

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That said branch mint shall be a place of deposit for such public moneys as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct. And the superintendent of said branch mint, who shall perform the duties of treasurer thereof, shall have the custody of the same, and also perform the duties of assistant treasurer; and for that purpose shall be subject to all the provisions contained in an act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the treasury, and for the collection, safe-keeping, transfer, and disbursement of the public revenue," approved August six, eighteen hundred and forty-six, which relates to the treasury of the branch mint at New Orleans.

Branch mint to be deposit for public moneys.

1846, ch. 90.
Vol. ix. p. 59.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent of said branch mint be authorized, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, and on terms to be prescribed by him, to issue in payment of the gold dust and bullion deposited for assay and coinage or bars, drafts, or certificates of deposit, payable at the Treasury or any Sub-treasury of the United States, to any depositor electing to receive payment in that form.

Certificates of deposit may be issued in payment for deposits for coinage.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That all the laws and parts of laws now in force for the regulation of the mint of the United States, and for the government of the officers and persons employed therein, and for the punishment of all offences connected with the mint or coinage of the United States, shall be and they are hereby declared to be in full force in relation to the branch of the mint by this act established, as far as the same may be applicable thereto.

Laws for regulation of mint, applicable to branch.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to carry into effect the provisions of this act, and to meet the expenses of the current year and for the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, April 21, 1862.

CHAP. LXIII.—*An Act relating to Highways in the County of Washington and District of Columbia.* May 3, 1862.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the passage of this act, it shall be lawful for the levy court of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, to alter, repair, widen, and regulate the public roads and highways in said county, and to lay out additional roads as hereinafter specified.

Levy court may alter, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all roads within said county of Washington which have been used by the public for a period of twenty-five years or more as a highway, and have been recognized by the said levy court as public county roads, and for the repairs of which the said levy court has appropriated and expended money, are declared public highways, whether the same have been recorded or not; and any person who shall obstruct the free use of said highways, or any one of them, without authority from said levy court, shall be subject to a fine for each and every offence of not less than one hundred or more than two hundred and fifty dollars, to be imprisoned till the said fine and the costs of suit and collection of the same are paid; said fines to be collected in the name of the United States, for the use of the levy court.

What shall be deemed public highways.

Penalty for obstructing.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That within one year from the passage of this act the levy court shall cause the surveyor of the said county of Washington to survey and plat all such roads as are named in the last preceding section, and have the same recorded among the records of said county now used for recording surveys and plats of other public county roads; and, in making said survey, the county surveyor shall follow, as

Public highways to be surveyed, &c.

1863, ch. 51.
Post, p. 658.

nearly as possible, the lines and boundaries heretofore used and known as a highway, and he shall cause the lines and boundaries of the same to be permanently marked and fixed by the erection of stones or posts at the different angles thereof.

Obstructions to public highways to be removed.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That all such roads as are named in the second section of this act as have been obstructed by any person or persons in any manner within the last six years shall be re-opened by the levy court, if, in the judgment of said court, the public convenience requires it; and the expenses thereby incurred shall be paid by the person or persons who shall have obstructed the same, which expenses shall be collected as fines are required to be collected under the second section of this act.

Width of roads.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That hereafter, in laying out new roads in said county of Washington, the levy court shall cause such roads to be of a width of not less than fifty nor more than one hundred feet, and it may also cause the width of any of the existing roads in said county to be increased to not more than one hundred feet, and change the location of any of them, as the said levy court may deem best for the public interest; and, for the purpose of opening or widening such roads, the said levy court is hereby empowered to cause to be condemned any land or lands necessary for the same, as other lands are now condemned by law.

Land may be taken.

Materials for making and repairing public roads in certain cases.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That in any case where materials shall be necessary for making or repairing a public road, if the levy court cannot agree with the owner as to their purchase, the said court may proceed in the same manner for condemning said materials as in cases of condemnation of land for the purposes of a public road.

Fields and gardens, when not to be taken for roads.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That no field or garden or yard, in actual cultivation, shall be laid open or used as a public highway until after the usual time of taking off the crops growing thereon.

Members of levy court need not be taken from the justices of the peace.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the requirement in the existing laws, that members of the levy court shall be appointed from amongst the justices of the peace in the county of Washington, is hereby repealed.

APPROVED, May 3, 1862.

May 13, 1862.

CHAP. LXVI. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide increased Revenue from Imports, to pay Interest on the Public Debt, and for other Purposes, approved August five, eighteen hundred and sixty-one."*

1861, ch. 45, § 53. *Ante*, pp. 311, 312.

Provision of former act, that State may pay its tax by release of its claims upon the United States — to apply to claims for expenses of volunteers filed before July 30, 1862.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provision in the fifty-third section of the act "to provide increased revenue from imports, to pay interest on the public debt, and for other purposes," approved August five, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, allowing such portion of the tax as may be assessed by any State, Territory, or the District of Columbia "to be paid and satisfied, in whole or in part, by the release of such State, Territory, or District, duly executed, to the United States, of any liquidated and determined claim of such State, Territory, or District of equal amount against the United States: *Provided,* That in case of such release, such State, Territory, or District shall be allowed the same abatement of the amount of such tax as would be allowed in case of the payment of the same in money," shall be construed as applying to such claims of States for reimbursement of expenses incurred by them in enrolling, subsisting, clothing, supplying, arming, equipping, paying, and transporting its troops employed in aiding to suppress the present insurrection against the United States, as shall be filed with the proper officers of the United States before the thirtieth of July next. And in such cases the abatement of fifteen per centum shall be made on such portion

Abatement in such case.