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the provisions of any other Act), compensation of employees, stenographic and other services by contract if deemed necessary without regard to the provisions of section 3709 of the Revised Statutes (United States Code, title 41, section 5), rent of offices and rooms, purchase of necessary books and documents, printing and binding, official cards, entertainment, rental, operation and maintenance of motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles, and such other expenses as may be authorized by the Secretary of State.

Contract requirements waived.
R. S., sec. 3709, p. 733.
U. S. C., p. 1309.

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**CHAP. 9.**—An Act To provide for the construction of a building for the Supreme Court of the United States.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the United States Supreme Court Building Commission is authorized and directed to provide for the construction and equipment of a suitable building (including approaches, connections with the Capitol power plant, and architectural landscape treatment of the grounds) for the accommodation and exclusive use of the Supreme Court of the United States, substantially in accordance with the plans recommended by the commission in its report to the Seventy-first Congress, first session, with such modifications thereof as may be necessary or advantageous. Such building shall be constructed on the site heretofore acquired for that purpose and bounded and described as follows: On the east by Second Street northeast, on the south by East Capitol Street, on the west by First Street northeast, and on the north by Maryland Avenue northeast, being all of square 728 and that portion of square 727 located on the south side of Maryland Avenue northeast as such squares appear on the records in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia. Authority is hereby given for closing and vacating such portion of A Street northeast, as lies between such squares, and the portion of such street so closed and vacated shall thereupon become part of such site. The Architect of the Capitol shall serve as executive officer of the commission and shall perform such services under this Act as the commission may direct.

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Site described.

A Street northeast, closed.

Executive officer.

SEC. 2. For the purposes of this Act the Architect of the Capitol is authorized, under the direction of the commission—

Authorizations.

(1) To provide for the demolition and removal, as expeditiously as possible, of any structures on the site heretofore acquired for the Supreme Court Building; and

Structures on site to be removed.

(2) To enter into contracts; to purchase materials, supplies, equipment, and accessories in the open market; to employ the necessary personnel, including architectural, engineering, and other professional services without reference to section 35 of the Act approved June 25, 1910; and to make such expenditures, including expenditures for advertising and travel and the purchase of technical and reference books, as may be necessary.

Contracts for building, materials, services, etc.

Vol. 36, p. 699.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of $9,740,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to enable the commission to carry out the provisions of this Act. Appropriations made under authority of this Act shall be disbursed by the disbursing officer of the Department of the Interior.

Sum authorized to be appropriated.
*Post*, pp. 96, 515.

Disbursement.

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