

PUBLIC ACTS OF THE THIRTY-NINTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the Second Session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the third day of December, A. D. 1866, and ended on Monday the fourth day of March, A. D. 1867.

ANDREW JOHNSON, President. LA FAYETTE S. FOSTER, President of the Senate. BENJAMIN F. WADE was elected President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, on the fourth day of March, A. D. 1867. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. IV. — *An Act making Appropriations and to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of the Government for the fiscal Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and for other Purposes.* Dec. 20, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated for the objects hereinafter expressed, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, viz :

Deficiency and other appropriations for 1867.

Office of Superintendent of Public Printing. — For public printing, eighty thousand dollars.

Public printing.

For paper for public printing, four hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Paper for public printing.

Bureau of Statistics. — For contingent expenses, viz : Laborers, office furniture, carpets, files, and miscellaneous items, six thousand dollars.

Bureau of Statistics.

Southeast Executive Building, including the Extension. — For fuel, light, and labor, twenty-three thousand dollars.

Southeast Executive Building and Extension.

Office of the Sixth Auditor. — To refund to the office of the sixth auditor so much of the appropriation of seventeen thousand dollars, under the act of May seventeenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, appertaining to the office of the sixth auditor, transferred to the general salary account of the Post-Office Department, eight thousand eight hundred dollars.

Office of Sixth Auditor.
1864, ch. 87, § 13.
Vol. xiii. p. 79.

For Special Objects, estimated for by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury. — For fencing the grounds south of the treasury building, and the President's mansion, fifteen thousand dollars.

Special objects.

For repairs and preservation of public buildings, twenty-five thousand dollars.

Public grounds, and buildings.

For furniture, and repairs of furniture for the same, ten thousand dollars.

For furniture, carpets, and repairs of treasury buildings in Washington, District of Columbia, twenty thousand dollars.

For heating apparatus for public buildings, ten thousand dollars.

Heating apparatus.

For salaries of ten supervising, and fifty-nine local inspectors, appointed under the act of August thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, for the better protection of the lives of passengers by steamboats, with travelling and other expenses incurred by them, seven thousand dollars.

Supervising and local steamboat inspectors.
1852, ch. 106.
Vol. x. p. 61.

For a deficiency in flagging the furnace room, and repairs about the stable at the executive mansion, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Metropolitan Police.
1866, ch. 215.
Ante, p. 212.

Metropolitan Police.— For salaries of increased force, under act of July twenty-third, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, from November first, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, to June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, viz:—

One captain and inspector, at one thousand two hundred dollars per annum, seven hundred and ninety-eight dollars and ninety-one cents.

One clerk to major of police, at one thousand dollars per annum, six hundred and sixty-five dollars and seventy-six cents.

Twenty sergeants of police, at sixty-five dollars a month, ten thousand four hundred dollars.

Fifty privates of police, at sixty dollars a month, twenty-four thousand dollars.

Compensation increased, and how to be borne.

And the compensation of said increased force is hereby increased fifty per centum upon the amount hereby appropriated, commencing on the first day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-six; said increase to be borne by the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and the county of Washington, in the proportion equal to the number of privates allotted severally to the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and the county beyond the limits of said cities; and the corporate authorities of said cities of Washington and Georgetown, and the levy court of said county be, and they are hereby authorized and required to levy a special tax not exceeding one quarter of one per centum for the purpose aforesaid.

Special tax authorized.

Department of the Interior.
Engineer Office.

Department of the Interior.— For commutation of quarters and fuel to officer of corps of engineers, United States army, in charge of engineer office, Department of the Interior, for present fiscal year, agreeable to army regulations, one thousand two hundred and one dollars and ninety-five cents.

Washington Aqueduct.

For repairing the damage done to the Washington aqueduct by freshets in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-six, twelve thousand dollars.

Watchmen in Smithsonian Grounds.

To enable the commissioner of public buildings to pay three watchmen employed in the Smithsonian grounds for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, the sum of twenty-four hundred and seventy-five dollars is hereby appropriated.

