

For fuel, oil, and cotton waste, and advertising for the heating apparatus, fiscal year eighteen hundred and ninety-one, forty-three dollars and two cents.

For purchase of furniture, fourteen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars: *Provided*, That the rooms in the Maltby building shall be hereafter controlled and from time to time assigned for public uses by the Committees on Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives.

For services in cleaning, repairing, and varnishing furniture, three hundred dollars.

For expenses of maintaining and equipping horses and mail wagons for carrying the mails, one thousand four hundred and twenty dollars.

For miscellaneous items, exclusive of labor, eight thousand nine hundred dollars.

Fuel, etc.

Furniture.

Proviso.
Assignment of rooms,
Maltby building.

Repairing, etc., furniture.

Horses and wagons

Miscellaneous.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

For miscellaneous items and expenses of special and select committees, ten thousand dollars.

House of Representatives.

Miscellaneous items, etc.

Approved, May 13, 1892.

CHAP. 73.—An act to authorize the construction of a telephone line on the coast of Virginia from Cape Charles to Assateague Island, in aid of the preservation of life and property.

May 13, 1892.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to establish a telephone line upon the coast of Virginia from Cape Charles to Assateague Island, providing telephonic communication between the life-saving stations upon said coast and connecting said line from some convenient point with a locality where telegraphic communication may be had with the principal seaports of the Atlantic coast.

Life-saving service.
Telephone from Cape
Charles to Assateague
Island, Va.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act the sum of fifteen thousand five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, to be immediately available.

Appropriation.

Approved, May 13, 1892.

CHAP. 74.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act relating to tax sales and taxes in the District of Columbia."

May 13, 1892.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act relating to tax sales and taxes in the District of Columbia," approved February sixth, eighteen and seventy-nine, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to read as follows: "That it shall be the duty of the assessor for the District of Columbia to prepare and keep in his office, for public inspection, a list of all real estate in the District of Columbia heretofore sold, or which may hereafter be sold, for the non-payment of any general or special tax or assessment levied or assessed upon the same, said list to show the date of sale and for what taxes sold; in whose name assessed at the time of sale; the amount for which the same was sold; when and to whom conveyed if deeded, or, if redeemed from said sale, the date of redemption. And it shall be the duty of said assessor, whenever called upon, to furnish, in addition to the regular tax bills, a certified statement, over his hand and official seal, of all taxes and assessments, general and special, that may be due and unpaid at the time of making said certificate; and for each and every certificate so furnished by said assessor, the party requesting the same shall pay into the Treasury of said District a fee of fifty cents; and said certificate when furnished shall

District of Columbia.
List of tax sales.
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Assessor to make.

Certificate of unpaid taxes.

Fee.

Effect of certificate.	be a bar to the collection and recovery from any subsequent purchaser of any tax or assessment omitted from and which may be a lien upon the real estate mentioned in said certificate, and said lien shall be discharged as to such subsequent purchaser, but shall not affect the liability of the person who owned the property at the time such tax was assessed to pay the same, mentioned in said certificate. And it is hereby declared that all public records which have any reference or in any way relate to real or personal property in said District shall be open to the public for inspection free of charge.
Records open to inspection.	
Repeal.	"All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with any of the provisions of this act are hereby repealed."

Approved, May 13, 1892.

May 23, 1892.

CHAP. 76.—An act authorizing the construction of a wagon and motor bridge over the Missouri River at Saint Charles, Missouri.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Occidental Bridge and Construction Company, duly incorporated under the laws of Missouri, is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain a bridge, and approaches thereto, across the Missouri River, between the city of Saint Charles, Missouri, and Saint Louis County, Missouri, at a point at least one-third of a mile from any other bridge, to be selected consistent with the interests of river navigation. Said bridge shall be constructed to provide for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, street railway cars, motor cars, animals, foot passengers, and for all road travel for such reasonable rates of toll and under such reasonable rules and regulations as may be prescribed by its said company, and to be approved from time to time by the Secretary of War: *Provided,* That the said company, or its successors and assigns, shall build and maintain at all times, as accessory works to said bridge, such booms, piers, dikes, guard fences, and similar devices as may be necessary, in the judgment of the Secretary of War, to insure at all times a permanent channel for a sufficient distance above and below the bridge site, and for the guiding of rafts, steamboats, and other water craft safely under said bridge: *Provided further,* That the said company, or its successors and assigns, shall maintain on said bridge, from sunset to sunrise, such lights and other signals as the Light-House Board shall prescribe.

SEC. 2. That said bridge shall not be built or commenced until the plan and specifications for its construction have been submitted to the Secretary of War for his approval, nor until he shall approve the plan and location of said bridge and accessory works; and if any change be made in the plan of construction of said bridge and accessory works at any time, such change shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War; and any change in the construction or any alteration of said bridge and accessory works that may be directed at any time by Congress or the Secretary of War shall be made at the cost and expense of the said company or its successors and assigns; that the said bridge shall be constructed without interference with the security and convenience of navigation of said river beyond what is necessary to carry into effect the rights and privileges hereby granted, and in order to secure that object the said company, or its successors and assigns, shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawings of said bridge and accessory works and a map of the proposed location, giving for the space of one mile above and one mile below such proposed location the topography of the banks of the river, with shore lines and soundings, and such other information as may be required for a full understanding of the subject; and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the construction of said bridge shall not be commenced.

Occidental Bridge and Construction Company may bridge Mississippi River at Saint Charles, Mo.

Street railway, etc., bridge.

Toll.

Provisos.

Aids to navigation.

Lights, etc.

Secretary of War to approve plans, etc.

Unobstructed navigation.