

A tax to be assessed and levied sufficient to raise said amounts.

Proceedings if either city or the county is in default of payment of tax;

if tax is not assessed.

to raise, by tax or otherwise, and pay into the treasury of the United States at or before the period aforesaid, the sum of ten thousand dollars, which said several sums shall be deemed the fair proportion of the cost of said jail of each of said cities and said county of Washington; and the said cities and county authorities, respectively, are hereby authorized and required to assess and levy upon the taxable property of said cities and said county of Washington a tax sufficient to raise the amount so by each city and said county required to be paid as aforesaid.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the default of payment of the sums aforesaid into the treasury of the United States at the time before stated, made by either of said cities or by said county of Washington, the said Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a collector for any such delinquent city or county as shall have failed to make its payments as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of said collector to proceed with the collection of the taxes as assessed, in such manner and form as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior; or if either of said cities or said county of Washington shall neglect, fail, or refuse to assess such tax, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to make such levy and proceed to its collection as aforesaid.

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July 25, 1866. CHAP. CCXXXVII. — *An Act to annul the thirty-fourth Section of the Declaration of Rights of the State of Maryland, so far as it applies to the District of Columbia.*

The 34th section of the Declaration of Rights of State of Maryland, prohibiting certain sales, gifts, and devices, annulled.

Such gifts and devices to be made at least one month before death of donor.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the thirty-fourth section of the Declaration [of] Rights of the State of Maryland, adopted seventeen hundred and seventy-six, so far as the same has been recognized and adopted in the District of Columbia, be, and the same is hereby, repealed and annulled, and that all sales, gifts, and devices prohibited by the said section, or by any law passed in accordance therewith, shall be, when hereafter made, valid and effectual: *Provided*, That, in case of gifts and devices, the same shall be made at least one calendar month before the death of the donor or testator.

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July 25, 1866. CHAP. CCXXXVIII. — *An Act to establish in the District of Columbia a House of Correction for Boys.*

House of correction for boys established in Washington.

Building already erected to be transferred to trustees under this act.

Government of the institution to be vested in seven trustees.

Trustees, how appointed;

to be paid ex-

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there shall be established in the District of Columbia, on the tract of land known as the government farm, a fit and convenient house of correction, suitably and efficiently ventilated, with convenient yards, workshops, and other suitable accommodations adjoining or appurtenant thereto, for the safe keeping, correction, governing, and employing of offenders legally committed thereto by authority of the courts and magistrates of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That the building already erected on that land for the purpose of establishing a similar institution, together with all the other property there collected for the same purpose, shall be transferred to the trustees appointed according to the provisions of this act, at a cost not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the government of said institution shall be vested in a board of seven trustees, to be appointed and commissioned by the President of the United States, one of whom shall be nominated for appointment by the mayor of Washington, one by the mayor of Georgetown, one by the levy court of the county of Washington, and four by the Secretary of the Interior; and no trustee shall receive compensation for his services, but each trustee shall be allowed the

amount of expenses necessarily incurred in the discharge of the duties of his office. The term of office of the said trustees shall be three years; but on the first appointment of the board of trustees two of the members shall be appointed for one year, two for two years, and three for three years, to be determined by the President.

