mine to have been erroneously issued by the late authorities of the said District against property exempt from taxation at the time the taxes were imposed, or property upon which the taxes purporting to be represented by said certificates had been paid, the Commissioners of the District be, and they are hereby, authorized to receive the same in satisfaction of any arrearages of taxes prior to July first, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, except special improvement taxes; and immediately upon the redemption of such erroneously issued certificates, the same shall be canceled, and a proper record of such payment and cancellation be made.

Approved, February 27, 1879.

CHAP. 112.—An act extending the limits of the port of New York.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the collection-district of the port of New York shall hereafter include, in addition to the other territory embraced therein, all that part of the county of Hudson, in the State of New Jersey, and the waters adjacent, now within the collection-district of Newark, New Jersey, east of Newark Bay and the Hackensack River.

Approved, February 28, 1879.

CHAP. 114.—An act for the relief of Edwin R Clarke

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of law regulating appointments in the Army by promotion in the line are hereby suspended for the purposes of this act, and only so far as they affect Edwin R. Clarke; and the President can, if he so desire, in the exercise of his own discretion and judgment, nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint said Edwin R Clarke, late second lieutenant of the Tenth Regiment of United States Infantry, to the same grade and rank of second lieutenant held by him on the twelfth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-six, in any vacancy occurring in the grade of second lieutenant in said regiment: Provided, however, That no pay, compensation, or allowance whatever shall ever be given to said Clarke for the time between said twelfth day of July, anno Domini eighteen hundred and seventy-six, and the date of the appointment hereunder: And provided further, That the acceptance of any benefit under this act by said Edwin R. Clarke shall be taken and construed to be, by his election, a bar to any claim for pay or allowances from the date of his discharge to his acceptance of a commission, if one be granted him under the provisions of this act.

Approved, March 1, 1879.

CHAP. 115.—An act for the relief of the officers and privates of the New Mexico Mounted Volunteers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Court of Claims shall take jurisdiction of and adjudge the claims of officers and privates of the New Mexico Mounted Volunteers in the service of the United States during the war of the rebellion, on account of losses of horses and equipments, although the same shall not be presented within six years from the time they accrued: Provided, That no such claim shall be considered unless the petition setting forth the same be filed within one year from the passage of this act.

Approved, March 1, 1879.