§ 27. Authorization of acquisition by the United States, and cession of jurisdiction thereupon during ownership by the United States and use for public purposes, with reservation of right to serve process. The United States has been authorized to acquire the following tracts or parcels of land, and jurisdiction thereof has been ceded to the United States upon such acquisition, on condition that such jurisdiction should not prevent the execution thereon of any process, civil or criminal, issued under the authority of the state of New York, except as such process might affect the property of the United States therein, and that such jurisdiction shall continue in the United States, so long only as the land shall remain the property of the United States and be used for public purposes.

1. In the city of New York. A tract of land in the city of New York, fronting on Wall street, and occupied on February 7, 1857, by the United States as an assay office; and also the property north of the same, fronting on Pine street, and also the property adjoining said Pine street property on the east, and occupied by the United States, for revenue purposes, on February 7, 1857, as offices for the surveyor for the port of New York, and also that piece or parcel of land bounded by Park row, Beekman and Nassau streets, for the purpose of a post-office.

2. In the city of New York. A tract or tracts of land in the city of New York, and not exceeding in area fifty thousand square feet, for a site for a post-office.

3. In the city of New York. A tract of land in the city of New York, situated in the first ward of the city of New York, and constituting the entire square formed by Wall, William and Hanover streets, and Exchange place, and the Exchange building and improvements erected thereon, covering the whole of said square, for the purpose of a custom-house.

4. In the city of New York. A tract of land in the city of New York, being so much of land belonging to the corporation of such city, and immediately adjoining the northerly side or boundary of the land conveyed to the United States prior to January 1, 1879, by the mayor, aldermen and commonalty of the city of New York, for a site for a

post-office, as is now covered by two sidewalks, each 103 feet and six inches in length, by nineteen feet two inches in width, with a paved passage-way between eleven feet and eleven inches in width, making a total area of 218 feet and eleven inches in length, by nineteen feet and two inches in width.

5. In the city of New York. A tract or tracts of land in the city of New York, not exceeding in area two hundred thousand square feet, for the purpose of an appraiser's warehouse and other purposes.

6. In the city of Brooklyn. Certain tracts of lands in the city of Brooklyn described as follows: Six lots of land with the warehouses thereon erected, in the sixth ward of the city of Brooklyn, on the south pier of the property of the Atlantic Dock Company, known as lots Nos. 53, 54, 55, 56, 57 and 58, on the said south pier of the Atlantic Dock Company, on a certain map inscribed "map of property in the sixth ward of the city of Brooklyn, port of New York, belonging to the Atlantic Dock Company, surveyed September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, by Willard Day city surveyor," said lots each being twenty-five feet front and rear, and one hundred feet deep on each side, for revenue purposes.

7. In the city of Brooklyn. A tract or tracts of land in the city of Brooklyn, for a site for a post-office.

8. At Hallett's point, Queens county. A tract or tracts of land at Hallett's point, Hell Gate, in Queens county, described as follows: Beginning at a point in the westerly line of lot number eighty-nine, and situated one hundred feet from the westerly side of Monson street, if the same were extended, which point is three feet six inches distant from the southwest corner of said lot number eighty-nine, and running thence northwesterly, at right angles to said Monson street, 154 feet, to low water of the East river; thence along low water line with a course about north, seventy-eight degrees east, about 210 feet to a point in the prolongation of the said westerly side of Monson street, if the same were extended; thence southwesterly parallel to the westerly side of Monson street and in a line one hundred feet distant therefrom, about one hundred and forty feet to the point or place of beginning. The

said last mentioned line or boundary being coincident with the easterly side of the concrete foundations built for the electric tower at Hallett's point, for the purpose of establishing thereon light-houses or other aids to navigation.

9. At Coney Island, Kings county. Two certain tracts of land at Coney Island, Kings county, the first being described as follows: Beginning at a point where the angle included between the ranges to Centennial Tower and Romer Shoal light-house shall be 87Á 40'; the angle between Romer Shoal and Elm Tree light-house, 77Á 34'; and the angle between Elm Tree and Fort Tompkins light-house shall be 49Á 49', and running thence N. 60Á E., 150 feet; thence N. 30Á W., 100 feet, thence S. 60Á W., to the Atlantic ocean; thence along the Atlantic ocean to the point of intersection of the same with the prolongation of the first mentioned course; thence N. 60Á E., to the place of beginning. The second being described as follows: Beginning at the point of intersection of the range between A. and B. and the division line of lots forty-four and forty-five, and running thence N. 12Á E., 25 feet; thence S. 78Á E., 25 feet; thence S. 12Á W., to the Atlantic ocean; thence along the Atlantic ocean to the point of intersection of the same with division line of lots forty-four and forty-five; thence along division line north twelve degrees east, to the point of beginning; for the purpose of erecting thereon light-houses and fog signals.

