

Lands unsold after, &c.

their appraised value: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of the Interior may, in his discretion, open any of said lands remaining unsold after having been publicly offered to cash entry at their appraised value, subject to the rights of bona-fide settlers as provided for in this act: *Provided, however*, That the proceeds of the sale of said lands and improvements, after paying the expenses of said appraisement and sale, shall be applied in accordance with the provisions of said treaty in the payment of the liquidated indebtedness of said Kansas tribe of Indians pro rata as the same shall be received, and the excess, if any, shall be distributed to the said Indians, per capita, in money.

Proceeds of sales of lands how to be applied.

SEC. 4. That if said Kansas tribe of Indians shall signify to the President of the United States their desire to sell their diminished reserve, as indicated in said treaty, including lands held in severalty and in common, and to remove from the State of Kansas, and shall so agree in such manner as the President may prescribe, the Secretary of the Interior may cause the same to be appraised in legal subdivisions as hereinbefore provided for the appraisement of the so-called "trust lands," and sold in quantities not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres at not less than its appraised value, after due notice, to the highest bidder or bidders on sealed bids, including improvements of every character, and no preference shall be given to settlers on any part of said diminished reserve, and the appraised value of any improvements on any part of said diminished reserve made by any member of said tribe shall be paid to him or her in person, and the residue of the proceeds of said sales shall belong to said tribe in common, fifty per centum of which shall be placed to their credit on the books of the treasury, and bear interest at the rate of five per centum per annum, said interest to be paid to them semi-annually for the term of twenty years, after which period the principal shall be paid to the members of said tribe per capita, and the remaining fifty per centum of the proceeds of sales as aforesaid shall be used in providing and improving for them new homes in the Indian Territory, and in subsisting them until they may become self-sustaining: *Provided*, That if any adult member of said tribe to whom an allotment was assigned under the provision of articles one and two of said treaty of November, eighteen hundred and sixty, shall desire to remain upon the same, such member of said tribe shall, upon satisfying the Secretary of the Interior that he or she is the person to whom such allotment was originally assigned, and that he or she has, since the date of such assignment, continued to occupy and cultivate the same, be entitled to demand and receive for such allotment a patent in fee-simple; but such land so patented shall be exempt from levy, taxation, or sale during the natural life of such Indian.

The diminished reserve of the Kansas Indians to be appraised and sold, &c., if, &c.
Mode of appraisement and sale.

Improvements.

Proceeds of sales.

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Adult members of tribe desiring to remain upon the reservation, may receive patent for their allotment, exempt, &c.

APPROVED, May 8, 1872.

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CHAP. CXLII. — *An Act to fund certain Liabilities of the City of Washington, existing June first, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and to limit the Debt of and Taxation in the District of Columbia.*

Certain floating debts and trust funds of the City of Washington to be funded.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioners of the sinking-fund of the District of Columbia, duly appointed under the laws of the said District, be, and are hereby, authorized to fund the liabilities of the city of Washington, consisting of the floating debts and trust-funds found to be due on the first of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, not exceeding one million one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, by the auditing commission appointed to ascertain the amount of said liabilities, and reported by said commission to the legislative assembly under date of November eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and January third, eighteen hundred and seventy-two; and for that purpose the said commissioners are hereby directed to issue registered or coupon bonds of the said District of Columbia, in denominations of fifty dollars, or any multi-

Limit.

Bonds to be issued;

denominations,

ple of that sum, not to exceed the amount of said liabilities, bearing interest, when, not to exceed six per centum per annum, payable semi-annually in gold, where, and how and having a period to run not more than thirty years nor less than fifteen years; and the said commissioners are hereby authorized to negotiate the sale of the said bonds at their discretion, at a rate of discount not to exceed three per centum upon their par value, and with the proceeds thereof to pay the said liabilities of the city of Washington; and the principal and interest of said bonds shall be made payable in the city of Washington, or in the city of New York: *Provided*, That such amount of the said bonds or their proceeds as is necessary shall be applied and strictly held to make good the trust-funds; on which there is a deficiency of two hundred and eighty-six thousand three hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty-eight cents: *Provided, further*, That the holders of any of the said floating debts shall have the privilege of converting the same, or any part thereof, at par, for an equal amount of the bonds proposed to be issued under this act.

SEC. 2. That the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia is hereby empowered to cause to be levied upon and collected from all taxable property of the city of Washington, within its limits, a tax annually, which shall be sufficient to pay the interest upon the said bonds, and to create a sinking-fund sufficient to retire the said bonds at maturity, the said tax to be collected at the same time and in the same manner as general annual taxes are collected in the said District: *Provided*, That the aggregate amount of taxes in any one year, excepting such additional assessments as may be made for improvements specially authorized by law, shall not exceed two per centum on the assessed cash valuation of property in said city.

