

July 27, 1868. CHAP. CCLIII.—*An Act to authorize the City of Washington to issue Bonds for the Purpose of paying the floating Debt of the City.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the city of Washington be, and hereby is, authorized to issue, by vote of its councils, registered or coupon bonds in denominations of fifty dollars, one hundred dollars, five hundred dollars, and one thousand dollars, payable in ten years from the date of issue, bearing interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, payable semiannually; principal and interest payable in lawful money of the United States. Said bonds shall be signed by the mayor and countersigned by the register of the city, and shall be payable at such place or places as may by them be deemed expedient, and may be issued and disposed of to an amount sufficient to pay and discharge the present floating debt of the city, not, however, to exceed the sum of eight hundred thousand dollars: *Provided*, That said bonds shall not be sold for less than their par value in lawful money of the United States, or in exchange for said matured and liquidated indebtedness: *Provided also*, That no greater amount of said bonds shall be disposed of than may be found necessary for the payment of said indebtedness.

City of Washington may issue not over \$800,000 of bonds to pay its floating debt.

Denomination, interest, &c.

Bonds, how to be executed, and where payable;

not to be sold, for less than par, &c.

Interest and sinking fund for redemption to be provided for by taxation.

Necessary ordinances may be passed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the city councils upon issuing the bonds herein authorized, to provide by taxation for the prompt payment of the interest thereon; also to provide for the redemption of the said bonds by establishing a sinking fund to be set apart annually to an amount not exceeding ten per centum of the amount of bonds issued, said sinking fund to be created from regular taxes levied for that purpose, and to be assessed and collected as other taxes.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said city councils are hereby authorized to pass any and all ordinances which may be necessary to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, July 27, 1868.

July 27, 1868. CHAP. CCLIV.—*An Act to amend Section one of "An Act to prevent and punish Frauds upon the Revenue, and for other Purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.*

Declaration to truth of invoices in certain cases, may be made to, &c.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the act entitled "An act to prevent and punish frauds upon the revenue, to provide for [the] more certain and speedy collection of claims in favor of the United States, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, be, and the same is hereby, amended by adding to section one thereof an additional proviso, as follows: *And provided further*, That in case of goods, wares, and merchandise, imported from a foreign country adjacent to the United States, the declaration in this section hereinbefore required may be made to, and the certificate endorsed by, the consul, vice-consul, or commercial agent, at or nearest to the port or place of clearance for the United States.

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July 27, 1868. CHAP. CCLV.—*An Act supplementary to an Act entitled "An Act to allow the United States to prosecute Appeals and Writs of Error, without giving Security," and for other Purposes.*

The United States may prosecute appeals, &c. to circuit courts, without security for costs.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the provisions of the act entitled "An act to allow the United States to prosecute appeals and writs of error without giving security," approved February twenty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, be, and the same hereby are, extended to writs of error, appeals, or other process in law, admiralty or equity, issuing from or brought up to a circuit court of the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any corporation, or any member thereof, *orther* [other] than a banking corporation, organized under a law of the United States, and against which a suit at law or in equity has been or may be commenced in any court other than a circuit or district court of the United States, for any liability or alleged liability of such corporation, or any member thereof as such member, may have such suit removed from the court in which it may be pending, to the proper circuit or district court of the United States, upon filing a petition therefor, verified by oath, either before or after issue joined, stating they have a defence arising under or by virtue of the Constitution of the United States, or any treaty or law of the United States, and offering good and sufficient surety for entering in such court on the first day of its session, copies of all process, pleadings, dispositions, testimony, and other proceedings in said suit, and doing such other appropriate acts as are required to be done by the act entitled "An act for the removal of causes in certain cases from State courts," approved July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-six; and it shall be thereupon the duty of the court to accept the surety and proceed no further in the suit; and the said copies being entered as aforesaid in such court of the United States, the suit shall then proceed in the same manner as if it had been brought there by original process, and all the provisions of said act in this section referred to, respecting any bail, attachment, injunction, or other restraining process, and respecting any bond of indemnity or other obligation given upon the issuing or granting of any attachment, injunction, or other restraining process, shall apply with like force and effect in all respects to similar matters, process, or things in the suits for the removal of which this act provides.

Suits in State courts against corporations, except, &c. may be removed to United States courts for certain reasons.

Practice in such cases. 1866, ch. 288. Vol. xiv. p. 306.

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CHAP. CCLVI. — *An Act to protect the Rights of actual Settlers upon the public Lands of the United States.*

July 27, 1868.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in no case shall more than three sections of public lands of the United States be entered in any one township by scrip issued to any State under the act approved July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, for the establishment of an agricultural college therein.

Not over three sections of public lands in any township to be entered by agricultural college land scrip. 1862, ch. 130. Vol. xii. p. 603.

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CHAP. CCLVII. — *An Act changing the Ports of Entry from Plymouth to Edenton, in North Carolina, and Port Royal to Beaufort, in South Carolina.*

July 27, 1868.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the port of entry in the Albemarle collection district be removed from Plymouth to Edenton, North Carolina, and also that Beaufort, in South Carolina, be created a port of entry in lieu of Port Royal, which is hereby abolished as a port of entry.

Edenton, N. C. and Beaufort, S. C. made ports of entry. Port Royal, abolished as a port of entry.

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CHAP. CCLVIII. — *An Act in Amendment of an Act entitled "An Act to establish a uniform System of Bankruptcy throughout the United States," approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven.*

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1867, ch. 175. Vol. xiv. p. 517.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the provisions of second clause of the thirty-third section of said act shall not apply to the cases of proceedings in bankrupt[cy] commenced prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and the time during which the

In proceedings in bankruptcy commenced after Jan. 1, 1869, discharges not to be granted to debtor