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CHAP. 612.—An act to provide an American register for the barge Ottawa, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

"Venus."
American register granted to foreign-built barge "Ottawa," and name changed to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Navigation is hereby authorized and directed to cause the foreign-built barge Ottawa, owned by Frank D. Zell, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, an American citizen, and rebuilt by him, to be registered as a vessel of the United States, under the name of the schooner-barge Venus.

Approved, June 25, 1890.

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CHAP. 613.—An act to authorize the acquisition of certain parcels of real estate embraced in square numbered three hundred and twenty-three of the city of Washington, to provide an eligible site for a city post office.

Washington, D. C.
Public building, etc.
Site.

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, directed to acquire for the purpose, and in the manner, hereinafter provided the real estate embraced in square numbered three hundred and twenty-three, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, bounded by Pennsylvania Avenue on the north, C street on the south, Eleventh street on the east, and twelfth street on the west, and a sum of money sufficient to pay for said square three hundred and Twenty-three, in the manner hereinafter provided, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated; and the said Secretary is instructed to cause to be erected upon said square a commodious and substantial building, with fire-proof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, elevators and approaches, for use as a United States post-office for said city, and for other governmental purposes, the cost of the said building not to exceed eight hundred thousand dollars.

Location, square 323.

Appropriation.

Building.

Use, as post-office, etc.

Maximum cost.

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SEC. 2. That the said Secretary be, and he is hereby, empowered and directed to purchase of the real estate comprised in the said square the following parcels, to wit; part of lot one, consisting of one thousand four hundred and forty square feet, part of lot two, consisting of three thousand four hundred and three square feet, all of lot three, consisting of four thousand and eight square feet all of lot four, consisting of three thousand seven hundred and fifty square feet, all of lot five, consisting of three thousand five hundred and sixty-five square feet, all of lot six, consisting of five thousand four hundred and two square feet, part of lot seven, consisting of two thousand three hundred and seventy-seven square feet, and part of lot nine, consisting of one thousand eight hundred square feet, making all together twenty-five thousand seven hundred and forty-five square feet, at a price not exceeding ten dollars and fifty cents per square foot, as proposed by a certain offer in writing by the owners or agents thereof, bearing date the twenty-second day of May, eighteen hundred and ninety, and addressed to the committees on Public Buildings and Grounds of the Senate and House of Representatives, and signed Chas. C. Duncanson, the original of which was filed with the Secretary of the Treasury on the seventh day of June anno Domini eighteen hundred and ninety, and where any of the said owners or agents may be unable for any reason to vest by voluntary conveyance a complete and valid title to any parcel or tract hereinbefore described, as proposed in said offer, then the same shall be condemned, in the manner hereinafter provided.

Certain lots, etc., to be purchased.

Maximum price per square foot.

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Condemnation in default of valid title.

SEC. 3. That the said Secretary is authorized and directed to acquire the remaining parcels of real estate in the said square by negotiation, so far as such parcels may be so acquired, and title thereto secured, at a price not above the fair relative value of the same as to other

Remainder of square to be acquired, etc.

Title.

Maximum price.