

Lewis, for the use of the Jeff. C. Davis Post Number Sixteen of the Grand Army of the Republic, at Vincennes, Indiana, six condemned cast-iron cannon, to be used for monumental purposes.

Approved, July 5, 1882.

CHAP. 272.—An act to authorize the changing of Alley-Ways in the City of Washington

July 6, 1882.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever all the owners of an entire square, or all the owners of a part of a square bounded on all sides by public streets, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, shall present to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, a petition asking that any alley or alleys within said square or part of square may be closed wholly or partially, and shall in said petition offer to dedicate for public use, and shall so dedicate if in the opinion of the Commissioners of said District such dedication is necessary, as alley-ways, ground owned by the petitioners in amount equal at least in area to that of the alley-way sought to be, closed, and shall also present to said Commissioners with said petition a correct plot of such square or part of square signed by all of the owners thereof, upon which shall be accurately delineated the positions and dimensions of the existing alley way or ways, and a subdivision of the entire area of the alley or alleys, sought to be closed into parcels according to an agreement of all said owners for the future ownership of the same, the name of the agreed future owner of each parcel being marked thereon, and showing also the position and dimensions of the new alley way or ways proposed to be substituted therefor, it shall be the duty of said Commissioners, upon being satisfied of the truth of the facts stated in the petition as to ownership and of correctness of the plot, and also that the proposed change will not be detrimental to the public convenience, to make an order declaring the existing alley-way or ways closed as prayed for, and opening the new alley way or ways proposed to be substituted therefor

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SEC. 2. That the Commissioners shall cause a certified copy of the order to be attached to the plot and delivered to the petitioners, who may file the same for record with the recorder of deeds of the District, who shall record the same as other instruments affecting real estate, and thereafter the right of the public to use the alley-way or ways declared closed, and the proprietary interest of the United States therein, shall forever cease and determine, and the title to the same shall be vested according to the agreement of the owners as shown in the aforesaid plot, each person being thenceforward the owner in fee-simple of the parcel or parcels upon which his name shall be marked as provided in section one. The new alley way or ways described in said order and delineated on said plot shall thereafter be and remain dedicated to public use as alley-ways, and like other alleys of said City, shall be under the care and control of the City Authorities

Approved, July 6, 1882.

CHAP. 273.—An act in regard to a monumental column to commemorate the battle of Monmouth.

July 6, 1882.

Whereas an association by the name of "The Monmouth Battle Monument Association", incorporated by the legislature of the State of New Jersey, secured by grant a portion of the battle-field of Monmouth for the purpose of erecting a monument thereon, which land is now held in trust for such object; and

Monument in commemoration of battle of Monmouth.

Preamble.

Whereas under a law of said State passed March fourteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, a commission has been appointed to erect a monument thereon and improve the grounds; and