

Appropriation. money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of
Military posts. acquiring sites and erecting thereon such military posts on or near the
Rio Grande frontier as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of
War for the adequate protection thereof: *Provided*, That none of said
Proviso. appropriation shall be used for the purposes aforesaid until a valid title
Title of sites. to said sites be vested in the United States: *And provided further*, That
Proviso. the State of Texas shall duly release and relinquish to the United States
Jurisdiction of the right to assess or tax said sites, or any of them, or any improve-
United States. ments placed thereon for military purposes, so long as the United States
shall remain the owner thereof.
Approved, April 16, 1880.

April 16, 1880. **CHAP. 53.**—An act donating six condemned cannon and cannon-balls to Post Num-
ber Sixty-six, Grand Army of the Republic, of Muncy, Pennsylvania, for monu-
mental purposes.
*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War be,
Post No. 66, and he hereby is, authorized to deliver, if the same can be done without
Grand Army of the detriment to the government, to Post Number Sixty-six, Grand Army
Republic, of Mun- of the Republic, of Muncy, Pennsylvania, six condemned cannon and
cy, Pa. cannon-balls, to be used in ornamenting a monument erected in honor of
Condemned can- the deceased soldiers of said Muncy, Pennsylvania.
non and balls for a monument.
Approved, April 16, 1880.

April 16, 1880. **CHAP. 54.**—An act to donate twelve condemned bronze cannon to the Blair Monu-
ment Association of Saint Louis, Missouri.
*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of War be,
Blair Monument and is hereby, authorized and directed to deliver to the Blair Monument
Association, of Saint Louis, Missouri, or its proper officers, twelve con-
Louis, Mo. demned bronze cannon, if the same can be spared without injury to the
Condemned can- public service, for the purpose of aiding in the erection of a monument
non for a monu- to the late Major-General Francis P. Blair, junior, at the city of Saint
ment. Louis, Missouri.
Approved, April 16, 1880.

April 16, 1880. **CHAP. 55.**—An act to change the name of the steamer "J. H. Kelly" to "John
Thorn"
*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treas-
Steamer "John ury is hereby authorized to change the name of the steamer "J. H.
Thorn." Kelly", of Clayton, New York, to "John Thorn", by which name said
steamer may be licensed and known.
Approved, April 16, 1880.

April 16, 1880. **CHAP. 56.**—An act relating to justices of the peace in the Territories.
*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled*, That when from any cause there
shall be a vacancy in the office of justice of the peace in any of the
Justices of the Territories of the United States, it shall be lawful to fill such vacancy
peace in the Ter- by appointment or election, in such manner as has been or may be pro-
ritories. vided by the governor and legislative assembly of such Territory: *Pro-*
Filling vacan- *vided*, That such appointee, or person elected to fill such vacancy, shall
cies. hold office only until his successor shall be regularly elected and quali-
Proviso. fied as provided by law.