SEC. [3.] *And be it further enacted,* That the said board of trustees shall be a corporation, by the name of the Trustees of the house of correction for the District of Columbia, for the purpose of taking and holding, in trust, whatever property may be conveyed, devised, donated, or bequeathed for the benefit of said institution, with all the power necessary to carry this purpose into effect.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said board of trustees to take charge of the general interests of the institution; they may appoint a superintendent, a steward, a teacher or teachers, and such other officers as may be found necessary, and may be approved by the Secretary of the Interior; they may fix the salaries of said officers, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior: they may prepare such by-laws as may be necessary to regulate and direct the management of the institution, which, however, shall not be valid until approved by the Secretary of the Interior; and to exercise a vigilant supervision over the institution, its officers, and its inmates.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That before entering upon the duties of his office the superintendent shall give a bond to the trustees, with sureties to be approved by the board of trustees and by the Secretary of the Interior, in the sum of three thousand dollars, conditioned that he shall faithfully account for all money received by him, and faithfully perform all the duties incumbent on him as superintendent of said house of correction.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That a treasurer of the institution shall be appointed by the board of trustees, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Interior, who shall, before entering upon the duties of his office, give a bond to the trustees, with sureties to be approved by the board of trustees and by the Secretary of the Interior, in the sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned that he shall faithfully account for all the money received by him as treasurer; and it shall be his duty to keep a clear and full record of his accounts as treasurer, and report an abstract of the same to the chairman of the board of trustees once in every two months.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That, as soon after their appointment as possible, the board of trustees shall take measures to have the land and building designated suitably prepared for the use of said house of correction; and, as soon as the buildings and premises are prepared for occupancy, the trustees shall give notice to the proper authorities and courts of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and of the county of Washington, that the house of correction is ready to receive inmates.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That when any boy under the age of fourteen years is found guilty in a court in the District of Columbia of any crime punishable by imprisonment other than imprisonment for life, he shall be committed to the said house of correction, and there held in custody of the superintendent for the term of his sentence; and when any boy over fourteen and under sixteen years of age shall be found guilty in a court of the District of Columbia of any crime punishable by imprisonment other than imprisonment for life, it shall be the duty of the court trying the case to consider carefully and decide whether he is or is not a fit subject for the house of correction, and make its sentence accord with its decision of this question.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent shall reside at the institution constantly, and that he, with such subordinate officers as may be appointed in accordance with the fourth section of this act, shall

penses, but no compensation.  
Term of office.

Board of trustees to be a corporation.  
Name and powers.

Duties of trustees.  
They may appoint superintendent and other officers.  
Salaries.

By-laws.

Superintendent to give bond.

Conditions.

Treasurer.

Bond.

Conditions.  
Duties of treasurer.

Grounds and buildings to be prepared.

Notice when ready.

Boys of what age and for what offences may be sentenced to house of correction.

Superintendent to reside at the institution, and to have the

charge, custody, instruction, &c. of the boys.

have the charge and custody of the boys; shall govern them in accordance with such rules and regulations as the board of trustees may prescribe in its by-laws; shall employ them in agricultural, mechanical, or other labor; shall give them instruction in reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, and such other studies, and in such arts and trades as the trustees may direct; and shall employ such methods of discipline as will, as far as possible, reform their characters, preserve their health, promote regular improvement in their s[t]udies, trades, and employments, and secure in them fixed habits of religion, morality, and industry.

Superintendent to have charge of property of institution;  
to keep accounts of receipts and expenditures;  
to account for money received;  
to keep register of boys admitted.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the superintendent shall have charge of the lands, buildings, furniture, tools, implements, stock, provisions, and every other species of property pertaining to the institution, within the precincts thereof; and he shall keep, in suitable books, regular and complete accounts of all his receipts and expenditures, and of all the property intrusted to him, so as to show clearly the income and expenses of the institution; and he shall account to the treasurer, in such manner as the trustees may prescribe, for all the money received by him from the proceeds of the institution or otherwise; and he shall keep a register of the names and ages of all boys committed to the institution, with the dates of their admission and discharge, and such particulars of their history before and after leaving the institution as he can obtain. His books and all documents relating to the house of correction, shall at all times be open to the inspection of the trustees, who shall once or more in every three months carefully examine his accounts and the vouchers and documents connected therewith, and make a record of the result of such examination.

Books, &c. to be open to inspection of trustees.

Accounts to be examined quarterly.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That all contracts on account of the institution shall be made by the superintendent, and, when approved by the trustees, if their by-laws shall require their approval, shall be binding in law, and the superintendent, or his successor, may sue or be sued thereon to final judgment and execution; and no suit shall abate by reason of the office of superintendent becoming vacant during the pendency of such suit, but any successor in the office shall assume the prosecution or defence of any pending suit, and continue the prosecution or defence until such suit shall be concluded.

Contracts on account of the institution how made.

