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open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Alabama 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 civil process therein.

Proviso.
Title.

Approved, April 19, 1888.

CHAP. 126.—An act to give validity to certain patents for inventions which were irregularly executed.

April 19, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all patents for inventions signed by David L. Hawkins, Second Assistant Secretary of the Interior, or any other Assistant-Secretary of the Interior, shall have the same force, effect, and validity as though the same had been signed by the Secretary of the Interior in person at the date on which they were respectively executed.

Patents.
Signature of Assistant Secretary of the Interior valid to certain patents.

Approved, April 19, 1888.

CHAP. 127.—An act regulating the times for holding the terms of the United States courts in the northern district of Iowa.

April 19, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the terms of the circuit and district courts of the United States in and for the northern district of Iowa shall be held as follows: At Sioux City on the first Tuesdays in October and May; at Fort Dodge on the second Tuesday of November and first Tuesday in June; at Dubuque on the fourth Tuesday of November and first Tuesday in April.

Iowa.
Terms of court for northern district.
R. S., sec. 572, p. 99, amended.

SEC. 2. That all writs, processes, pleas, recognizances, and bonds made or returnable to the terms of said courts as now provided by law shall be considered as taken and returnable to the terms established by this act.

Pending causes.

Approved, April 19, 1888.

CHAP. 128.—An act for the erection of a public building at Texarkana, situated on both sides of the line between the States of Arkansas and Texas.

April 19, 1888.

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 or otherwise provide a site, and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the United States courts, post-offices, and other Government offices at the city of Texarkana in Arkansas and Texas. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of one hundred 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 for said building, shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury in-

Texarkana, Ark. and Tex.
Public building.
Site, plans, etc.
Estimates.