

1798. — Chapter 60.

[January Session, ch. 27.]

AN ACT TO CEDE TO THE UNITED STATES A TRACT OF LAND AT GAY-HEAD FOR A LIGHT HOUSE.

SEC. I. *Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled and by the authority of the same,* That there be and hereby is granted to the United States of America, a tract of Land and the Jurisdiction thereof not exceeding four acres of Land, situated at that part of Martha's Vineyard called Gay-Head, for the purpose of erecting a Light-House on the same: Which quantity of land shall be laid out by the United States at the time of erecting said Light House, and a description thereof in writing entered in the Registry of Deeds in the County wherein the same shall be situated.

Land granted.

For what purpose.

Description to be recorded.

SEC. II. *Provided nevertheless, and be it further Enacted,* That if the said United States shall neglect for the term of four years from the date of this Grant to erect a Light House on some part of the said four Acres, and after the same shall be erected, shall neglect to keep the same in good repair, and a state useful to Navigation, then this grant shall be void. *Provided also,* that this Commonwealth shall retain, and hereby does retain a concurrent Jurisdiction with the said United States in and over the same four acres, so far as that all civil and criminal processes issued under the authority of this Commonwealth, or any Officers thereof, may be executed in any part of the same four acres granted as aforesaid, or in any Building thereon to be erected, in the same way and manner as if the Jurisdiction had not been granted as aforesaid. *And provided further,* that if the said United States shall at any time hereafter make any Compensation to any of the United States for any Cession made for the purposes of this Grant, like Compensation to be made to this Commonwealth by the United States for the present Grant according to its value.

Cession to be void in certain case.

Concurrent jurisdiction retained.

Compensation expected in certain case.

*Approved February 22, 1799.*