Suits.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That one or more of the trustees shall visit the said house of correction, once, at least, in every two weeks, at which time the condition of the same shall be carefully examined and the register inspected; a record of the visits shall be kept in the books of the superintendent; once in every three months the institution shall be thoroughly examined in all its departments by not less than three of the trustees, and a report of such examinations shall be made to the board; and an abstract of the reports, together with full annual reports of the superintendent and the treasurer, shall be presented to the Secretary of the Interior on or before the fifteenth day of November in each year.

Trustees to visit institution at least once in two weeks.

Record of visits to be kept.

Quarterly examination of institution.

Annual report to Secretary of Interior.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That when a boy shall be committed to the said house of correction, the city in which he had his residence at the time of such commitment, or, if his residence was within the county of Washington, and not within the city of Washington, or the city of Georgetown, then the county of Washington shall pay to the treasurer of the house of correction fifty cents a week while he remains therein; the payment shall be made quarterly on the first days of January, April, July, and October; and any sum so paid may be recovered by such city or county of any parent, kindred, or guardian, liable by law to maintain him.

Expenses of boys while in the institution, how paid.

How to be recovered.

Appropriation.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of securing a transfer of the building and other property to the trustees, preparing the premises and building for occupancy, and for the payment of other neces-

sary expenses, there is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twelve thousand dollars, to be paid only on the order of the Secretary of the Interior: *Provided*, That six thousand dollars of said appropriation is hereby declared to be the sum that shall be assessed and paid by the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and the county of Washington; and it shall be the duty of the proper authorities of the city of Washington to raise, by tax or otherwise, and pay into the treasury of the United States, at or before the time when the premises shall be ready for occupancy by the house of correction, the sum of four thousand five hundred dollars; and it shall be the duty of the proper authorities of the city of Georgetown to raise and pay in like manner the sum of one thousand dollars; and it shall be the duty of the proper authorities of the county of Washington to raise and pay in like manner the sum of five hundred dollars; and in case of default of such payment into the treasury of the United States by either of said cities or by the said county of Washington, the party so making default shall be liable to summary proceedings before the supreme court of the District of Columbia, at the instance of the United States attorney for said District, to enforce the same, with interest thereon after the date of default.

Sum to be assessed upon and paid by Washington and Georgetown.

Proportion of city of Washington;

of city of Georgetown;

of county of Washington.

Proceedings in case of default in payment.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

When act to take effect.

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CHAP. CCXXXIX. — *An Act to incorporate "The Soldiers' and Sailors' Union" of Washington, D. C.*

July 25, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That H. A. Hall, W. C. Porter, Will A. Short, James Cross, J. H. Nightingale, D. S. Curtiss, L. Edwin Dudley, G. M. Van Buren, Wm. S. Morse, Lawrence Wilson, Wm. L. Bramhall, F. E. Drake, B. P. Cutter, W. H. H. Bates, H. N. Rothery, S. G. Merrill, Chas. A. Appel, O. A. Lukenbaugh, J. S. Firman, John H. Simpson, George W. De Costa, L. J. Bryant, J. H. Gray, Lyman S. Emery, and A. I. Bennett, and their successors in office, be, and they are hereby, incorporated and made a body politic and corporate, by the name of the "Soldiers' and Sailors' Union of the City of Washington, D. C.," and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity, and may have and use a common seal, and exercise the powers, rights, and privileges incident to such corporations.

Soldiers' and Sailors' Union incorporated.

Powers, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall be capable of acquiring, receiving, holding, and conveying real and personal estate, not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars in value; which estate shall never be divided among the members of the corporation, but shall descend to their successors for the promotion of the interests and general welfare of the soldiers and sailors of this corporation, who have served in the Union army or navy during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, and the relief and protection of their widows and orphans.

May hold, &c. real and personal estate.

How held and transmitted.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this corporation shall have power to alter and amend its constitution and by-laws: *Provided*, That they do not conflict with the laws of the United States or the laws of the corporation of the city of Washington, D. C.

Constitution and by-laws may be amended.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall not exercise banking privileges, or issue or put in circulation any bank note, paper, token, scrip, or device, to be used as currency.

Corporation not to exercise banking privileges or issue notes, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress reserves the right to alter or repeal this act at any time.

Act may be altered, &c.

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