

# Congress of the United States :

AT THE THIRD SESSION,

Begun and held at the city of Philadelphia, on  
Monday the sixth of December, one thou-  
sand seven hundred and ninety.

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*An ACT to amend " An Act, for establishing the TEMPORARY and  
PERMANENT SEAT of the GOVERNMENT of the United States."*

**B**E it enacted by the SENATE and HOUSE of REPRESENTATIVES of  
the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much  
of the act, intituled, " An act for establishing the temporary and per-  
manent seat of the government of the United States," as requires  
that the whole of the district of territory, not exceeding ten miles  
square, to be located on the river Potowmac, for the permanent seat  
of the government of the United States, shall be located above the  
mouth of the Eastern Branch, be and is hereby repealed, and that it  
shall be lawful for the President to make any part of the territory  
below the said limit, and above the mouth of Hunting Creek, a  
part of the said district, so as to include a convenient part of the  
Eastern Branch, and of the lands lying on the lower side thereof,  
and also the town of Alexandria, and the territory so to be included,  
shall form a part of the district not exceeding ten miles square, for  
the permanent seat of the government of the United States, in like  
manner and to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been with-  
in the purview of the above recited act: *Provided*, That nothing  
herein contained, shall authorize the erection of the public buildings  
otherwise than on the Maryland side of the river Potowmac, as re-  
quired by the aforesaid act.

FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG,  
*Speaker of the House of Representatives.*

JOHN ADAMS, *Vice-President of the United States,*  
*and President of the Senate.*

APPROVED, March the third, 1791.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, *President of the United States.*