

CHAP. LI. — *An Act to provide for the Punishment of Piracy in certain Cases.* March 3, 1847.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That any subject or citizen of any foreign State, who shall be found and taken on the sea, making war upon the United States, or cruising against the vessels and property thereof, or of the citizens of the same, contrary to the provisions of any treaty existing between the United States and the State of which such person is a citizen or subject, when by such treaty such acts of such persons are declared to be piracy, may be arraigned, tried, convicted, and punished before any circuit court of the United States for the district into which such person may be brought, or shall be found, in the same manner as other persons charged with piracy may be arraigned, tried, convicted, and punished in said courts.

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Citizens and subjects of foreign States, taken on the sea making war against the U. S., in certain cases, to be tried and punished as pirates.

CHAP. LII. — *An Act authorizing the Erection of certain Lighthouses, and for other Purposes.* March 3, 1847.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That as soon as a cession shall be made by the States, respectively, within the limits of which any of the lighthouses and other public works hereinafter provided for may be situated, to the United States, of the jurisdiction over a tract of land, respectively, proper for the said lighthouses and other public works, the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause the said lighthouses and other public works to be erected; and that he shall cause the lighthouses and other public works herein provided for, which may be situated on such locations as are now within and under the jurisdiction of the United States, to be erected as soon as practicable; and that the following sums be, and hereby are, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose herein specified, to wit:

Res. 17, 1848.

Appropriation for lighthouses, &c.

*In Maine.* — For building a lighthouse at Little River, in the town of Cutler, five thousand dollars.

Maine.

For rebuilding a lighthouse at Mount Desert Rock, fifteen thousand dollars.

For building a lighthouse at Prospect Harbor, in the town of Gouldsborough, five thousand dollars.

For a spindle on the South breaker, near Whitehead light, three hundred dollars.

For placing buoys on Trundy's Reef and Broad Cove Rock, in Muscle Ridge Channel, to wit, one at each of the following places: Hay Island Ledge, Hurricane Ledge, Shreves's Ledge, Spencer's Head, Island Ledge, Long Ledge, and Muscle Ledge, two thousand dollars.

*In New Hampshire.* — For rebuilding the lighthouse on a rock called the Whale's Back, twenty-five thousand dollars, inclusive of a former appropriation for a breakwater to protect that lighthouse.

New Hampshire, 1838, ch. 00.

*In Massachusetts.* — For such a beacon as may be deemed necessary by the Secretary of the Treasury, on a rock called the "Londoner," near Thatcher's Island, six thousand dollars.

Massachusetts.

For a lighthouse on Minot's Rock, in Boston Harbor, twenty thousand dollars.

For three spar buoys, in Welfleet Harbor, four spar buoys at the mouth of Westport Harbor, and for nine buoys and a beacon in Buzard's Bay, two thousand dollars.

For a light-boat to be stationed near a reef of rocks at the entrance

of the Vineyard Sound, called the Sow and Pigs, ten thousand dollars; or for a permanent lighthouse on said reef, as the Secretary of the Treasury may deem best.

For buoys on Hatset's rock, Mill Rock, and three buoys on the Spit in and near the harbor of Edgartown; for a buoy at Rockport; for a buoy off Brant Point, Nantucket; for beacons or buoys on Harbor Rock, Clam Rock, Elisha's Ledge, Fort Point, and Black Rock, in the harbor of Gloucester, two thousand dollars; for a buoy on Ben's Shoal off Monamoy Point, eighty dollars; for a buoy-boat on the east end of Tuckermuck Shoal, and one on the end of Great or Sandy Point Rip, eight hundred dollars.

For repairs to the causeway between the lighthouse and shore at Edgartown, five thousand dollars.

Connecticut.

*In Connecticut.*— For a lighthouse on the North Dumpling, in Fisher's Island Sound, five thousand dollars.

For a beacon on the Southwest Ledge, in New Haven Harbor, one thousand dollars.

