

Treasury, shall not exceed in cost the sum of fifty thousand dollars; and no plan for said building shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of fifty thousand dollars for said building; and the site donated shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Texas shall cede 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.

Approved, August 8, 1888.

Proviso.
Title, etc.

CHAP. 794.—An act for the erection of a public building at Ottumwa, Iowa.

August 8, 1888.

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, acquire by condemnation, or otherwise provide a site, and cause to be erected thereon a substantial and commodious building, with fire-proof vaults, for the use and accommodation of the post-office, and for other Government uses, at Ottumwa, Iowa. The site and building thereon, when completed upon plans and specifications to be previously made and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury shall not exceed in cost the sum of forty thousand dollars; nor shall any site be purchased until estimates for the erection of a building which will furnish sufficient accommodations for the transaction of the public business, and which shall not exceed in cost the balance of the sum herein limited after the site shall have been purchased and paid for, shall have been approved by the Secretary of the Treasury; and no purchase of site, nor plan for said building, shall be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury involving an expenditure exceeding the said sum of forty thousand dollars for site and building; and the site purchased shall leave the building unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet, including streets and alleys: *Provided*, That no part of said sum shall be expended until a valid title to the said site shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Iowa shall cede 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.

Ottumwa, Iowa.
Public building.

Site, plans, etc.

Estimates.

Limit of cost.

Proviso.
Title, etc.

Approved, August 8, 1888.

CHAP. 816.—An act to cancel certain reservations of lands, on account of live-oak, in the southwestern land-district of the State of Louisiana.

August 9, 1888.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the reservation set apart by order of the President, October twenty-first, eighteen hundred and forty-five, in the southwestern land-district of the State of Louisiana, known as Pecan Island, within the following townships to wit: Number fifteen south, range one west; number fifteen south, range two west; number sixteen south, range one west; number fifteen south, range one east; number sixteen south, range one east, on account of the live-oak supposed to grow thereon, be, and are hereby, canceled and annulled; *Provided*, That all persons who have in good faith settled upon and made improvements upon Pecan Island, within

Louisiana.
Pecan Island open to
homestead settlers.

Proviso.
Bona fide settlers.

the limits of the said townships, at the time of the passage of this act, and who occupy the same, shall be entitled to enter the same, not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres each, under the provisions of the homestead laws, except section twenty-three hundred and one of the Revised Statutes, and be admitted to make their proofs and complete their titles in the same manner as if the said reservations for live-oak had not been made.

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CHAP. 817.—An act to provide for the holding of the district court of the United States at Salina, Kansas.

Kansas.
Term of district
court to be held at Sa-
lina.
R. S., sec. 572, p. 99.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be one term of the United States district court for the district of Kansas held in the city of Salina in each year, the term of said court to be held on the second Monday of May from and after the passage of this act. But no cause, action, or proceeding shall be tried or considered in the court herein provided for unless by consent of all the parties thereto or order of the court for cause.

Deputy clerk and
marshal.

SEC. 2. That the clerk of the district court for the district of Kansas, the marshal and district attorney for said district shall perform the duties pertaining to their offices, respectively, for said courts; and said clerk and marshal shall appoint a deputy to reside and keep their offices at Salina, and who shall, in the absence of their principals, do and perform all the duties appertaining to their said offices, respectively.

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CHAP. 818.—An act in relation to marriage between white men and Indian women.

Indians.
Whitemen marrying
Indian women not to
acquire tribal rights.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no white man, not otherwise a member of any tribe of Indians, who may hereafter marry, an Indian woman, member of any Indian tribe in the United States, or any of its Territories except the five civilized tribes in the Indian Territory, shall by such marriage hereafter acquire any right to any tribal property, privilege, or interest whatever to which any member of such tribe is entitled.

Indian women mar-
rying white men to be-
come citizens.

SEC. 2. That every Indian woman, member of any such tribe of Indians, who may hereafter be married to any citizen of the United States, is hereby declared to become by such marriage a citizen of the United States, with all the rights, privileges, and immunities of any such citizen, being a married woman: *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall impair or in any way affect the right or title of such married woman to any tribal property or any interest therein.

Provided,
Tribal rights.

Evidence of mar-
riage.

SEC. 3. That whenever the marriage of any white man with any Indian woman, a member of any such tribe of Indians, is required or offered to be proved in any judicial proceeding, evidence of the admission of such fact by the party against whom the proceeding is had, or evidence of general repute, or of cohabitation as married persons, or any other circumstantial or presumptive evidence from which the fact may be inferred, shall be competent.

Approved, August 9, 1888.