

To be paid from so far as the same may be sufficient for that purpose: *Provided* fur-
 income of Navy pen- *ther*, That the fees for preparing vouchers and administering oaths,
 sion-fund. which are now by law thirty cents in each case, shall hereafter be
 Fees. twenty-five cents for the same and no more

Approved, June 20, 1874.

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CHAP. 336.—An act to fix the time for the election of Representatives in the Forty-fourth Congress from the State of Mississippi.

Election of Rep-
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 Forty-fourth Con-
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the election for Representatives in the Forty-fourth Congress, from the State of Mississippi, shall be holden on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, anything in the constitution or laws of said State to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, June 20, 1874.

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CHAP. 337.—An act for the government of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Government of
 District of Columbia
 abolished.

1871, ch. 62, vol.
 xvi, p. 419.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all provisions of law providing for an executive, for a secretary for the District, for a legislative assembly, for a board of public works, and for a Delegate in Congress in the District of Columbia are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That this repeal shall not affect the term of office of the present Delegate in Congress.

Commission cre-
 ated.

Power and au-
 thority.

Restrictions and
 limitations.

Taxes and reve-
 nues, how to be ap-
 plied.

Possession and
 supervision of
 offices, books, pa-
 pers, &c.

Restrictions upon
 contracts.

Collection of
 taxes.

Sale or hypothec-
 ation, &c., prohib-
 ited.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. That the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, is hereby authorized to appoint a commission, consisting of three persons, who shall, until otherwise provided by law, exercise all the power and authority now lawfully vested in the governor or board of public works of said District, except as hereinafter limited; and shall be subject to all the restrictions and limitations now imposed by law on said governor or board; and shall have power to apply the taxes or other revenues of said District to the payment of the current expenses thereof, to the support of the public schools, the fire department, and the police, and to the payment of the debts of said District secured by a pledge of the securities of said District or board of public works as collateral, and also to the payment of debts due to laborers and employees of the District and board of public works; and for that purpose shall take possession and supervision of all the offices, books, papers, records, moneys, credits, securities, assets, and accounts belonging or appertaining to the business or interests of the government of the District of Columbia and the board of public works, and exercise the power and authority aforesaid; but said commission, in the exercise of such power or authority, shall make no contract, nor incur any obligation other than such contracts and obligations as may be necessary to the faithful administration of the valid laws enacted for the government of said District, to the execution of existing legal obligations and contracts, and to the protection or preservation of improvements existing, or commenced and not completed, at the time of the passage of this act. All taxes heretofore lawfully assessed and due or to become due shall be collected pursuant to law, except as herein otherwise provided; but said commissioners shall have no power to anticipate taxes by a sale or hypothecation of any such taxes, or evidence thereof: *Provided*, That nothing in this clause contained shall affect any provisions of law authorizing or requiring a deposit of certificates of assessment with the sinking fund commissioners of said District; and said commissioners are hereby author-