For rebuilding the lighthouse at the entrance of New Haven Harbor, at a place to be designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, ten thousand dollars.

For buoys at the following places, viz.: One on Moulton's Ledge, in New London Harbor, one on the outward end of the north east bar of "Two Tree Island," one on the north end of Bartlett's Reef, one on the south end of the Great Goshen Reef, one on White Rock Reef in Black Point Bay, and one at the Housatonic River, the sum of seven hundred and twenty dollars.

To complete the sea-wall for the protection of the lighthouse on Fairweather Island, near Black Rock, ten thousand dollars.

Rhode Island.

*In Rhode Island.*— For a buoy on Brinton's Reef, near the entrance of the harbor of Newport, and for placing buoys on Buckley Rock, Race Rock, and on the east end of Watch Hill Reef, four hundred dollars.

New York.

*In New York.*— For a lighthouse at the entrance of Cattaraugus Creek, four thousand dollars.

For a red light on Governor's Island, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For a lighthouse on Execution Rocks, in Long Island Sound, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For a beacon on Sandy Hook, three hundred dollars.

For a beacon on the south side of Staten Island, three hundred dollars.

For three beacon lights on the River St. Lawrence, at the passage of the "Thousand Isles," one at the head of the Narrows, one at Low Rock islet below Alexandria, and one at the shoal below Crossover Island, six thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse on Teller's Point, on the Hudson River, four thousand dollars.

For furnishing the lighthouses on the Atlantic coast with means of rendering assistance to shipwrecked mariners, five thousand dollars, the same to be under the control and direction of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Pennsylvania

*In Pennsylvania.*— To continue the construction of the lighthouse on the Brandywine Shoals, in the Delaware River, thirty thousand dollars.

New Jersey.

*In New Jersey.*— For a beacon-light at the Corner Stake, (so called,) between Elizabethtown Point and Shorter's Island, and also for a small light or lantern at Shorter's Island, five thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse on the south end of Tucker's Beach, six thousand dollars.

For a buoy in the south channel of New Inlet, near Tuckerton, eighty dollars.

- For placing buoys in Little Egg Harbor, four hundred dollars.
- In Delaware.* — For buoys to mark the channels discovered by the coast surveyors in Delaware Bay, three thousand three hundred dollars. Delaware.
- In Maryland.* — For a beacon-light at Greenbury Point, at the harbor of Annapolis, three thousand five hundred dollars. Maryland.
- In Virginia.* — For a buoy on Sand Shoal Inlet, in Accomac, one hundred dollars. Virginia.
- In North Carolina.* — For a lighthouse on Boddy's Island, twelve thousand dollars; a former appropriation, of five thousand dollars, having been carried to the surplus fund. North Carolina.
- For a floating light, to take the place of one now off Brandt Island, which is too much decayed for repair, fifteen thousand dollars.
- In South Carolina.* — For a lighthouse on South Island, on the southern edge of Winneyah Entrance, five thousand dollars. South Carolina.
- For a lighthouse at the entrance of Santee River, five thousand dollars.
- For buoys in Bull's Bay and Santee River, one thousand dollars.
- For beacons to guide vessels over Charleston bar, three thousand dollars.
- In Georgia.* — For placing a lantern, lamps, and reflectors upon the beacon already erected upon the "Oyster Beds" in Savannah River, and for a small house for the keeper, two thousand dollars. Georgia.
- For erecting a small tower and a keeper's house upon the east end of Long Island, in said river, also for a similar tower and house on the east end of Fig Island, in said river, six thousand dollars.
- For a buoy at Sapelo Inlet, one hundred dollars.
- In Florida.* — For a lighthouse at Cary's Fort Reef, the sum of thirty thousand dollars, heretofore appropriated and carried to the surplus fund, is hereby reappropriated. Florida.
- For a lighthouse on Egmont Key, at the entrance of Tampa Bay, ten thousand dollars.
- For a lighthouse at Cape Canaveral, twelve thousand dollars.
- For a lighthouse at Cape St. George, eight thousand dollars.
- For a lighthouse at Cape St. Blas, eight thousand dollars.
- For a lighthouse at Key West, the old one having been destroyed by a tornado, twelve thousand dollars.
- For a buoy on "Rebecca Shoal," about twenty miles east of Tortugas light, three hundred dollars.
- For a screw-pile lighthouse on or near Sand Key, the lighthouse at that place having been destroyed by a tornado, twenty thousand dollars. Post, p. 298.
- In Mississippi.* — For a lighthouse on Merrill's Shell Bank, twelve thousand dollars; and the appropriation of a like sum for a light on St. Joseph's Island, on the third day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, is hereby repealed. Mississippi.
- For a lighthouse at Biloxi, twelve thousand dollars.
- In Louisiana.* — For a lighthouse on the "Bon Fouca," three thousand dollars. Louisiana.
- For a lighthouse on South Chandeleur Island, twelve thousand dollars.
- In Texas.* — For the erection of a lighthouse on Galveston Island, fifteen thousand dollars. Texas.
- For the erection of a lighthouse on Matagorda Island, fifteen thousand dollars.
- For twenty wrought-iron buoys, to be placed in the waters of Texas, five thousand dollars.
- In Ohio.* — For a beacon-light and preparing the head of the pier for the same at Vermillion River, three thousand dollars. Ohio.

