

In effect Aug. 15,
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colonels of artillery shall not exceed thirteen; and the provisions of the foregoing sections of this Act shall take effect on August fifteenth, nineteen hundred and three."

Approved, March 3, 1903.

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[Public, No. 146.]

CHAP. 996.—An Act To authorize the promotion of Major William Crawford Gorgas, surgeon in the Army of the United States.

Surg. William Crawford Gorgas.
May be appointed assistant surgeon-general, Army.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Major William Crawford Gorgas, surgeon, United States Army, to the grade of assistant surgeon-general, United States Army, with the rank of colonel, the number in that grade of the Medical Department to be temporarily increased for that purpose during the time that he may hold that office.

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CHAP. 997.—An Act To amend an Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Height of buildings.
Vol. 30, p. 922,
amended.
Proviso.
Churches excepted.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section three of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia," approved March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, be amended by adding thereto the following: "*Provided,* That this requirement shall not apply to churches erected outside of the fire limits as now or hereafter established within the District of Columbia, and in case of additions to existing structures the restrictions contained herein shall apply only to such additions."

Additions.

Vol. 30, p. 922,
amended.
Maximum height.

SEC. 2. That section four of said Act be amended to read as follows:

Allowance for public space.

"**SEC. 4.** That no building shall be erected or altered on any street or avenue or highway in the District of Columbia to exceed in height above the sidewalk the width of the street in its front; but where the site of a proposed building confronts a public space or reservation formed at the intersection of two or more streets or avenues and the course of said streets or avenues is not interrupted by said public space or reservation, the allowable height of the building will be determined by the width of the widest street or avenue. Where a building is to be erected removed from all points within the bounding lines of its own lots as recorded by a distance at least equal to its proposed height above grade, the extreme limits of height permitted for fireproof or nonfireproof buildings in residence sections may be allowed, the measurements to be taken from the natural grades at the building as determined by the Commissioners. On business streets and avenues, as the same are now or may hereafter be designated by the Commissioners of said District, no building shall be erected or altered to exceed the height of one hundred and ten feet, except on business streets or avenues one hundred and sixty feet wide, where a height not exceeding one hundred and thirty feet may be allowed. On residence streets and avenues no building shall be erected or altered so as to be over eighty feet in height, nor shall it exceed ten feet less than the width of the street or avenue upon which it abuts, except on streets sixty to sixty-five feet wide, where a height of sixty feet will be allowed, and on streets sixty feet wide and less, where a height equal to the full width of the street will be allowed. The

Business streets.

Residence streets.

Corner lots.

height of buildings on corner lots will be regulated by the width of the wider street: *Provided*, That if said buildings have projections, such as bay windows, oriels, covered porches, and so forth, extending over two stories, the height of the building shall be diminished by the amount of the greatest projection: *Provided further*, That spires, towers, and domes may be erected to a greater height than the limits herein prescribed when approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia: *And provided also*, That on streets less than ninety feet wide, where building lines have been established so as to be a matter of public record in the office of the surveyor of the District and so as to prevent the lawful erection of any building in advance of said lines, the width of the street, in so far as it controls the height of buildings under this law, may be held to be the distance between said building lines. On blocks immediately adjacent to public buildings or to the site of any public building for which plans have been prepared and money appropriated at the time of application for the permit the height shall be regulated by a schedule adopted by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia."

Provisos.
Reductions for projections.

Spires, etc.

Building lines.

Blocks adjacent to public buildings or sites.

SEC. 3. That section five of said Act be amended to read as follows:
"SEC. 5. That no wooden or frame building, as authorized by existing law, hereafter erected or altered, and intended to be used for human habitation, shall exceed in height three stories, or forty feet to the roof."

Wooden buildings.
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SEC. 4. That section six of said Act be amended to read as follows:
"SEC. 6. That the height of all buildings shall be measured from the level of the sidewalk opposite the middle of the front of the building to the highest point of the roof. If the building has more than one front, the height shall be measured from the mean elevation of the sidewalk at the street corners. No parapet walls shall extend above the limit of height."

Measurement of height.
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CHAP. 998—An Act Regulating the importation of breeding animals.

March 3, 1903.

[Public, No. 148.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That paragraph four hundred and seventy-three of the Act approved July twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, entitled "An Act to provide revenue for the Government and to encourage the industries of the United States" (Thirtieth United States Statutes at Large, page one hundred and ninety-four), shall be so amended as to read as follows:

Imported breeding animals.
Vol. 30, p. 194, amended.

"473. Any animal imported by a citizen of the United States specially for breeding purposes shall be admitted free, whether intended to be so used by the importer himself or for sale for such purpose: *Provided*, That no such animal shall be admitted free unless pure bred of a recognized breed, and duly registered in the books of record established for that breed: *And provided further*, That certificate of such record and of the pedigree of such animal shall be produced and submitted to the customs officer, duly authenticated by the proper custodian of such book of record, together with the affidavit of the owner, agent, or importer that such animal is the identical animal described in said certificate of record and pedigree: *And provided further*, That the Secretary of Agriculture shall determine and certify to the Secretary of the Treasury what are recognized breeds and pure-bred animals under the provisions of this paragraph. The Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe such additional regulations as may be required for the strict enforcement of this provision. Cattle, horses, sheep, or other domestic animals straying across the boundary line

Free admission for sale added.

Provisos.
Pure breed.

Certificates required.

Secretary of Agriculture to determine.

Animals straying, etc., may be returned.