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[H. R. 7204.]  
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Fort Monroe, Va.  
Part of Government  
water installations,  
etc., at, to be sold.

Property of existing  
water systems ac-  
cepted in payment.

*Proviso.*  
Obligations under  
former contract to be  
released.

**CHAP. 26.**—An Act To provide a Government-owned water-service system for the Fort Monroe Military Reservation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to sell and transfer upon such terms as he may deem expedient such part or parts of the Government's installations, improvements, interests, and lands established, constructed, or acquired in connection with the development, improvement, and extension of a water-supply system or systems at and near Newport News and Fort Monroe, Virginia; and the Secretary of War is hereby further authorized, if deemed by him to be in the public interests, to accept as in part or full payment for such Government property so sold such pipe lines and their accessories, reservoirs, reservoir sites, water-pumping plants, and lands, rights, and interests of or in existing water-service systems at or near Newport News and Fort Monroe, Virginia, clear of adverse interests and liens, as may be necessary to provide a Government-owned water-service system for the Fort Monroe Military Reservation: *Provided,* That the acceptance of such property or any part thereof in exchange or as payment in part for said Government property is authorized only in the event the United States is released from all obligations to all individuals, companies, corporations, associations, and municipalities arising out of, resulting from, or created by the contract of December 2, 1918, executed on behalf of the United States with the Old Dominion Land Company and Newport News Light and Water Company, Virginia corporations, or either of them, concerning the installation, development, or improvement of a water system or systems at or near Newport News or Fort Monroe, Virginia.

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Charleston, S. C.  
Customhouse wharf,  
transferred to War De-  
partment.

**CHAP. 27.**—An Act To transfer the custody and control of the United States customhouse wharf at Charleston, South Carolina, from the Treasury Department to the War Department.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the United States customhouse wharf at Charleston, South Carolina, be, and the same is hereby, transferred from the custody and control of the Treasury Department to that of the War Department, and that all branches of the public service now using said wharf shall be permitted to continue their use of the same.

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Public lands.  
Oil and gas permit-  
tees granted additional  
time for drilling, etc.  
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**CHAP. 28.**—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to grant extensions of time under oil and gas permits, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior may, if he shall find that any oil or gas permittee has been unable, with the exercise of diligence, to begin drilling operations or to drill wells of the depth and within the time prescribed by section 13 of the Act of Congress approved February 25, 1920 (Forty-first Statutes, page 437), extend the time for beginning such drilling or completing it, to the amount specified in the Act for such time, not exceeding three years, and upon such conditions as he shall prescribe.

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