For a lighthouse on Western Sister Island, in Lake Erie, four thousand dollars.

Illinois.

*In Illinois.* — For a lighthouse at Chicago, three thousand five hundred dollars.

For a lighthouse at Littlefort, four thousand dollars.

Michigan.

*In Michigan.* — For a lighthouse at Monroe, three thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse at Clinton River, three thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse near Waugoshance, the sum appropriated by the act of seventh July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, to wit, twenty-five thousand dollars, is hereby appropriated.

For a lighthouse at Point au Barques, on the westerly shore of Lake Huron, and at the mouth of Saginaw Bay, five thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse at De Tour, where the River Sault Ste. Marie empties into Lake Huron, five thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse at White Fish Point, on Lake Superior, five thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse at St. Joseph's, three thousand five hundred dollars.

Post, p. 337.

For a lighthouse at Copper Harbor, Fort Wilkins, Lake Superior, five thousand dollars.

Wisconsin.

*In Wisconsin.* — For a lighthouse at Southport, four thousand dollars.

For a lighthouse at or near Tail Point, at the mouth of Fox River, four thousand dollars.

Works to be executed under superintendence of Topographical Bureau.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the works at Cary's Fort Reef, Florida; near Waugoshance, Michigan; Minot's Rock, Massachusetts, Whale's Back, New Hampshire; Fairweather Island, near Black Rock, Connecticut; and Brandywine Shoals, in the Delaware River, Pennsylvania, shall be executed under the superintendence of the Topographical Bureau.

Delaware breakwater.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the light at the Delaware breakwater shall hereafter be included within the list of those established by law.

Lighthouses discontinued.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the following named lighthouses be, and they are hereby, discontinued, to wit: one at the west end of St. George's Island, and one at the entrance of St. Joseph's Bay, in Florida; one at Cunningham's Harbor and one at Otter Creek, on Lake Erie; the lighthouse on Otter Creek not to be discontinued, however, until the lighthouse at Monroe be completed; and that, whenever the lighthouse on the Execution Rocks, Long Island Sound, is completed, then the light at Sand's Point, on Long Island, be discontinued.

1849, ch. 81.

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CHAP. LIII. — *An Act for the Admission of the State of Wisconsin into the Union.*

1848, ch. 50.  
Preamble.

WHEREAS the people of the Territory of Wisconsin did, on the sixteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and forty-six, by a convention of delegates called and assembled for that purpose, form for themselves a constitution and State government, which said constitution is republican; and said convention having asked the admission of said Territory into the Union as a State, on an equal footing with the original States —

Wisconsin admitted into the Union.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the State of Wisconsin be, and the same is hereby, declared to be, one of the Uni-