

vessels and vehicles, including motor-propelled passenger-carrying vehicles. Said appropriations shall also be available for the payment of the actual costs incident to the seizure and forfeiture, and if the seizure is made under any section of law under which liens are recognized, for the payment of the amount of such lien allowed by the court: *Provided, however,* That a report shall be submitted to Congress each year in the Budget, setting forth in detail a description of the vessels or vehicles so acquired, the cost of acquiring, the appraised value thereof, the uses to which they have been put, the appraised value of seizures resulting from their use, and the expense of operating such vessels or vehicles: *Provided further,* That any vessel or vehicle so acquired when no longer needed for official use shall be disposed of in the same manner as other surplus property.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

Costs of seizure, etc.

Provisos.
Full report to Congress each year.

Disposal of vessels, etc., when no longer needed.

CHAP. 439.—An Act Granting the consent of Congress to the State of Washington to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Columbia River at Vantage Ferry, Washington.

March 3, 1925.

[S. 3641.]

[Public, No. 557.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the State of Washington, or its assigns, to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge and approaches thereto across the Columbia River at a point suitable to the interests of navigation, at or near Vantage Ferry, between Kittitas and Grant Counties, Washington, in accordance with the provisions of an Act entitled "An Act to regulate the construction of bridges over navigable waters," approved March 23, 1906.

Columbia River.
Washington may bridge, Vantage Ferry.

Construction.
Vol. 34, p. 84.

Amendment.

SEC. 2. The right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 440.—An Act For the exchange of lands in the Custer National Forest, Montana.

March 3, 1925.

[S. 3666.]

[Public, No. 558.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That lands of the United States within the Custer National Forest, Montana, which have been withdrawn or classified as coal lands or are valuable for coal, may be exchanged under the provisions of the Act of March 20, 1922 (Forty-second Statutes at Large, page 465), with a reservation to the United States of the coal in such lands and of the right to prospect for, mine, and remove the same.

Custer National Forest, Mont.
Exchange of withdrawn coal lands for.
Vol. 42, p. 465.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

CHAP. 441.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to exchange the present customhouse building and site located in Denver, Colorado.

March 3, 1925.

[S. 3721.]

[Public, No. 559.]

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 empowered, in his discretion, to exchange the present customhouse building and site, situate in block 98, lots numbered 1 to 8, inclusive, fronting northwest two hundred feet on Arapahoe Street and northeast one hundred twenty-five feet on Sixteenth Street, Denver, Colorado, for a new site and a building to be constructed thereon for the use and accommodation of the customs service and other Government officials.

Denver, Colo.
Customhouse may be exchanged for new site and building.

Approval of site and title.

Construction, etc., requirements.

Preparation of plans, etc.

Present building may be turned over to party offering new building and site in exchange.

Quarters for officials to be provided without expense.

Limitation of Government expense.

The new site must have the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, and the title thereto must be satisfactory to the Attorney General of the United States. The site shall have approximately the same area as the present customhouse site above described; the ground area of the building to be constructed shall be approximately seventeen thousand square feet; building to be four stories above the basement and provision made in the construction of the foundation and walls and columns for placing three additional stories thereon, if required, in the future.

The plans and specifications for said building shall be prepared by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department or by a private architect employed by the purchasers of the customhouse property, as the Secretary of the Treasury may elect; in the latter case the architect and the plans and specifications prepared by him, and in either case the completed building, must meet the approval of the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, who may detail representatives to supervise or inspect the building during construction until final acceptance.

Authority is hereby given to the Secretary of the Treasury to turn the present building and site thereof over to the party or parties offering property in exchange therefor upon condition that good and sufficient security is furnished by said party or parties to insure the prompt construction of the building herein contemplated, upon the site selected, and its conveyance to the United States of America free and clear from any lien or incumbrance of any kind or character, and that in the meantime the customs service and other Government officials now occupying quarters in the present building shall be provided, without expense to the United States, adequate space for their accommodation, either in their present quarters in the customhouse or elsewhere, until the new building is completed and ready for occupancy.

The Government shall be involved in no expense in this transaction, except in connection with the drawings and specifications if prepared by the Supervising Architect, and in connection with the superintendence, inspection, and general administration. Nor shall the United States be involved in any expense incident to the work in connection with the removal of Government property either from the old building into quarters provided by the purchasers or to the new building upon its completion.

Approved, March 3, 1925.

March 3, 1925.
[H. R. 4148.]
[Public, No. 560.]

CHAP. 442.—An Act To modify and amend the mining laws in their application to the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes.

Alaska.
Placer mining claims in.
Vol. 37, p. 243, amended.

Area of claims limited.

Proviso.
Allowance for isolated adjoining claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 4 of the Act of Congress of August 1, 1912, section 129d Compiled Laws of Alaska, entitled "An Act to modify and amend the mining laws in their application to the Territory of Alaska, and for other purposes," be amended to read as follows:

"SEC. 4. That no placer mining claim hereafter located in Alaska shall be patented which shall contain a greater area than is fixed by law, nor which is longer than three times its greatest width as determined by a transverse line drawn within the lines of the claim and at right angles to its longest side: *Provided*, That where any isolated parcel of placer ground lies between and adjoins patented or validly located claims on all of its sides and is not over thirteen hundred and twenty feet in length this dimensional restriction shall not apply."

Approved, March 3, 1925.