SEC. 6. That the right to alter or amend this act, so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the alteration, &c. construction of bridges, is hereby expressly reserved.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rights and privileges granted by the act approved July twentieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, entitled “An act to incorporate the Georgetown Gas-light Company,” be, and the same are hereby, so extended as to cover all the territory within the limits of the District of Columbia, lying on the western side of Rock creek.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCXXVII. — An Act to authorize Inquiries into the Causes of Steam-boiler Explosions

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause such experiments to be made and such information to be collected as in his opinion may be useful and important to guard against the bursting of steam-boilers; and that, he be requested to communicate the same to Congress; and that the sum of one hundred thousand dollars be appropriated for the purposes of this act.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.

CHAP. CCCXXVIII. — An Act supplemental to the Act of February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, incorporating the Columbia College, in the 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 to incorporate the Columbia College in the District of Columbia, approved February ninth, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, be, and the same is hereby, so modified that said corporation shall be hereafter known and called by the name of the Columbia University, and in that name shall take, hold and manage all the estate and property now belonging to said college, or that may hereafter be conveyed, devised or bequeathed to said corporation by its original name; that the restriction of the yearly value of the property of said corporation to the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the said restriction is hereby, repealed; and that said corporation may increase the number of its overseers to twenty-one, and the number of its trustees to twenty-one, exclusive of the president of the faculty, who shall be, ex-officio, a trustee of said corporation.

SEC. 2. That the act for the relief of the Columbian College in the District of Columbia enacted by the legislative assembly of said District, and approved July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, be, and the same is hereby, approved and confirmed: Provided, That this act nor the said act of the legislative assembly of the said District, shall be so construed as to authorize the said Columbia University to sell, or use the proceeds of any sale of land granted by Congress to said institution for any purpose other than that expressed in the act of incorporation, and the act granting any such land or real estate, or contrary to any will, devise or grant of any land or real estate heretofore or hereafter made, by any person or persons to said institution.

APPROVED, March 3, 1873.