

Aug. 15, 1876. **CHAP. 294.**—An act to confirm the sale of the marine-hospital building and grounds at Natchez in the State of Mississippi.

Preamble.

Whereas the marine-hospital building and grounds at Natchez, Mississippi, are not required for the service of the United States; and whereas the said building has been for many years in a process of dilapidation and decay; and whereas the said building and grounds have been offered for sale at different times by auction under and in pursuance of law: Therefore,

Sale of Natchez marine-hospital building may be confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to confirm to the highest bidder the sale made under his direction and in pursuance of law, February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six; it being satisfactorily shown to him that the said building is to be reconstructed and devoted, under responsible auspices, to purposes of instruction for the benefit of the colored people of the United States.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

Aug. 15, 1876. **CHAP. 295.**—An act fixing the limit of expenditure for the erection of a public building at Little Rock, Arkansas.

1872, ch. 324,
17 Stat., 280.

Limit of cost of public building at Little Rock, Ark.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of Congress, approved June seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act to provide for a building for the use of the Federal courts, post-office, internal revenue, and other civil offices in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas," be, and hereby is, amended by fixing the limit of expenditure authorized for the site and full completion of said building at two hundred thousand dollars.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

Aug. 15, 1876. **CHAP. 296.**—An act to provide means to defray the expenses of the District of Columbia until December first, eighteen hundred and seventy six.

Commissioners of District of Columbia may anticipate revenues.

Ante, p. 83.
Post, p. 396.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to enable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to defray the expenses of said District to December first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, they are hereby authorized to anticipate by loans or otherwise, the taxes for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, a sum not to exceed four hundred and eighteen thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety-six cents, the interest on which shall not exceed six per centum per annum.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

Aug. 15, 1876. **CHAP. 297.**—An act relating to partition of real estate in the District of Columbia.

Partition by tenants in common in District of Columbia.

Parties to suit. Jurisdiction.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all tenants in common and coparceners of any estate in lands tenements, or hereditaments, equitable as well as legal, within the District of Columbia, may, in the discretion of the Court, be compelled in any court of competent jurisdiction, to make, or suffer partition of such estate or estates. In proceedings for partition all persons in interest shall be made parties in the same manner as in cases of equity jurisdiction. And in proceedings for partition under this act, the court may in addition to the powers herein conferred,

exercise such powers as are or may be conferred by virtue of the general equity jurisdiction of the court.

SEC. 2. That the court, in all cases, in decreeing partition, may, if it satisfactorily appears that said lands and tenements, or any estate or interest therein, cannot be divided without loss or injury to the parties interested, decree a sale thereof, and a division of the money arising from such sale among the parties, according to their respective rights and interests.

Sale of property; division of proceeds.

SEC. 3. That in all such sales, unless the court shall by special order direct or require on good cause shown, that the sale be made for cash, the purchase money shall be payable, one third on day of sale, one third in one year, and one-third in two years thereafter, with interest, the deferred payments to be secured to the parties, according to their respective interests, by good and sufficient mortgage upon the premises so sold, which shall be subject to the approval of the court.

Terms of sale.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

CHAP. 298.—An act to provide for the payment of a full months wages to certain of the employees recently permanently discharged from the service of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

Aug. 15, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the clause in the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, and for other purposes" approved July thirty first, eighteen hundred and seventy six, appropriating "twenty five thousand dollars," for the purpose of paying each of the employees recently furloughed and finally permanently discharged from service in the Bureau of Engraving "and Printing" "one months pay" is hereby so amended as to read, twenty-nine thousand five hundred dollars, in lieu of "twenty-five thousand dollars" and the entire sum shall be paid out in accordance with the provisions of said clause and with the further provision that said sum shall be distributed in payments only to said employees, whose wages did not exceed three dollars per diem, whether by monthly or daily rate of payment.

1876, ch. 246, Ante, p. 116.

One month's extra pay to furloughed employes of Bureau of Engraving and Printing.

To whom paid.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

CHAP. 299.—An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to use the surplus of certain moneys heretofore appropriated for a site for public buildings of Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania.

Aug. 15, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That after purchasing the site and obtaining a valid title to the land authorized to be purchased for public buildings at Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania, by the act of March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to use any moneys left of the appropriation made by said act of Congress for the improvement of the premises so purchased, with a view to the use of the same as a post-office and Government offices, as named in the said act.

Post, p. 352.

Public buildings at Harrisburgh, Pa.

1875, ch. 163, 18 Stat., 505.

Use of surplus appropriation for site.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

CHAP. 300.—An act to regulate the issue of artificial limbs to disabled soldiers, seamen, and others.

Aug. 15, 1876.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That every officer, soldier, seaman and marine, who, in the line of duty, in the military or naval service of the United States, shall have lost a limb, or sustained bodily injuries,

Artificial limbs to soldiers and sailors.