

by purchase, condemnation, or otherwise, to sites in the cities of Hastings and Norfolk, respectively, in the State of Nebraska, on which to erect suitable buildings, including fireproof vaults, heating and ventilating apparatus, and approaches, for the use and accommodation of the United States post-office and other Government offices in said respective cities, the cost of said sites, respectively, not to exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Proposals for the sale of lands suitable for said sites shall be invited by the Secretary of the Treasury, by public advertisement in one or more of the newspapers of said respective cities of largest circulation, for at least twenty days prior to the date specified in said advertisement for the opening of said proposals.

Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be addressed and mailed to the Secretary of the Treasury, at Washington, in the District of Columbia, and he shall then cause the said proposed sites, and such others as he may think proper to designate, to be examined in person by an agent of the Treasury Department, who shall make written report to said Secretary of the Treasury of the result of said 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 sites.

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; the said commission shall, within thirty days after such examination, make to the Secretary of the Treasury written report of their conclusions 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 proceedings of said agent of the Treasury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon finally determine the location of the said respective sites.

The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed five 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.

Approved, March 2, 1899.

Proposals for site.

Examination of site.

Commission to investigate sites.

—determination.

Compensation.

Proviso.
—of Treasury member.

CHAP. 340.—An Act For the erection of a public building at Aberdeen, South Dakota.

March 2, 1899.

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 acquire by condemnation proceedings, or otherwise, a site for, and cause to be erected thereon, a suitable building, with fireproof vaults therein, for the accommodation of the post-office and other Government offices at the city of Aberdeen, South Dakota. The plans, specifications, and full estimates for said building shall be previously made and approved according to law, and shall not exceed for the site and building complete the sum of eighty-seven thousand dollars: *Provided,* That the site shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire in adjacent buildings by an open space of not less than forty feet, including streets and alleys.

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Aberdeen, S. Dak.
Public building authorized.

Limit of cost.

Fire space.