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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:

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.

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
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
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
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 as-
serted or set up, or which may hereafter be asserted or set up by any per-
son or persons, company or corporation.

Sec. 3. The jurisdiction ceded, to the United States in the last prece-
ding 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
criminal process as may issue under the authority of the State of Califor-
nia, 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 affect any of the real or personal property of the Uni-
ted States within the said tract of land; and all the lands and tenements
within the limits aforesaid shall be, and continue forever hereafter exone-
rated and discharged from all taxes, assessments, and other charges which
may be imposed by authority of this State.

Sec. 4. The relinquishment made, the jurisdiction ceded, and the ex-
emption from taxation granted by this Act, shall continue so long as the
premises herein specified shall remain in the occupancy of the above Uni-
ted States of America, for the purposes mentioned in the first section of
this Act, and no longer.

CHAPTER XLIV.

AN ACT to establish Pilots and Pilot Regulations for the Port
of San Francisco.—[Passed May 11, 1854.]

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

Section 1. That it shall be the duty of the Governor to appoint two
resident merchants, and two experienced and resident ship-masters, who,
together with the President of the Chamber of Commerce of the port of
San Francisco, shall constitute a Board of Pilot Commissioners for the
port and harbor of San Francisco.

Sec. 2. That the persons so appointed shall take an oath for the faith-
ful discharge of their duty, and shall hold their office during the pleasure
of the Governor.

Sec. 3. That the Commissioners shall keep an office at San Francis-
cisco, and shall meet therein once in each month: a majority shall constitute
a quorum for the transaction of business.