of a penitentiary in the Territory of Dakota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purpose of erecting, under the direction and supervision of the Secretary of the Interior, a penitentiary building in said Territory of Dakota, upon such tract or parcel of land, at or near the village of Sioux Falls, in Minnehaha County, said Territory, as shall be designated by the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided,* That the money hereby appropriated shall be devoted and applied exclusively to the purchase of the necessary grounds and to the erection of a penitentiary in said Territory, and shall not exceed the sum hereby appropriated, including the sum expended for the purchase of grounds upon which to erect said penitentiary; and the penitentiary of the Territory of Dakota is hereby located at or near the village of Sioux Falls, Minnehaha County, said Territory, upon such tract or parcel of land as shall be selected and designated by the Secretary of the Interior as herein provided.

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CHAP. 109.—An act to provide for the sale of certain property owned by the United States in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, in charge of public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia, be, and is hereby, authorized to sell and convey, by good and sufficient deed, to each of the owners of lot one, square one hundred and eighty-four; lot five, square one hundred and eighty five; lots five, six, and seven, square one hundred and ninety-eight; lot twelve, square one hundred and ninety-nine, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, such portion of the ground immediately adjoining the front of said lots, or either of them, as will make the angles at the four corners of Sixteenth and K streets, northwest, right angles, upon payment into the Treasury of the United States by said owners, or each of them, of an amount for the number of feet in each lot so to be conveyed at the rate the same may be appraised by three disinterested freeholders resident of the city of Washington, to be selected and sworn to said Chief of Engineers impartially to appraise said real estate at the true value thereof in money; and upon said sale the owners of said lots respectively shall pay into the Treasury of the United States, for the erection of school-buildings in the city of Washington, one-third of said purchase-money, and the remainder thereof, with interest, in one year from the date of sale. No conveyance shall be made until all the purchase-money is paid: *Provided,* That said Chief of Engineers shall not sell or convey one portion or any part of said real estate unless all the same is sold and conveyed.

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CHAP. 110.—An act appropriating money towards the expense to be incurred in the centennial celebration of the battle on Groton Heights and for other purposes.

Battle of Groton Heights, September 6, 1781.

Whereas, the battle of Groton Heights was one of the closing events of the American Revolution, preceeding the final surrender of the British forces at Yorktown, in Virginia, only one month and thirteen days, and is logically and historically connected with that great event; and

Centennial celebration.

Whereas, the State of Connecticut has already commenced preparations for the centennial celebration of this battle, the massacre attendant upon the capture of Fort Griswold, and the burning of New London