

CHAP. 380.—An act to authorize the President of the United States to call an international conference to fix on and recommend for universal adoption a common prime meridian to be used in the reckoning of longitude and in the regulation of time throughout the world

August 3, 1882.

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 be authorized and requested to extend to the governments of all nations in diplomatic relations with our own an invitation to appoint delegates to meet delegates from the United States in the city of Washington, at such time as he may see fit to designate, for the purpose of fixing upon a meridian proper to be employed as a common zero of longitude and standard of time reckoning throughout the globe; and that the President be authorized to appoint delegates, not exceeding three in number, to represent the United States in such international conference.

International conference for selection of meridian for use as a common zero of longitude and standard of time, etc.

Approved, August 3, 1882.

CHAP. 381.—An act to authorize the purchase of a site and the erection of a suitable building for the United States district court, post-office, and other government offices at the city of Williamsport, Pennsylvania.

August 3, 1882.

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 purchase a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fire-proof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the United States district and circuit courts, post office, and other government offices, at the city of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed for the site and building complete the sum of one hundred thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings, by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys; and no money appropriated for this purpose shall be available until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Pennsylvania shall have ceded to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owners thereof for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of civil process therein.

Williamsport, Pa. Public building. Purchase of site.

Plans, cost.

Proviso.

Title.

Approved, August 3, 1882.

CHAP. 384.—An act to provide for the disposition of the Fort Larned military reservation.

August 4, 1882.

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, and he is hereby, authorized to relinquish and turn over to the Department of the Interior for restoration to the public domain, the Fort Larned military reservation, in the State of Kansas.

Fort Larned military reservation restored to public domain.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioner of the General Land Office is hereby directed to have said public lands, when transferred as provided for in section one, surveyed in like manner as other public lands, and shall thereupon cause the same to be appraised by three disinterested competent persons, and after such appraisement shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Interior the land shall be sold to actual settlers only, at the appraised price, and as nearly as may be in conformity to the provisions of the pre-emption laws of the United States: *Provided,* That no person shall be permitted to purchase more than one quarter section of said land: *And provided further,* That the Commissioner may,

Survey.

Appraisement.

Sale to actual settlers.

Provisos.