said police court, and he shall make a record of his proceedings in every case, in a book to be kept for that purpose. And all acts of Congress authorizing justices of the peace to sit at the respective station-houses to hear charges against persons who may be arrested and carried thereto, and fixing compensation thereto, are hereby repealed.

SEC. 20. And be it further enacted, That the judge of said police court may examine and commit, or hold to bail, in all offences, whether cognizable in said police court or in the criminal court of said District.

SEC. 21. And be it further enacted, That hereafter the marshal of the District of Columbia, in all civil cases, may demand and receive payment of his fees before serving any process therein, except, in cases in which the United States may be a party, or of fieri facias, or where the court or any justice thereof may order suit to be instituted without prepayment of costs.

SEC. 22. And be it further enacted, That this act shall go into operation within ten days after the approval by the President; and all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed. But the provisions of this act shall in no wise affect the proceedings in any case pending in the said criminal court of the District of Columbia at the time when this act shall take effect, but the same may be prosecuted to final judgment and execution the same as if this act had not been passed.

APPROVED, June 17, 1870.

CHAP. CXXXIV. — An Act to incorporate a Zoological Society in the City of Washington, District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Henry D. Cook, George W. Riggs, James C. Kennedy, Spencer F. Baird, General O. O. Howard, T. W. Bartley, Joseph Casey, Horace Capron, James C. McGuire, and George Taylor, of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and their associates and successors be, and are hereby, incorporated and made a body corporate by the name of the Washington Zoological Society, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity of competent jurisdiction, and be entitled to use and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges incident to such corporations for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a zoological garden in the city of Washington, and that they, the said corporators, may purchase or lease any real or personal estate required for the purpose aforesaid; and after the said zoological garden shall be established, the said company, for the purpose of paying the expenses of the same, may charge and receive a fee for entry thereunto, not exceeding twenty-five cents for each and every person over the age of twelve years, and ten cents for each and every person under said age: Provided, That said society shall, for at least one day in each and every week, open said garden to all classes, open garden.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the said society may from time to time import into this country from foreign countries, free of duty, all birds and animals necessary for the establishment of said garden; and in consideration thereof the said society shall do all in their power to introduce valuable animals, poultry, and birds, and furnish the same to persons or societies requiring the same at the least possible cost.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said society be, and is hereby, authorized to use, under the direction of the water register [translator] of the city of Washington, without charge, the Potomac water for the purpose of hydrants, ponds, and fountains in said garden.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the government, and direction of the affairs of said society shall be invested in said corporators; and that
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they shall have full power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, and regulations, as may become proper and necessary for the management of the property and interests of said society not contrary to this charter or the laws of the United States.

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

Approved, June 21, 1870.


Officers; how chosen. SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the officers of said corporation shall consist of a president, five vice-presidents, one secretary, one treasurer, an executive committee of eleven members, and such other officers as shall from time to time seem necessary to this society.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the foregoing officers shall be chosen from among the members of the society.

By-laws. SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the said society, for fixing the terms of admission of its members, for the government of the same, for the election, changing, and altering the officers above named, and for the general regulation and management of its affairs, shall have power to form a code of by-laws, not inconsistent with the laws of the District of Columbia, or of the United States, which code, when formed and adopted at a regular meeting, shall, until modified or rescinded, be equally binding as this act upon the society, its officers, and members.

Arrests of offending parties, provisions concerning. SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the police force of the District of Columbia shall, upon application of any member of the association, who shall have viewed any violation of the law or ordinances of the city for the prevention of cruelty to animals, arrest offending parties without a warrant, who shall be taken by such police officer before a justice of the peace for trial; and the proper evidence of such membership to a police officer shall be the exhibition of a badge or certificate of membership.

Fines, how disposed of. SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That one half of all the fines collected through the instrumentality of the society or its agents, for violations of such laws, shall accrue to the benefit of said society, and the other half to the school fund of said city or district in which the offence is committed.
SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That the provisions of this act shall be general within the boundaries of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That Congress shall have power to alter, amend, or repeal this act at any time.

APPROVED, June 21, 1870.

CHAP. CXXXVI. — An Act amendatory of Act approved February fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and Joint Resolution approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, relative to Judges and Commissioners of Election in the Cities of Washington and Georgetown, District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act approved February fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled “An act to punish illegal voting in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes,” and joint resolution approved March twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, entitled a “Joint resolution relative to the payment of expenses incurred by the judges of election for the cities of Washington and Georgetown, District of Columbia,” be, and the same are hereby, amended so as to prevent any officer or employee of the corporation of said cities of Washington and Georgetown from serving either as a judge or commissioner of election; and no person who is a candidate for office at the time shall serve as judge or commissioner of election.

APPROVED, June 21, 1870.

CHAP. CXXXVII. — An Act to authorize the Paving and Sewerage of M Street, Washington, District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the mayor of Washington, the commissioner of public buildings, and William Stickney, Wilson E. Brown, and S. H. Kaufman, of the city of Washington, be, and they are hereby, appointed commissioners for the purpose of paving and sewerage of M Street north, between New York and Vermont avenues, who shall serve without compensation; and all vacancies occasioned by death, or resignation, or otherwise, shall be filled by the supreme court of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That Congress shall have power to levy a tax upon the property fronting on said street sufficient to pay for said paving and sewerage, which shall be collected in the manner now prescribed by law, and when so collected, the amount thereof shall be paid over to the commissioners aforesaid. The said commissioners shall have the power of directing the manner of putting in the gas and water pipes on said street, within the points before mentioned.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the corporation of Washington shall pay for paving and sewerage of the space occasioned by the cross streets and alleys; and such alleys and streets as may abut against the said M Street without crossing it shall pay the same rate as if the same was private property.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That this act be in force from and after its passage, and all laws conflicting with its provisions are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, June 21, 1870.