

Old lot to be sold. SEC. 2. That the act of Congress approved February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-three, entitled "An act to provide for the building of a custom house, and so forth" in the city of Memphis, in the State of Tennessee, and for other purposes, be so amended as to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to sell the lot of ground now owned by the Government of the United States on the corner of Jefferson and Third streets, in the city of Memphis, Tennessee, at public auction for cash, or on such credit as he may deem most advantageous, within twelve months from the passage of this act, after advertising the same for a period of thirty days in two newspapers published in the city of Memphis, and in such other manner as he may think proper; and the proceeds thereof shall be covered into the Treasury.

Terms.

Proceeds.

Approved, May 23, 1876.

May 23, 1876. CHAP. 108.—An act to amend the charter of the Capitol, North O Street, and South Washington Railway Company.

1875, ch. 161,
18 Stat., 498.

Amended.

Route changed.

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 incorporate the Capitol, North O Street, and South Washington Railway Company," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to authorize and allow said company to extend its line on Fourth and Eleventh streets west from O street to P street north, and to lay a single track and run its cars one way upon P street between Fourth and Eleventh streets, instead of laying a double track and running its cars both ways upon O street.

Approved, May 23, 1876.

May 24, 1876. CHAP. 112.—An act to grant the right of way for railroad purposes through the United States arsenal-grounds near Benicia California.

Right of way through arsenal grounds at Benicia, Cal., granted.

Secretary of War to approve location, etc.
When to revert to United States.
Right of repeal, etc., reserved.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of way, not exceeding one hundred feet in width, through the lands of the United States included in the military reservation near Benicia, in the State of California, is hereby granted to the Northern Railway Company for the purpose of constructing a railroad: *Provided,* That the said right of way, and the width and location thereof through said lands, and the regulations for operating said railroad within the limits of the reservation so as to prevent all danger to public property, shall be submitted to, and approved by, the Secretary of War, prior to any entry on said lands, or the commencement of the construction of said works: *Provided, also,* That whenever said rights of way shall cease to be used for the purposes aforesaid, the same shall revert to the United States: *And provided further,* That the right to repeal alter or amend this act is reserved to Congress.

Approved, May 24, 1876.

May 25, 1876. CHAP. 114.—An act authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to cancel and annul the condemnation of ground in square seven hundred and sixty-two, in the city of Washington, for a public alley, and for other purposes.

Condemnation of ground for alley in square 762 may be annulled.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to cancel and annul the condemnation of ground in square seven hundred and sixty-two, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, for the purpose of locating a public alley in said square, should they deem the abandon-

ment of said projected alley compatible with the interests of the public: *Provided, however,* That said abandonment shall only be made upon the petition of a majority of the residents and owners of the property in said square.

On petition of owners, etc.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioners shall take steps to recover into the treasury of the District of Columbia any damages paid to any person or persons occupying or owning property in said square, where the property of said person or persons has been in no manner interfered with or damaged; and that, upon such recovery, said Commissioners shall refund any benefits assessed against any person or persons owning or occupying property in said square, provided such benefits shall have been paid.

Damages to be recovered.

Benefits to be refunded.

Approved, May 25, 1876.

CHAP. 118.—An act making certain transfers of appropriations in the provisions for the contingent expenses of the Department of Justice for the current year.

June 2, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision for the Contingent Expenses of the Department of Justice, in the act approved March third one thousand eight hundred and seventy-five, making appropriations for the legislative, executive and judicial expenses of the government for the year ending June thirtieth, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-six, be amended by transferring to the appropriation for miscellaneous expenditure the following sums, from from other specific appropriations, to wit: three hundred dollars from the appropriation for "furniture and repairs" three hundred dollars from the appropriation for "care and subsistence of horses," and two hundred dollars from the appropriation for "repairs to carriages and harness," making the amount so transferred, eight hundred dollars.

1875, ch. 129, 18, Stat., 369.

Transfer of appropriations for Department of Justice authorized.

Approved, June 2, 1876.

CHAP. 119.—An act to permit the judge of the district court of the United States for the western district of Pennsylvania to retire.

June 2, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of section seven hundred and fourteen of the Revised Statutes be, and are hereby, extended and made applicable to Wilson McCandless, judge of the district court of the United States for the western district of Pennsylvania, in consequence of his physical disability, notwithstanding he has not attained the age of seventy years: *Provided,* That the said McCandless shall resign his office within six months next after the passage of this act.

R. S., 714, p. 135, extended to Wilson McCandless.

Proviso.

Approved, June 2, 1876.

CHAP. 120.—An act granting a site for an observatory to the trustees of the Lick Observatory of the astronomical department of the University of California.

June 7, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whereas James Lick, of San Francisco, California, has, by deed of trust, given a large sum of money for the erection and equipment of an observatory, dedicating the same to the astronomical department of the University of California for scientific and educational purposes, and has selected Mount Hamilton, in the county of Santa Clara, and State aforesaid, as the site for said observatory, and which is situate on the public lands of the United

Site for Lick Observatory reserved from sale.