

ments theretofore made by them, or any of them, by either justly increasing or justly diminishing any particular assessment. Upon the assessment so as aforesaid made and finally revised, the tax hereinbefore provided for shall be levied, and the collector of taxes shall be in readiness to receive payment of the same on and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-five. Said assessors, before entering upon their duties, shall respectively take or subscribe an oath or affirmation, before any officer authorized to administer oaths or affirmations in said District, to faithfully discharge the duties of their said office; which oaths, when taken, shall be certified by the persons before whom the same shall have been taken, and shall be filed with the commissioners of the District.

Tax-levy.

Assessor's oath.

SEC. 13. That the treasurer of the District, upon receiving any moneys, shall forthwith deposit the same in the Treasury of the United States; and said moneys thus deposited shall be drawn, from the Treasury of the United States, only in such sums and at such times as the same shall be actually required, and only for the expenditures authorized by law, and only upon warrants of the accounting officers of the District, issued under the direction of the commissioners of the District or their successors in office.

Moneys; how deposited and drawn.

SEC. 14. That the commissioners of the District or their successors in office are hereby authorized to reduce, adjust, and equalize the pay or salaries of all officers or employees payable from the funds of the District government in whole or in part: *Provided, however,* That the aggregate sum of pay and salaries shall not be increased beyond the present aggregate amount of pay and salaries.

Salaries of officers and employes; reduction, &c., of.

Proviso.

SEC. 15. That the third section of the act of the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia entitled "An act prescribing the mode of assessment for special improvements, and providing for the collection thereof," approved August tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, shall be, and is hereby, amended so that the sales under said law shall be advertised twice a week for three successive weeks, instead of as heretofore required.

Advertisement of sales.

SEC. 16. That the commissioners of the District of Columbia and the commissioners of the sinking fund of said District shall destroy by burning all bonds, sewer certificates and other obligations of every kind of the city of Washington the city of Georgetown or the District of Columbia whatsoever heretofore paid or redeemed by either of said boards under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury and shall preserve the evidence thereof as shall be prescribed by said Secretary.

Redeemed bonds, obligations, &c., to be destroyed.

SEC. 17. That section four of the act entitled "An act for the government of the District of Columbia," approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out the word "March," and inserting in lieu thereof the word "June," so far as the same applies to the taxes imposed by said section four: *Provided,* That the penalty of one per centum per month shall be added to all delinquent taxes under said act until the sale of property under said act as hereby amended shall have taken place.

1874, c. 337, s. 4; ante, 118, amended.

Penalty to be added to delinquent taxes.

SEC. 18. That the three-sixty-five registered bonds of the District of Columbia, authorized by acts of Congress, approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and February twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-five, in lieu of coupon bonds, may be issued in denominations of one thousand dollars and five thousand dollars.

Three-sixty-five bonds. 1874, c. 337, s. 7, ante, 120. 1875, c. 94, ante, 332.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 163.—An act to authorize the purchase of a site for public buildings at Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania.

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 be and he hereby is, authorized and directed to purchase, at private

Site for public building in Harrisburgh, Pa.

Appropriation.

Proviso.

sale, or procure by condemnation, a suitable tract of ground in the city of Harrisburgh, Pennsylvania, for the erection thereon of a building for the accommodation of the post-office and other Government offices in said city; and the sum of one hundred and sixty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of such tract of ground: *Provided*, That the sum hereby appropriated shall not be available until a valid title to the land shall be vested in the United States, and the State of Pennsylvania shall relinquish its jurisdiction over the same and all right to tax or assess the same while owned by the United States.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 164.—An act authorizing the Secretary of War to deliver certain condemned ordnance to the Joseph Warren Monument Association of Boston, Massachusetts, for monumental purposes.

Joseph Warren Monument Association of Boston, Mass.

Condemned cannon to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized to deliver to the Joseph Warren Monument Association of Boston, Massachusetts, ten pieces of condemned brass cannon, to be used in the erection of a statue of Joseph Warren, in Boston, Massachusetts, *Provided*, That the same can be done without detriment to the service.

Approved, March 3, 1875.

March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 165.—An act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to use his discretion in the selection of material for the construction of a public building at Atlanta, Georgia—

Public building at Atlanta, Ga.

Selection of material for.

1873, c. 132, v. 17, p. 436.

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 be, and he is hereby, authorized to use his discretion in the selection of material for the construction of the public building authorized to be erected at Atlanta, Georgia, by act of Congress, approved February twelfth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three; and all acts, or parts thereof, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, are hereby repealed—

Approved, March 3, 1875.

March 3, 1875.

CHAP. 166.—An act to aid in the improvement of the Fox and Wisconsin Rivers, in the State of Wisconsin.

Improvement of Fox and Wisconsin Rivers.

Taking of lands and materials.

Flowage-dam-ages.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever, in the prosecution and maintenance of the improvement of the Wisconsin and Fox Rivers in the State of Wisconsin, it becomes necessary or proper in the judgment of the Secretary of War to take possession of any lands, or the right of way over any lands, for canals and cut-offs, or to use any earth-quarries or other material lying adjacent or near to the line of said improvement and needful for its prosecution or maintenance, the officers in charge of said works may, in the name of the United States, take possession of and use the same, after first having paid or secured to be paid the value thereof, which may have been ascertained in the mode provided by the laws of the State wherein such property lies. In case any lands or other property is now or shall be flowed or injured by means of any part of the works of said improvement heretofore or hereafter constructed for which compensation is now