

horizon, and freedom from objectionable vibrations from traffic or other causes, with ability to have sufficient water supply.

The commission shall consist of one member of the Senate Naval Committee, to be chosen by the President of the Senate, one member of the House Naval Committee, to be chosen by the Speaker of the House, and the Superintendent of the Naval Observatory.

SEC. 2. That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars, or as much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to purchase said site; but five thousand dollars of said sum is reserved for incidental expenses of selecting said site, and for detailed drawings, plans, and estimates for said new observatory. But no money shall be paid for said site until the Attorney-General shall have given a favorable opinion as to the sufficiency of the title of said selected site.

SEC. 3. That upon selection of a site for said observatory by said commission, they shall report their action to the President, who shall direct the Secretary of the Navy to make the purchase of such site, taking title thereto in the name of the United States.

Approved, February 4, 1880.

Commissioners,
how designated.

Appropriation
for purchase of
site, &c.
Distribution.

Title.
Commission to
report.

CHAP. 21.—An act for the erection of a public building at Danville, Virginia.

Feb. 11, 1880.

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 cause to be constructed, at Danville, Virginia, a building for the accommodation of the circuit and district courts of the United States, the post-office, and internal-revenue officers, at a cost not exceeding seventy thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall procure the site and cause proper plans and estimates to be made so that no expenditure shall be made or authorized for the full completion of said building beyond the sum hereby appropriated, and the building shall be at least forty feet removed from any other building: *Provided,* That no money shall be used or applied for the purpose mentioned until a valid title for the site shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of Virginia shall cede to the general government jurisdiction over the property, and exempt the same from taxation.

Danville, Va.
Public building.
U. S. courts.
Post-office.
Internal Revenue
officers.
Appropriation.

Proviso.

Approved, February 11, 1880.

CHAP. 22.—An act to provide for deficiencies in the appropriations for contingent expenses of the Senate and House of Representatives

Feb. 11, 1880.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of four thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet the deficiency in the appropriation for furniture and repairs of the same for the House of Representatives for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty. That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet certain contingent expenses of the Senate, namely:

For miscellaneous items, exclusive of labor, for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and eighty, twenty thousand dollars.

For furniture, and repairs of the same, for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, twelve dollars.

Approved, February 11, 1880.

Deficiency ap-
propriation for
House of Repre-
sentatives.

Deficiency ap-
propriations for
Senate.

Items, 1880.

Items, 1879.