

Commissioners, out of the revenues of the District of Columbia; and a sufficient sum to pay such judgments and awards is hereby appropriated out of the revenues of the District.

Assessments  
against abutting prop-  
erty.

SEC. 3. That of the amount found due and awarded as damages for and in respect of the land condemned under this Act for the widening of said street, one-half thereof shall be assessed by the jury in said proceedings against the pieces and parcels of ground situate and lying on each side of said Nineteenth street extended between Florida avenue and Columbia road, and also on all or any adjacent pieces or parcels of land which will be benefited by the widening of Nineteenth street as herein provided.

Considerations of  
value.

SEC. 4. That the sums to be assessed against each lot and piece and parcel of ground shall be determined and designated by the jury, and in determining what amount shall be assessed against any particular piece or parcel of ground, the jury shall take into consideration the situation of said lots, and the benefits that they may severally receive from the widening of said street and highway. When the use of a part only of any piece or parcel of ground shall be condemned, the jury, in determining its value, shall not take into consideration any benefits that may accrue to the remainder thereof from the opening of said avenue, but such benefits shall be considered in determining what assessment shall be made on or against that part of such lot as is not taken, as is hereinbefore provided.

Assessments to be a  
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SEC. 5. That when confirmed by the court, the assessments shall severally be a lien upon the land assessed, and shall be collected as special improvement taxes in the District of Columbia, and shall be payable in five equal installments with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum until paid.

Awards, when paid.

SEC. 6. That payment of the awards made in respect of the property condemned shall not be made until the assessments herein provided for shall have been made against the aforesaid property and duly confirmed.

Approved, February 25, 1899.

February 27, 1899.

**CHAP. 205.**—An Act To authorize the Commissioner of the General Land Office to cause public lands to be surveyed in certain cases.

Survey of land  
grants to railroads.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That when any railroad company claiming a grant of land under any Act of Congress, desiring to secure the survey of any unsurveyed lands within the limits of its grant, shall file an application therefor in writing with the surveyor-general of the State in which the lands sought to be surveyed are situated, and deposit in a proper United States depository to the credit of the United States a sum sufficient to pay for such survey and for the examination thereof pursuant to law and the rules and regulations of the Department of the Interior under the direction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, it shall thereupon be the duty of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, or the Director of the Geological Survey, as the case may be, to cause said lands to be surveyed.

Certificates of de-  
posit.

For any deposits made by any railroad company hereunder, certificates shall be issued, which may be used by such railroad company, its successors or assigns, to the same extent as cash is now allowed in payment of entries of public lands under existing law and regulations for any public lands of the United States in the States where the surveys were made, or for any survey or office fees due the United States from such railroad company on account of surveys of lands within its grant. The Secretary of the Interior shall provide such rules and regulations as may be necessary for carrying out the foregoing provisions.

Regulations.

Approved, February 27, 1899.