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shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Connecticut shall have ceded 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.

Balance available, etc.

After the said site shall have been paid for, and the sketch plans and detailed estimates for the building shall have been prepared by the Supervising Architect and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Postmaster-General, the balance of said appropriation shall be available for the erection and completion of the building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches.

Fire space.

The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet on each side, including streets and alleys.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 393.—An Act To provide for terms of the circuit and district courts of the western judicial district of the State of Texas to be held at the city of Laredo, and for other purposes.

Texas western judicial district.
Terms of court at Laredo.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be two terms of the circuit and district courts of the western district of Texas, held on the third Monday in March and the first Monday in December in each year, at the city of Laredo.

Process, etc.

SEC. 2. That all process issued after this Act shall take effect against defendants residing in the counties of Webb, Zapata, Duval, Encinal, Lasalle, and McMullen shall be returned to the city of Laredo. That all actions or proceedings now pending in the courts at Brownsville and San Antonio against parties residing in the counties of Webb, Zapata, Duval, Encinal, Lasalle, and McMullen may, on the application of either party to such actions or proceedings, be transferred to the court at the city of Laredo; and in case of such transfer all papers and files therein, with copies of all journal entries, shall be transferred to the office of the deputy clerk of the court at the city of Laredo, and the same shall proceed in all respects as if originally commenced in said court.

Pending cases.

Deputy clerk, Laredo.

SEC. 3. That there shall be appointed, in the manner provided by law, a deputy clerk, who shall keep his office at the city of Laredo.

Repeal.

SEC. 4. That all laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

March 2, 1899.

CHAP. 394.—An Act To provide for enlarging and improving the United States Government building at Macon, Georgia, and to appropriate fifty-eight thousand dollars therefor.

Macon, Ga.
Improvement of public building authorized.

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 cause the post-office and court-house building at Macon, Georgia, to be extended and enlarged so as to provide necessary accommodations for the post-office, courts, and other branches of the Government service, and to purchase additional ground on Third street, in his discretion, for this purpose, and that the total cost of all said improvements, changes, and repairs, including the purchase price of an additional site, shall not exceed the sum of fifty-eight thousand dollars.

Limit of cost.

Approved, March 2, 1899.