

CHAPTER XLIII.

AN ACT declaring the Consent of the Legislature of the State of California to the Purchase by the United States of Signor or Mare Island; to relinquish the Title and Interest of the State in overflowed portions of said Island, and to vest the Jurisdiction over the same in the United States; for the purposes therein specified.—[Passed May 11, 1854.]

The People of the State of California, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Consent to purchase by United States of Signor or Mare Island. Purposes to be applied.	SECTION 1. The consent of the State of California is hereby given to the purchase by the United States of a certain tract or parcel of land situated in the county of Solano, known as Signor or Mare Island, for the purpose of erecting and maintaining thereon such arsenals, magazines, docks, dock-yards, and other military and naval structures as may be required for the use of the Government of the United States.
Interest of the State to certain lands relinquished.	SEC. 2. The title and interest of the State of California to and in such portions of the Island described in the preceding section as are overflowed beach or swamp lands, on the eastern shore of the said Island, from the southern point thereof to a parallel intersecting the northern point of the highlands, and extending into the waters of the bay or straits, washing the eastern shore of said highlands of the Island to the ship channel, is hereby relinquished and granted to the United States for the purposes specified in the preceding section; and the jurisdiction of such
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part of said Island, and the overflowed portions of the eastern shore thereof as are south of a parallel intersecting the northern point of the highlands, is hereby ceded by the State of California to the United States for the purpose aforesaid: *Provided*, That the consent to the purchase, and the Proviso. grant and relinquishment of title, by this State to the United States, in this Act contained, shall not be construed in aid or support, directly or Not construed to aid any other title or conveyance. impliedly, or any conveyance or bond for title to the United States of the same lands heretofore made, or which may hereafter be made, by any person or persons, company or corporations, or as a recognition on the part of the State of California of any claim, title or grant heretofore asserted or set up, or which may hereafter be asserted or set up by any person or persons, company or corporation.

SEC. 3. The jurisdiction ceded to the United States in the last preceding section is upon the express condition that the State of California shall retain a concurrent jurisdiction with the United States in and over the said tract of land, so far as that civil process in all cases, and such Process. criminal process as may issue under the authority of the State of California, against any person or persons charged with crime committed within or without said tracts of land, may be executed therein in the same way and manner as if this jurisdiction had not been ceded, except so far as such process may effect any of the real or personal property of the United States within the said tract of land; and all the lands and tenements within the limits aforesaid shall be, and continue forever hereafter exonerated and discharged from all taxes, assessments, and other charges which may be imposed by authority of this State. Exempt from taxes.

SEC. 4. The relinquishment made, the jurisdiction ceded, and the exemption from taxation granted by this Act, shall continue so long as the premises herein specified shall remain in the occupancy of the above United States of America, for the purposes mentioned in the first section of this Act, and no longer. Limitation of cession.