

one hundred and twenty feet; thence southerly parallel with the westerly line of Houston Street twenty-eight feet; thence easterly parallel with the southerly line of what was formerly Jackson Street one hundred and twenty feet to the westerly line of Houston Street; thence northerly with the westerly line of Houston Street twenty-eight feet to the place of beginning; and

Beginning at the point of intersection of the center line of what was formerly Broadway Street with a straight line extending from the point of intersection of the southerly line of Commerce Street with the west line of what was formerly Broadway Street to the point of intersection of the east line of what was formerly Broadway Street, with the center line of what was formerly Jackson Street; thence in a northwesterly direction in a straight line one hundred and twenty-six and forty-nine one-hundredths feet to the point of intersection of the southerly line of Commerce Street with the westerly line of what was formerly Broadway Street; thence easterly with the southerly line of Commerce Street forty feet to the center line of what was formerly Broadway Street; thence southerly with the center line of what was formerly Broadway Street one hundred and twenty feet to the place of beginning;

when a valid title to the last-described two parcels of land has become vested in the United States and has been approved by the Attorney General.

Approved, May 25, 1937.

[CHAPTER 266]

AN ACT

To authorize the Secretary of War to transfer to the people of Puerto Rico certain real estate pertaining to the post of San Juan, San Juan, Puerto Rico, and for other purposes.

May 26, 1937
[S. 1973]
[Public, No. 116]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to transfer to the people of Puerto Rico that portion of the San Juan Military Reservation known as the Service Company area containing approximately twenty-three thousand, seven hundred and fourteen and sixty-five one-hundredths square meters.

Puerto Rico.
Transfer of part of
San Juan Military
Reservation to, au-
thorized.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to accept on behalf of the United States the Manicomio property, otherwise known as the old Insane Asylum, located in the city of San Juan, which property consists of approximately nine thousand, two hundred and forty-seven square meters.

Acceptance of Man-
icomio property.

Approved, May 26, 1937.

[CHAPTER 268]

JOINT RESOLUTION

Authorizing the President to proclaim the tercentenary of the birth of Pere Jacques Marquette.

May 27, 1937
[H. J. Res. 359]
[Pub. Res., No. 33]

Whereas the 1st day of June 1937 marks the three-hundredth anniversary of the birth of Pere Jacques Marquette, the first white man to explore the upper Mississippi Valley; and

Pere Jacques Mar-
quette.
Preamble.

Whereas it is eminently fitting that the tercentenary of the birth of this zealous missionary and fearless explorer should be commemorated by suitable patriotic, religious, and public exercises during such year: Therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States is authorized and requested to issue a proclamation calling upon all officials of the Government to display the flag

President requested
to invite observance
of tercentenary of
birth.

of the United States on all Government buildings on June 1, 1937, and inviting all people of the United States to observe the day and the anniversary year in schools, churches, and other suitable places, with appropriate ceremonies commemorating the tercentenary of the birth of Pere Jacques Marquette.

Approved, May 27, 1937.

[CHAPTER 269]

AN ACT

To prevent speculation in lands in the Columbia Basin prospectively irrigable by reason of the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam project and to aid actual settlers in securing such lands at the fair appraised value thereof as arid land, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no part of the funds heretofore or hereafter appropriated or allotted for the construction of the Grand Coulee Dam project (authorized by section 2 of the Act of August 30, 1935, 49 Stat. 1028, 1039, entitled "An Act authorizing the construction, repair, and preservation of certain public works on rivers and harbors and for other purposes", and by the Act of June 22, 1936, 49 Stat. 1757, 1784, entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Department of the Interior for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1937, and for other purposes") or for the reclamation of land in connection with said project shall be expended in the construction of any irrigation feature of said project, exclusive of Grand Coulee Dam and appurtenant works now under construction, until after the following provisions have been complied with:

(a) The privately owned lands proposed to be irrigated under said project (including county lands and such State lands as the State may desire and be able to subscribe for irrigation under said project and to subject to the terms of this Act) shall have been impartially appraised in a manner and to the extent prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior for the determination of their value at the date of appraisal without reference to the proposed construction of the said irrigation works and without increment on account of the prospect of the construction of the said project.

(b) A contract or contracts shall have been made with an irrigation or reclamation district or districts organized under State law providing for payment by the district or districts of that part of the cost of construction of the project allocated by the Secretary of the Interior as the part thereof properly chargeable to irrigation, the said cost of construction to be repaid within such term or terms of years as the Secretary shall find to be necessary, not to exceed the maximum term permitted under the Federal reclamation laws, the payments to be made in the manner and subject to the terms and conditions provided in the said reclamation laws and subject to enforcement by all of the means and remedies provided in the Reclamation Act of June 17, 1902 (32 Stat. 388), and Acts supplementary thereto or amendatory thereof: *Provided*, That every such contract with any district shall further require that all irrigable land held in private ownership by any one owner in excess of forty irrigable acres and all county and State lands which may be subscribed to or irrigated under the said project shall be designated as excess land and as such shall not be entitled to receive water from said project. The contract shall provide further that no owner of such excess lands in the said project shall receive water therefrom for any part of the

May 27, 1937
[S. 2172]
[Public, No. 117]

Grand Coulee Dam project, Wash.
Construction expenditure conditional upon designated provisions.
49 Stat. 1039, 1784.

Appraisal of lands before irrigation.

Repayment contracts.

Terms and conditions.
32 Stat. 388.
43 U. S. C. §§ 391-404.

Proviso.
Excess land, exclusion from receiving water.

Refusal to sell excess lands; penalty.