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CHAP. 392.—An act for the erection of a public building at Monroe, Louisiana.

Monroe, La. Public building.

Site.

Proviso.

Title, etc.

Plans, estimates.

R. S., sec. 3734, p. 737.

Limit of cost.

Appropriation.

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, acquire by condemnation, or otherwise procure a suitable site, and cause to be erected thereon, at the city of Monroe, in the State of Louisiana, a suitable, substantial, and commodious public building for the use of the United States courts, post-office, internal revenue, land, and other Government offices: *Provided*, That no money appropriated for said building shall be expended until a valid title to the site selected shall be vested in the United States, which site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of at least fifty feet, nor until the State of Louisiana shall have ceded jurisdiction over the same for all purposes during the time the United States shall be or remain the owner thereof, except for the enforcement of the criminal laws of said State, and the service of civil process therein. The plans and estimates for said building shall first be prepared, examined, and approved as required by section thirty-seven hundred and thirty-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and the cost shall not exceed seventy-five thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. And no purchase of site nor plan of said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, which sum is hereby appropriated for the same, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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CHAP. 393.—An act to promote agriculture, and for other purposes.

Agriculture statistics.

R. S., sec. 1712, p. 306, amended.

Consuls to furnish commercial information.

Agricultural statistics for Agricultural Department.

R. S., sec. 1713, p. 306, amended.

Prices current.

Agricultural products.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That sections seventeen hundred and twelve and seventeen hundred and thirteen, in chapter two, under title eighteen of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relative to consuls and commercial agents be, and they are hereby, so amended that they shall read as follows:

"SEC 1712. Consuls and commercial agents of the United States in foreign countries shall procure and transmit to the Department of State authentic commercial information respecting such countries, of such character and in such manner and form and at such times as the Department may from time to time prescribe. And they shall also procure and transmit to the Department of State, for the use of the Agricultural Department, monthly reports relative to the character, condition, and prospective yields of the agricultural and horticultural industries and other fruiteries of the country in which they are respectively stationed; and the Commissioner of Agriculture is hereby required and directed to embody the information thus obtained, or so much thereof as he may deem material and important, in his monthly bulletin of crop reports."

"SEC. 1713. Every consular officer shall furnish to the Secretary of the Treasury, as often as shall be required, the prices current of all articles of merchandise usually exported to the United States from the port or place in which he is situated; and he shall also furnish to the Secretary of the Treasury, at least once in twelve months, the prices current of all articles of merchandise, including those of the farm, the garden, and the orchard, that are imported through the