

## ARTICLE XCVI.

## UNITED STATES.

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| 1. Consent to purchase of lands by deeds to be recorded as in other cases.                      | 10. In case of absence of jurors: each party to strike off four.               |
| 2. Governor to convey title and cede jurisdiction where the land is covered by navigable water. | 11. Oath.  |
| 3. Such land exempt from taxation.  | 12. Jury to summon witnesses, take testimony and determine the compensation.   |
| 4. State to have concurrent jurisdiction.   | 13. Inquisition to be reduced to writing, sealed and returned to court.        |
| 5. Condemnation of land for such purposes.  | 14. Confirmation by court; costs.  |
| 6. What must be stated in petition for condemnation.  | 15. New inquisition.   |
| 7. Petition to be verified by affidavit.  | 16. Statements in inquisition; title to pass upon payment, payment into court. |
| 8. Publication of notice of petition.   | 17. Jurisdiction.  |
| 9. Proceedings, jury; notice to owner.  | 18. Exemption from taxation.   |

1874, ch. 193, sec. 1.

1. The consent of the State is given to the purchase by the government of the United States, or under the authority of the same, of any tract, piece or parcel of land not exceeding five acres, from any individual or individuals, bodies politic or corporate within the boundaries or limits of the State, for the purpose of erecting thereon light-houses, beacons and other aids to navigation; and all deeds and conveyances of title papers for the same shall be recorded, as in other cases, upon the land records of the county in which the land so conveyed may lie; the consent herein given being in accordance with the seventeenth clause of the eighth section of the first article of the constitution of the United States and with the acts of congress in such cases made and provided.

Ibid. sec. 2.

2. With respect to land covered by the navigable waters within the limits of the State, and on which a light-house, beacon or