Watchmen in public buildings.
1866, ch. 296, § 5.
Ante, p. 321.

To enable the commissioner of public buildings to pay to the watchmen mentioned in the fifth section of the act appropriating for sundry civil expenses for the fiscal year ending June thirty, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, the difference between their pay as fixed prior to the passage of that act and the allowance made by said section, two thousand dollars is hereby appropriated.

State Department.
Foreign intercourse.

Department of State.— To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the contingent expenses of foreign intercourse, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, two hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Approved, December 20, 1866.

Dec. 26, 1866.
1864, ch. 213.
Vol. xiii, p. 355.

CHAP. V.— *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act granting Lands to the State of Oregon, to aid in the Construction of a military Road from Eugene City to the eastern Boundary of said State."*

Deficiency in former land grant to Oregon, caused by lands sold or reserved, &c. made up.

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 granting lands to the State of Oregon, to aid in the construction of a military road from Eugene City to the eastern boundary of said State" be amended as follows: That there be, and is hereby, granted to said State, for the purposes aforesaid, such odd sections or parts of odd sections not reserved or otherwise legally appropriated, within six miles on each side of said road, to be selected by the surveyor-general of said State, as shall be sufficient to supply any deficiency in the quantity of said grant as described, occasioned by any lands sold or reserved, or to which the rights

Lands, how to be selected.

of pre-emption or homestead have attached, or which for any reason were not subject to said grant within the limits designated in said act.

APPROVED, December 26, 1866.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act to regulate the elective Franchise in the District of Columbia.*

January 8, 1867.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, from and after the passage of this act, each and every male person, excepting paupers and persons under guardianship, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who has not been convicted of any infamous crime or offence, and excepting persons who may have voluntarily given aid and comfort to the rebels in the late rebellion, and who shall have been born or naturalized in the United States, and who shall have resided in the said District for the period of one year, and three months in the ward or election precinct in which he shall offer to vote, next preceding any election therein, shall be entitled to the elective franchise, and shall be deemed an elector and entitled to vote at any election in said District, without any distinction on account of color or race.

Who to be deemed electors and entitled to vote in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any person whose duty it shall be to receive votes at any election within the District of Columbia, who shall wilfully refuse to receive, or who shall wilfully reject, the vote of any person entitled to such right under this act, shall be liable to an action of tort by the person injured, and shall be liable, on indictment and conviction, if such act was done knowingly, to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year in the jail of said District, or to both.

Penalty for wilfully refusing to receive, or rejecting the ballot of one entitled to vote;

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons shall wilfully interrupt or disturb any such elector in the exercise of such franchise, he or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned in the jail in said District for a period not to exceed thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

for wilfully disturbing, &c. an elector in the exercise of his franchise.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the several courts having criminal jurisdiction in said District to give this act in special charge to the grand jury at the commencement of each term of the court next preceding the holding of any general or city election in said District.

Criminal courts in the District to charge Grand Jury.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the mayors and aldermen of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, respectively, on or before the first day of March, in each year, shall prepare a list of the persons they judge to be qualified to vote in the several wards of said cities in any election; and said mayors and aldermen shall be in open session to receive evidence of the qualification of persons claiming the right to vote in any election therein, and for correcting said list, on two days in each year, not exceeding five days prior to the annual election for the choice of city officers, giving previous notice of the time and place of each session in some newspaper printed in said District.

Voting lists to be prepared in Washington and Georgetown;

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That on or before the first day of March the mayors and aldermen of said cities shall post up a list of voters thus prepared in one or more public places in said cities, respectively, at least ten days prior to said annual election.

to be posted in public places ten days before annual election.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers presiding at any election, shall keep and use the check-list herein required at the polls during the election of all officers, and no vote shall be received unless delivered by the voter in person, and not until the presiding officer has had opportunity to be satisfied of his identity, and shall find his name on the list, and mark it, and ascertain that his vote is single.

Check-list to be used at all elections, and votes received only, &c.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That it is hereby declared unlawful