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CHAP. 817.—An act making an appropriation to continue the construction of the public building at Clarksburg, West Virginia, and changing the limit of cost thereof.

Clarksburg, W. Va. Public building. Limit of cost increased. Vol. 23, p. 346.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act for the construction of a court-house and post-office at Clarksburg, West Virginia," approved March third, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, be amended by making the limit of cost of the said building, including site, eighty thousand dollars, and that sum is hereby fixed as the limit of cost thereof.

To extend and make fire-proof. Appropriation.

SEC. 2. That said extension of limit is made for the purpose of admitting of a necessary enlargement of the present plan of the said building, and of providing fire-proof construction; and the sum of thirty-five thousand dollars is hereby appropriated for the said building, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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CHAP. 818.—An act to prohibit the passage of local or special laws in the Territories of the United States, to limit Territorial indebtedness, and for other purposes.

Territorial legislatures. Forbidden to pass certain local or special laws.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legislatures of the Territories of the United States now or hereafter to be organized shall not pass local or special laws in any of the following enumerated cases, that is to say:

Granting divorces.
 Changing the names of persons or places.
 Laying out, opening, altering, and working roads or highways.
 Vacating roads, town-plats, streets, alleys, and public grounds.
 Locating or changing county seats.
 Regulating county and township affairs.
 Regulating the practice in courts of justice.
 Regulating the jurisdiction and duties of justices of the peace, police magistrates, and constables.
 Providing for changes of venue in civil and criminal cases.
 Incorporating cities, towns, or villages, or changing or amending the charter of any town, city, or village.
 For the punishment of crimes or misdemeanors.
 For the assessment and collection of taxes for Territorial, county, township, or road purposes.
 Summoning and impaneling grand or petit jurors.
 Providing for the management of common schools.
 Regulating the rate of interest on money.
 The opening and conducting of any election or designating the place of voting.
 The sale or mortgage of real estate belonging to minors or others under disability.
 The protection of game or fish.
 Chartering or licensing ferries or toll bridges.
 Remitting fines, penalties, or forfeitures.
 Creating, increasing, or decreasing fees, percentage, or allowances of public officers during the term for which said officers are elected or appointed.
 Changing the law of descent.
 Granting to any corporation, association, or individual the right to lay down railroad tracks, or amending existing charters for such purpose.
 Granting to any corporation, association, or individual any special or exclusive privilege, immunity, or franchise whatever.

No special law to be enacted where general law can apply.

In all other cases where a general law can be made applicable, no special law shall be enacted in any of the Territories of the United States by the Territorial legislatures thereof.