

desire being made known to them, to and upon a conveyance in due form of law, clear of all encumbrances, being made to them for the said lands so held by such proprietor or proprietors, to convey and assign to the said proprietor, or proprietors, a corresponding quantity on the square immediately north and fronting on A street south. And in case such proprietor or proprietors shall have made any substantial improvements on the said land so held by him or them as aforesaid, to make a fair and equitable allowance on said surrender or conveyance, either in land or money, as may be agreed on between the parties: *Provided*, Said proprietor or proprietors shall make known such intention to the said mayor, board of aldermen, and board of common council, on or before the first day of August next.

Proviso.

Mall to be laid out in lots, and sold.

Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the said mayor, board of aldermen, and board of common council, be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to lay out and divide the said lands, so conveyed and vested by virtue of this act, into lots with alleys, as to them shall seem meet and proper, and to dispose of and sell the same, or so much thereof as shall remain unexchanged as aforesaid, and also all such lots as they shall receive in exchange as aforesaid, at such times and upon such terms as to the said mayor, board of aldermen, and board of common council, shall seem meet; and to execute, or cause to be executed, good and sufficient deeds of conveyance to the purchasers thereof.

Proceeds, how to be applied.

Sec. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That the proceeds arising from said sales shall be and constitute a fund, which shall be applied by the said mayor, board of aldermen, and board of common council, to pay and extinguish any debt which has been, or may be, contracted, either in the purchase of the Washington City Canal, or the shares of stockholders in said canal, or in the completion of the same, and in the expenses attending said purchase and completion, and shall not be applicable to any other object or purpose until said debts be extinguished.

All other rights saved.

Sec. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be held or deemed, in any manner or way, to impair or injure any private rights or interests, or in any manner to affect the same beyond the mere transfer of the rights of the United States to said mayor, board of aldermen, and board of common council.

Former acts repealed.

Sec. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the several acts passed on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and two; the sixteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and nine; the sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve; and the twentieth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, in relation to the Washington Canal Company, shall be, and the same are hereby, repealed, except as herein before provided.

APPROVED, May 31, 1832.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. CXIV.—*An Act changing the times of holding the courts in the District of Columbia.*

May 31, 1832.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled*, That the circuit court of the District of Columbia, for the county of Washington, shall hereafter be held on the fourth Monday in March, and on the fourth Monday in November, in every year, instead of the times now designated by law; and the court for the county of Alexandria shall be held on the first Monday in May, and on the first Monday in October, in every year, instead of the times now designated by law; and that all process shall be made returnable to the said terms as herein directed. This act shall take effect from and after the first day of June next.

Court to be held on fourth Monday in March and November and first Monday in May and October.

APPROVED, May 31, 1832.