

Responses. Proposals made in response to said advertisement shall be addressed and mailed to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall then cause the said proposed sites, and such others as he may think proper to designate, to be examined in person by an agent of the Treasury Department, who shall make written report to said Secretary of the results of said examination, and of his recommendation thereon, and the reasons therefor, which shall be accompanied by the original proposals and all maps, plats, and statements which shall have come into his possession relating to the said proposed sites.

Examination, etc., of site by agent. If, upon consideration of said report and accompanying papers, the Secretary of the Treasury shall deem further investigation necessary, he may appoint a commission of not more than three persons, one of whom shall be an officer of the Treasury Department, which commission shall also examine the said proposed sites, and such others as the Secretary of the Treasury may designate, and grant such hearings in relation thereto as they shall deem necessary; and said commission shall, within thirty days after such examination, make to the Secretary of the Treasury written report of their conclusion in the premises, accompanied by all statements, maps, plats, or documents taken by or submitted to them, in like manner as hereinbefore provided in regard to the proceedings of said agent of the Treasury Department; and the Secretary of the Treasury shall thereupon finally determine the location of the building to be erected.

Examining commission. The compensation of said commissioners shall be fixed by the Secretary of the Treasury, but the same shall not exceed six dollars per day and actual traveling expenses: *Provided, however,* That the member of said commission appointed from the Treasury Department shall be paid only his actual traveling expenses.

Hearings. No money shall be used for the purposes mentioned, until a valid title to the site for said building shall be vested in the United States, nor until the State of Pennsylvania shall have ceded 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.

Commission report. *Proviso.* Limitation as to Treasury member. No expenditure until valid title and jurisdiction pass.

Final determination. Commissioners' compensation. *Proviso.* Limitation as to Treasury member. No expenditure until valid title and jurisdiction pass.

Open space. The building shall be unexposed to danger from fire by an open space of at least forty feet on each side, including streets and alleys.

Approved, May 24, 1890.

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**CHAP. 292.**—An act to amend an act entitled “An act to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters conterminous to the United States and the Dominion of Canada,” approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Canadian vessels, etc. May aid vessels disabled, etc., in contiguous waters of United States, etc. Vol. 20, p. 175, amended.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That an act entitled “An act to aid vessels wrecked or disabled in the waters conterminous to the United States and the Dominion of Canada,” approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that the same will read as follows:

“That Canadian vessels and wrecking appurtenance may render aid and assistance to Canadian or other vessels and property wrecked, disabled, or in distress in the waters of the United States contiguous to the Dominion of Canada: *Provided,* That this act shall not take effect until proclamation by the President of the United States that the privilege of aiding American or other vessels and property wrecked, disabled, or in distress in Canadian waters contiguous to the United States has been extended by the Government of the Dominion of Canada to American vessels and wrecking appliances of all descriptions. This act shall be construed to apply to the Welland Canal, the canal and improvement of the waters between Lake Erie and Lake Huron, and to the waters of the Saint Mary’s River and canal: *And*

*Provisos.* Reciprocity.

Limitation.

*provided further*, That this act shall cease to be in force from and after the date of the proclamation of the President of the United States to the effect that said reciprocal privilege has been withdrawn, revoked, or rendered inoperative by the said Government of the Dominion of Canada."

Approved, May 24, 1890.

Cessation.

**CHAP. 355.**—An act to amend section twenty-two hundred and ninety-four of the Revised Statutes of the United States, and for other purposes.

May 26, 1890.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section twenty-two hundred and ninety-four of the Revised Statutes be, and the same is hereby, amended so that it will read as follows:

Public lands, Homesteads, etc. R. S., sec. 2294, p. 421, amended.

**SEC. 2294.** In any case in which the applicant for the benefit of the homestead, pre-emption, timber culture, or desert land law is prevented, by reason of distance, bodily infirmity, or other good cause, from personal attendance at the district land office, he or she may make the affidavit required by law before any commissioner of the United States circuit court or the clerk of a court of record for the county in which the land is situated, and transmit the same, with the fee and commissions to the register and receiver.

When applicants may make affidavit before commissioner of United States circuit court or clerk of court.

"That the proof of settlement, residence, occupation, cultivation, irrigation, or reclamation, the affidavit of non-alienation, the oath of allegiance, and all other affidavits required to be made under the homestead, pre-emption, timber culture, and desert land laws, may be made before any commissioner of the United States circuit court, or before the judge or clerk of any court of record of the county or parish in which the lands are situated; and the proof, affidavit, and oath, when so made and duly subscribed, shall have the same force and effect as if made before the register and receiver, when transmitted to them, with the fee and commissions allowed and required by law. That if any witness making such proof, or any applicant making such affidavit or oath, shall knowingly, willfully, and corruptly swear falsely to any material matter contained in said proofs, affidavits, or oaths, he shall be deemed guilty of perjury, and shall be liable to the same pains and penalty as if he had sworn falsely before the register. That the fees for entries and for final proofs, when made before any other officer than the register and receiver shall be as follows:

Proof of residence, etc. R. S., sec. 2291, p. 420, amended.

Before United States commissioner, judge, or clerk of court, etc.

Penalty for false swearing.

Fees for entries, etc., thus made.

"For each affidavit, twenty-five cents.

"For each deposition of claimant or witness, when not prepared by the officer, twenty-five cents.

"For each deposition of claimant or witness prepared by the officer one dollar.

"Any officer demanding or receiving a greater sum for such service shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and, upon conviction, shall be punished for each offense by a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars."

Penalty for excessive fees.

Approved, May 26, 1890.

**CHAP. 382.**—An act to change the route of the Rock Creek Railway Company, and for other purposes.

May 28, 1890.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the charter of the Rock Creek Railway Company be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to authorize said company to lay its tracks and to run its cars thereon, through and along the following-named streets,

Rock Creek Railway Company, District of Columbia, change of route, etc. Vol. 25, pp. 199-203, amended.