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examination, and of his recommendation thereon and the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original proposals and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come into his possession relating to said proposed site.

—commission. If, upon consideration of said report and accompanying papers, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem further investigation necessary, he may appoint a commission of not more than three persons, one of whom shall be an officer of the Treasury Department, which commission shall also examine the said proposed sites and such others as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, and grant such hearings in relation thereto as they shall deem necessary; and said commission shall, within thirty days after such examination, make to the Secretary of the Treasury written report of their conclusion in the premises, accompanied by all statements, maps, plats, or documents taken by or submitted to them, in like manner as hereinbefore provided in regard to the proceedings of said agent of the Treasury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon finally determine the location of the building to be erected.

Compensation. The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed six dollars per day and actual traveling expenses: *Provided, however*, That the member of said commission appointed from the Treasury Department shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses.

Proviso. —of Treasury member.

Title. No part of said sum shall be expended, except ordinary preliminary expenses until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of New York 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. 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.

Fire space.

Limit of cost, etc. SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States postoffice and other Government offices in the borough of New Brighton and State of Pennsylvania, the cost of said site and building, including said vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, complete, not to exceed the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

CHAP. 440.—An Act Authorizing the commissioner of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company to pay certain dividends barred by the Act of February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

March 3, 1899.

Freedman's Savings and Trust Company. Payment of dividend to certain depositors authorized. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the commissioner of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, from the funds in his hands available for that purpose, to all claimants otherwise legally entitled thereto who have not yet received them, the sixty-two per centum in dividends heretofore declared in favor of the depositors of said company, notwithstanding the limitation for the payment of such dividends contained in section eight of an Act entitled "An Act amending the charter of the Freedman's Savings and Trust Company, and for other purposes," approved February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and eighty-one.

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