
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

JANUARY 8, 1916.

Mr. JOHNSON of Kentucky introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Library and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

To accept a deed of gift or conveyance from the Lincoln Farm Association, a corporation, to the United States of America, of land near the town of Hodgenville, county of Larue, State of Kentucky, embracing the homestead of Abraham Lincoln and the log cabin in which he was born, together with the memorial hall inclosing the same; and further, to accept an assignment or transfer of an endowment fund of \$50,000 in relation thereto.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That the United States of America hereby accepts title to
4 the lands mentioned in the deed of gift or conveyance now in
5 possession of the President of the United States of America.
6 together with all the buildings and appurtenances thereon,
7 especially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born
8 and the memorial hall inclosing the same, which deed or con-
9 veyance was executed on the day of , nineteen

1 hundred and thirteen, by the Lincoln Farm Association, a
2 corporation, to the United States of America, describing cer-
3 tain lands situated near the town of Hodgenville, county of
4 Larue, State of Kentucky, which lands are more particularly
5 identified and described in said deed or conveyance. The
6 title to such lands, buildings, and appurtenances is accepted
7 upon the terms and conditions stated in said deed or convey-
8 ance, namely: That the land therein described, together with
9 the buildings and appurtenances thereon, shall be forever
10 dedicated to the purposes of a national park or reservation,
11 the United States of America agreeing to protect and pre-
12 serve the said lands, buildings, and appurtenances, and espe-
13 cially the log cabin in which Abraham Lincoln was born and
14 the memorial hall inclosing the same, from spoliation, de-
15 struction, and further disintegration, to the end that they
16 may be preserved for all time, so far as may be; and further
17 agreeing that there shall never be any charge or fee made to
18 or asked from the public for admission to the said park or
19 reservation.

20 SEC. 2. That the United States of America hereby also
21 accepts title to the endowment fund of \$50,000 mentioned
22 in the assignment and transfer, now in the possession of the
23 President of the United States of America, which assignment
24 and transfer was executed on the day of , nine-
25 teen hundred and thirteen, by the Lincoln Farm Associa-

1 tion, a corporation, to the United States of America, trans-
2 ferring and turning over all its right, title, and interest in
3 and to said endowment fund, heretofore invested in certain
4 stocks, bonds, and securities held and owned by the Lincoln
5 Farm Association, and more particularly identified and de-
6 scribed in said assignment and transfer. The title to said
7 endowment fund is accepted upon the terms and conditions
8 stated in said assignment and transfer, namely, that the
9 United States of America shall forever keep the said tract
10 of land described in said deed, together with the buildings
11 and appurtenances thereunto belonging, dedicated to the pur-
12 pose of a national park or reservation, and that there shall
13 never be any charge or fee made to or asked from the public
14 for admission to the said park or reservation; and further,
15 shall forever protect, preserve, and maintain said land, build-
16 ings, and appurtenances, and especially the log cabin in
17 which Abraham Lincoln was born and the memorial hall
18 inclosing the same, from spoliation, destruction, and further
19 disintegration, to the end that they may be preserved for all
20 time, as far as may be, as a national park or reservation.

21 SEC. 3. That the President of the United States of
22 America and the Secretary of State are hereby authorized
23 to execute, in the name of the United States of America,
24 such instrument or instruments as may be or may become

- 1 necessary to comply with or carry out the terms and condi-
- 2 tions of such gift or gifts and to secure the full benefit
- 3 therefrom.

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