

LAWS OF MARYLAND.

of erecting thereon a public building, and to cede to the United States of America jurisdiction over the same.

Preamble WHEREAS There is now pending in the Congress of the United States of America a bill to appropriate a sum of money to purchase a lot of ground and the erection thereon of a public building in Laurel, Maryland; and

WHEREAS, Section three hundred and fifty-five of the Revised Statutes of the United States requires that before any money can be expended the Legislature must give its consent to the purchase of said land and cede to the United States jurisdiction over the site thus obtained; therefore

Sanction given for the purchase of land by United States. SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Maryland,* That the consent of the State of Maryland be and it is hereby given to the purchase by the United States of America of a lot or lots of ground in Laurel, Prince George's county, Maryland, for the purpose of erecting a public building thereon.

Jurisdiction over said lots, etc. Proviso. SEC. 2. *And be it enacted,* That jurisdiction over said lot or lots of ground after the same shall have been conveyed to the United States of America be and it is hereby ceded, released and relinquished to the United States of America over the said lot or lots of ground; provided, however, that all civil and such criminal process as may issue under the authority of this State against any person or persons charged with crimes and misdemeanors committed without said lot or lots of ground may be executed thereon in the same way and manner as though this cession had never been made or granted, and that the land over which the jurisdiction is granted by this Act, together with all buildings and personal property, which is or may be hereafter within the bounds thereof belonging to the United States, shall be exempted, exonerated and discharged from all State, county and municipal taxes so long as the said lot or lots of ground shall remain the property of the United States of America for the purpose aforesaid.

Exempt from taxation.

SEC. 3. *And be it enacted,* That this Act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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CHAPTER 594.

AN ACT to declare the sanction and consent of the General Assembly of Maryland to sundry gifts and bequests contained in the last will and testament of Margaret S. Fergu-