

Mar. 3, 1887.

CHAP. 353.—An act to repeal certain sections of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the appointment of civil officers.

Tenure of office.
Repeal of provisions relating to.
R. S., secs. 1767-1772, pp. 314, 315.

Not to affect present suspensions, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections seventeen hundred and sixty-seven, seventeen hundred and sixty-eight, seventeen hundred and sixty-nine, seventeen hundred and seventy, seventeen hundred and seventy-one, and seventeen hundred and seventy-two of the Revised Statutes of the United States are hereby repealed.

SEC. 2. This repeal shall not affect any officer heretofore suspended under the provisions of said sections, or any designation, nomination, or appointment heretofore made by virtue of the provisions thereof.

Approved, March 3, 1887.

Mar. 3, 1887.

CHAP. 354.—An act to authorize the purchase of a site for a building for a post-office, court-house, and other offices in San Francisco, California.

San Francisco, Cal.
Commission to select site for public building.

Appointment.

Report.

Decision.

Purchase.

Provisos.

Open space.

Maximum price.

Appropriation.

Proviso.

Title.

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 authorized and directed to appoint three competent citizens to act as commissioners on behalf of the United States to select and purchase a piece of ground in the city of San Francisco upon which shall be erected a suitable building for a post-office, court-house, and other offices.

SEC. 2. That immediately after the passage of this act the Secretary of the Treasury shall notify each person selected as aforesaid of his appointment under this act, requesting prompt notice of his acceptance or non-acceptance thereof, and in the latter case shall appoint some other prominent, disinterested citizen in his place, and upon their consent to act shall give notice to the commissioners to proceed as soon as practicable to examine such pieces of ground as shall be judged most suitable for the site of said building; in said examination having due regard to the present needs and future accommodation of the inhabitants, to security against accidents, and the convenience of the public service at all times. They shall negotiate an option of purchase for each site so examined, at the lowest practicable price, decide upon and recommend for purchase said sites in the order of their relative merits, and submit a report thereof, with a proper description of each, to the Secretary of the Treasury, who, in conjunction with the Postmaster-General and Attorney-General, shall immediately decide which site is to be preferred, if any is to be preferred; and if the Secretary of the Treasury, Postmaster-General, and Attorney-General shall approve of any such site and the title thereto, then the commissioners shall be notified thereof, who shall then complete the purchase of the site so chosen: *Provided*, That the site so selected shall be of such dimensions as to leave an open space of not less than forty feet in width, including streets and alleys, around the building to be constructed thereon: *Provided further*, That the sum to be paid therefor shall not exceed three hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

SEC. 3. That the sum of three hundred and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for making said purchase: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to said site shall be vested in the United States, and the State of California shall cede to the United States exclusive jurisdiction over the same, during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, for all purposes except the administration of the criminal laws of said State and the service of any civil process therein.

Approved, March 3, 1887.