SEC. 3. That the collector of the District of Columbia shall pay over to the said commissioners, upon their requisition being first certified by the auditor and the comptroller of said District, as is now provided by the laws of said District, all the moneys collected by virtue of this act, with which said moneys the said commissioners shall pay or cause to be paid the coupons or interest on said bonds issued by them under the provisions of this act; and the residue, collected as aforesaid as a sinking-fund, the said commissioners shall invest in the said bonds issued by them, or in any bonds of the District of Columbia or of the late corporations of the cities of Washington or Georgetown, and shall cause to be placed on record, in the office of the register of the said District of Columbia, a full and complete report of all their acts herein on or before the first day of January of each year, and shall also make a report of the same to the legislative assembly at the commencement of each regular session thereof.

SEC. 4. That the said bonds shall be issued in the name of the District of Columbia, and shall show that they are so issued in payment of the liabilities aforesaid of the city of Washington (found to be due at the time and in the manner provided in the first section of this act), and said bonds shall be signed by a majority of the commissioners aforesaid, and countersigned by the register and the comptroller of the said District; and a proper registry shall be kept in the office of the register of the said District of the number, denomination, date of issue, and to whom issued.

SEC. 5. That so much of the act passed at the late extra session of the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia, entitled "An act providing for the payment of the debts of the late corporation of Washington," approved January nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, levying taxes on real and personal property in the city of Washington, to pay the debt and the interest on the debt of the late corporation of Washington, as conflicts with the provisions of this act, be, and the same is hereby, disapproved, cancelled, and declared void.

SEC. 6. That the act of the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia, approved August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act authorizing the District of Columbia to create a debt for special

interest, when, where, and how payable;

how may be sold.

Trust funds to be made good.

Holders of floating debt may convert the same.

Tax to be levied, &c., annually, to pay interest and create a sinking fund.

Aggregate tax, except, &c., not to exceed, &c.

Money collected to be paid to commissioners, and how applied.

Report of commissioners.

Tenor of the bonds, how executed and registered.

Conflicting provisions of act of the assembly of the District declared void.

Certain acts of the assembly of the District declared void.

improvements and repairs in said District by the issuing of four millions of bonds and levying a tax for the payment of the interest as it shall annually accrue thereon, and submitting the act with the question of the issuing of four millions of improvement bonds to a vote of the people at a general election in said District;" and also the act of the legislative assembly, approved August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act levying a tax for the payment of the interest as it shall annually accrue on four million dollars of bonds authorized to be issued by the District of Columbia to create a debt for special improvements and repairs in said District, by the issuing of four millions of bonds and levying a tax for the payment of the interest as it shall annually accrue thereon, and submitting the act, with the question of the issuing of four millions of improvement bonds, to a vote of the people at a general election in the said District;" be, and the same are hereby, disapproved and declared null and void, and the authorities of the District are hereby forbidden to issue any portion of the four millions of bonds named in said acts; and that the act of the said legislative assembly, approved July tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act making appropriations for improvements and repairs in the District of Columbia, and providing for the payment thereof;" be, and the same is hereby, approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Certain bonds not to be issued.

Certain act approved.

Debt of the District not to exceed, &c., unless, &c.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 7. That the debt of the District of Columbia, including the debts of the late corporations, shall at no time exceed the sum of ten millions of dollars, unless an increase over the said amount shall have been previously authorized by act of Congress.

SEC. 8. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, May 8, 1872.

May 9, 1872.

CHAP. CXLIII. — *An Act to change the Time for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the western District of Wisconsin, at La Crosse.*

Time of holding circuit and district court at La Crosse, Wis. 1870, ch. 175, § 2. Vol. xvi. p. 171. December term abolished.

Proviso.

Courts at Madison and certain power of judges not interfered with.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of Wisconsin, at La Crosse, be on the third Tuesday of September of each year, instead of the first Monday of December, as now provided by law; and that the December term at La Crosse be, and the same is hereby, abolished, and that all recognizances, indictments, writs, process, and other proceedings, civil and criminal, now pending in either of said courts, may be entered, heard, and tried at the time herein fixed for holding said courts: *Provided, however,* That a term of said court may be held in December, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, for the purpose of taking forfeitures of recognizances and disposing of any and all matters pending in said court, civil or criminal, necessary to be disposed of at said term to prevent discontinuances or any loss of any rights that may have accrued to any party or to the government of the United States.

SEC. 2. This act shall not interfere with the term of said courts appointed to be holden at Madison, in said district, nor with the power now possessed by the judges of said courts to order special terms of the same, as now provided by law.

APPROVED, May 9, 1872.

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CHAP. CXLIV. — *An Act to extend the Time of Payment for their Lands by Persons holding Pre-emptions on the public Lands in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and Territory of Dakota.*

Persons holding pre-emptions on public lands in certain States to have one year

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all persons holding pre-emptions upon any of the public lands of the United States within the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and Territory of Dakota, whose final payment has not been made, shall be allowed the additional