10. At Staten Island, Richmond county. A tract of land at Staten Island, Richmond county, described as follows: Beginning at a point on the farm of George W. Vanderbilt, lying east of New Dorp lane, distant on a straight line drawn from the north corner of the Elm Tree light-house reservation, on a course N. 54Á 30' E., 206 feet and six inches from said corner, which is formed by the intersection of the southwesterly line of New Dorp lane with the northwesterly line of the Elm Tree light-house reservation; thence running from said point on the farm aforesaid, N. 42Á E., 50 feet; thence S. 48Á E., 50 feet; thence S. 42Á W., 50 feet; thence N. 48Á W., 50 feet to the point or place of beginning, being a plot fifty feet square; together with a right of way from the plot so conveyed to the northeasterly line of the New Dorp lane over a strip of land ten feet in width, and having as its northerly

boundary the line or course of two hundred and six feet and six inches first above set forth; the courses above given being in accordance with the magnetic meridian of June, eighteen hundred and ninety, for the purpose of erecting a light-house thereon.

11. West Troy, Albany county. Two certain tracts of land at West Troy, town of Watervliet, Albany county, the first being described as follows: Commencing at a point on the east bank of the Erie canal, and which is the southwest corner of lands conveyed by Albert G. Sage to the United States, by deed bearing date the seventeenth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and runs thence easterly along the southerly line of said lands so conveyed by said Sage as aforesaid, about two hundred and fifty-eight feet to the west side of the alley next west of River street or Broadway; thence southerly along the west line of said alley and said line extended, about 300 feet and six inches; thence westerly along the south line of the Gibbons property, so called, about one hundred and ninety-three feet to the east bank of the Erie canal, and thence northerly along said east bank of said Erie canal, 346 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning. The second being described as follows: Commencing at a point on River street or Broadway, and being the southeasterly corner of the arsenal grounds, as possessed and occupied by the United States prior to the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, and runs thence southerly along the west line of said River street or Broadway about three hundred and twenty feet to the north line of lot number sixty-two, as laid down on the original map of Gibbonsville; and runs thence westerly along the north line of said lot number sixty-two and said line extended to the west line of the alley next west of said River street or Broadway; thence northerly along the west line of said alley about three hundred and twenty feet to the southerly line of the arsenal grounds, as possessed and occupied by the United States prior to the year eighteen hundred and fifty-nine; and thence easterly along the southerly line of the said arsenal grounds to the place of beginning.

12. In the city of New York as a site for a marine hospital. "All that certain piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the second ward of the borough of Richmond, formerly town of Middletown, in the

city of New York, in the county of Richmond, and state of New York, with the buildings and improvements thereon, bounded and described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the westerly side of Bay street where the same is intersected by the southerly boundary line of the land formerly belonging to John Gore, and running thence along Bay street south twenty-nine degrees eleven minutes and thirty seconds east two hundred and seventy-two and seventy-one one-hundredths feet; thence still along Bay street south twenty-seven degrees twenty-three minutes and ten seconds east two hundred and fifteen and fifty-nine one-hundredths feet, more or less, to a point distant thirty feet from the intersection of the said Bay street by the northerly or boundary line of land of George Vanderbilt; thence south seventy-nine degrees twelve minutes and twenty seconds west on a line parallel with said northerly boundary of Vanderbilt's land and distant thirty feet therefrom one thousand and two and eighty-five one-hundredths feet; thence north ten degrees forty-four minutes and twenty seconds west four hundred and forty-six and ten one-hundredths feet, more or less, to said southerly boundary line of land formerly of John Gore; and thence north seventy-seven degrees fifty-four minutes and fifty seconds east along said land formerly of John Gore eight hundred and fifty-five feet to the point or place of beginning. Containing nine and seven hundred and fifty-five thousandths acres more or less;" and also all the right, title and interest of the present owners in and to said Bay street in front of and adjoining said premises above described.

13. Hart's Island, Long Island sound. All that piece or parcel of land at Hart's Island, in Westchester county, bounded and described as follows: A tract of land at the southeast end of Hart's Island, situate in Long Island sound, Westchester county and state of New York, containing about one-half acre, more or less, about twenty thousand four hundred and sixty square feet and comprising all the land to the eastward of the line A B, as shown on a map of said Hart's Island which is to be filed in the office of the secretary of state of this state, the said line making an angle of twenty-nine degrees and forty-five minutes to the eastward of the true north meridian, and being located at one hundred and thirty-two feet from the low water mark at the extreme easterly end of Hart's Island as taken from the aforesaid map, distance

measured at right angles to the said line A B, and the said property being substantially one hundred and thirty-two feet in depth from eastward to westward and two hundred and fifty feet in width from northward to southward--distances being taken from the low water line shown on said map.