

silver coins of the United States of smaller denominations than one dollar, may, on presentation of the same in sums of twenty dollars, or any multiple thereof, at the office of the Treasurer or any assistant treasurer of the United States, receive therefor lawful money of the United States.

Redemption.

SEC. 2. The Treasurer or any assistant treasurer of the United States who may receive any coins under the provision of this act shall exchange the same in sums of twenty dollars, or any multiple thereof, for lawful money of the United States, on demand of any holder thereof.

Legal tender.

SEC. 3. That the present silver coins of the United States of smaller denominations than one dollar shall hereafter be a legal tender in all sums not exceeding ten dollars in full payment of all dues public and private.

Repeals.

SEC. 4. That all laws or parts of laws in conflict with this act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, June 9, 1879.

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CHAP. 13.—An act in relation to the accounts of the United States Entomological Commission.

Entomological
Commission ac-
counts.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounts of the salaries and disbursements of the United States Entomological Commission may be settled and allowed in the same manner and with the same effect as if the members and officers thereof had taken the oath required by law at the time they entered upon the performance of their duties: *Provided,* They shall have taken said oaths before the first day of July anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.

Proviso.

Approved, June 9, 1879.

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CHAP. 14.—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to furnish condemned ordnance for the monument of Colonel Robert L. McCook, Ninth Ohio Volunteers, in Washington Park, in the city of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Condemned ord-
nance.

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 authorized to furnish to the proper parties, out of ordnance and ordnance stores, belonging to the United States, of patterns not now in use, the following to be used in the railing around the public monument erected to the memory of Colonel Robert L. McCook, of the Ninth Regiment Ohio Volunteers, in Washington Park, in the city of Cincinnati, to wit: One hundred and forty muskets and bayonets; four twelve inch smooth bore siege guns, or rifles of like size; four ten inch spherical shot or shell; twelve thirty-two pound shot or shell.

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Col. R. L. McCook.

Approved, June 9, 1879.

June 10, 1879.

CHAP. 15.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act making appropriations for the construction, repair, preservation, and completion of certain works on rivers and harbors and for other purposes", approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

River improve-
ments.

Great Kanawha
River.
Kentucky River.

Purchase of land.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That such parts of the monies heretofore appropriated by the act of which this is amendatory for the improvement of the Great Kanawha River in West Virginia and the Kentucky River in the State of Kentucky as may be necessary in the prosecution of said improvements as undertaken may be expended in the purchase, voluntary or by condemnation as the case may be, of such sites as are necessary in the prosecution of said improvements: *Provided,* That such expenditure shall be under the direction of the Secretary of

War: *And provided further*, That if the owners of such lands or sites shall refuse to sell the same at reasonable prices, then the prices to be paid shall be determined and the title and jurisdiction procured in the manner prescribed by the laws of the State in which such lands or sites are situated.

Condemnation.

Approved, June 10, 1879.

CHAP. 16.—An act to confer upon the Commissioners of the District of Columbia certain powers, duties, and limitations contained in chapter eight (Water Service) of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

June 10, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall have all the powers and be subject to all the duties and limitations provided in chapter eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States relating to the District of Columbia, excepting such powers and duties as belong to the Chief of Engineers: *Provided*, That water-main taxes and water rents shall be uniform in said District: *And provided further*, That the rate of interest specified in section two hundred and two of said Revised Statutes shall be increased to ten per centum per annum from and after the passage of this act.

District of Columbia.
R.S.D.C., chap. 8.
Water service.
Uniform water rates.
Interest.

SEC. 2. That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, directed to advance to said Commissioners the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, to be reimbursed by payment into the Treasury of the United States, until said sum is paid in full, of all collections of water main taxes now due said District; and the money so advanced shall be expended to improve the water supply on Capitol Hill.

Advances for improvements.

Approved, June 10, 1879.

CHAP. 17.—An act authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to issue twenty year five per cent bonds of the District of Columbia to redeem certain funded indebtedness of said District.

June 10, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to prepare, execute, and deposit with the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States bonds of the District of Columbia, bearing interest not exceeding five per centum per annum, and payable twenty years after date, to the amount of not more than one million two hundred thousand dollars, the proceeds to be used only for the redemption of funded indebtedness of said District or of the late municipal corporations of Washington and Georgetown which became due January first and March first, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, or those now existing and payable at pleasure, for the redemption of which the sinking fund of said District may not provide. Said five per centum bonds shall be in such form and denominations as the Secretary of the Treasury shall approve, and shall be numbered consecutively and registered in the office of the auditor of said District, and also in the office of the Register of the Treasury of the United States, in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury may direct, and shall bear the seal of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That this act shall not be construed to make the government of the United States liable for either the principal or interest of said bonds, or any part thereof.

District of Columbia.
Issue of bonds.

Form, etc.

Proviso.

Said bonds shall be sold by the Secretary of the Treasury to the highest bidder upon public tender, but for not less than their par value, after being advertised for one week in two daily newspapers in the city of Washington and two in the city of New York. The bids shall be opened by the Secretary of the Treasury and the awards approved by him. The

Sale of bonds and disposition of proceeds.