SEC. 3. Section one of "An act making appropriations for the payment of invalid and other pensions of the United States for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and for deficiencies, and for other purposes", approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one is hereby amended by striking out the words "including arrears to" where they occur in the second paragraph of the section, and the words "including arrears" in the seventh paragraph of said section.

Approved March 3, 1881.

March 3, 1881. CHAP. 134.—An act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the half of the following sums named, respectively, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and the other half out of the revenues of the District of Columbia, for the purposes following, being the estimated expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, namely:

FOR IMPROVEMENTS AND REPAIRS, AND FOR CARE AND REPAIR OF BRIDGES.

For repairs to concrete pavements, fifty thousand dollars; for completion of New York avenue intercepting sewer, seven thousand dollars; for repairs to Macadam roadways, five thousand dollars; for materials for permit work, twenty thousand dollars; for continuation of surveys of the District of Columbia with reference to the extension of various avenues to the District line, five thousand dollars; for Boundary street auxiliary sewer, fifty thousand dollars; for lateral sewers, fifteen thousand dollars; for dredging James Creek Canal, five thousand dollars; for work on sundry avenues and streets, and replacement of pavements on streets named in appendixes A and B annexed to the estimates of the Commissioners of the District for eighteen hundred and eighty-two (being schedules of streets requiring immediate attention), three hundred thousand dollars; in all, four hundred and fifty-seven thousand dollars.

For ordinary care of Benning's, Anacostia, and Chain Bridges, two thousand dollars; for maintenance and repair of other bridges, five hundred dollars.

WASHINGTON AQUEDUCT.

For engineering, maintenance, and general repairs, twenty thousand dollars.

FOR MAINTAINING INSTITUTIONS OF CHARITY, REFORMATORIES, AND PRISONS.

For Washington Asylum: For one commissioner and intendant, one thousand two hundred dollars; one matron, six hundred dollars; one visiting physician, one thousand two hundred dollars; one resident physician, four hundred and eighty dollars; one engineer, six hundred dollars; one assistant engineer, three hundred dollars; one overseer, eight hundred dollars; one clerk, four hundred and eighty dollars; one baker, four hundred and twenty dollars; five overseers, at six hundred dollars each; one watchman, three hundred dollars; three watchmen, at two hundred and forty dollars each; one driver, one hundred and twenty dollars, one hostler, sixty dollars; one cook, one hundred and
twenty dollars; two cooks, at sixty dollars each; five nurses, at sixty dollars each; and for contingent expenses, including improvements, repairs, provisions, fuel, forage, lumber, shoes, clothing, hardware, dry-goods, medicines, and miscellaneous items, thirty thousand dollars; in all, forty thousand nine hundred and forty dollars.

For the new work-house at the Washington Asylum, namely: For iron bunks, concrete floors, connections with furnaces, gas-fixtures, drying-rooms, and steam heating-apparatus, four thousand five hundred dollars.

For the almshouse at Washington Asylum, namely: For steam heating-apparatus, drying-room, and gas-fixtures, three thousand seven hundred dollars.

For the Georgetown Almshouse: Support of inmates, one thousand eight hundred dollars.

For support of the indigent insane of the District of Columbia in the Government Hospital for the Insane in said District, as provided in sections, forty-eight hundred and forty-four and forty-eight hundred and fifty of the Revised Statutes, forty thousand dollars.

For transportation of paupers and conveying prisoners to the work-house, three thousand dollars.

For the following charities, namely: Charities.

For the relief of the poor, fifteen thousand dollars; and the compensation of the physicians to the poor shall be at the rate of not exceeding fifty dollars per month each.

For the support and maintenance of the Columbia Hospital for Women
and Lying-in Asylum, fifteen thousand dollars; and for furnishing the two new cottages, eight hundred dollars.

For the National Association for Colored Women and Children, six thousand five hundred dollars.

For the Women's Christian Association, five thousand dollars.

For the Children's Hospital, five thousand dollars.

For Saint Ann's Infant Asylum, five thousand dollars.

For the Industrial Home School, ten thousand dollars, five thousand dollars of which shall be used for building a house on the premises, under the direction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

And hereafter the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to visit and investigate the management of and have a report of the receipts and expenditures of all the institutions herein appropriated for:

Provided, The supervision heretofore exercised by the Secretary of the Interior over the Government Hospital for the Insane shall be continued, and the officers of said hospital shall report to him as heretofore, anything in this act to the contrary notwithstanding.

That the appropriation of ten thousand dollars “for the erection of a building for the German Orphan Asylum,” in the act entitled “An act making appropriations to provide for the expenses of the government of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and for other purposes,” approved June fourth, eighteen hundred and eighty, shall be amended so as to read: “For the German Protestant Orphan Asylum Association of the District of Columbia, for the purpose of paying for the property recently purchased by them for an asylum.”

GENERAL EXPENSES.

FOR SALARIES AND CONTINGENT EXPENSES.

Commissioners. For executive office: For two Commissioners, at five thousand dollars each; one secretary, two thousand one hundred and sixty dollars; one clerk, one thousand five hundred dollars; one clerk, one thousand four hundred dollars; one messenger clerk, nine hundred dollars; one messenger, six hundred dollars; one driver, four hundred and eighty dollars; for contingent expenses, including printing, books, stationery, and miscellaneous items, three thousand dollars; in all, twenty thousand dollars.

Secretary. Compensation of the Engineer Commissioner. For auditor and comptroller. Auditor and comptroller's office: For one auditor and comptroller, three thousand dollars; one bookkeeper, one thousand eight hundred dollars; one clerk, one thousand six hundred dollars; three clerks, at one thousand four hundred dollars each; one clerk, one thousand two hundred dollars; one messenger, six hundred dollars; for contingent expenses, including books, stationery, and miscellaneous items, four hundred dollars; in all, twelve thousand four hundred dollars.

Clerks. For old-records division: For one clerk, one thousand two hundred dollars; in all, two thousand one hundred dollars.

Officer of treasurer. The office of treasurer of the District of Columbia is hereby abolished from and after the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, and the collector of taxes for said District shall, from and after that date, collect all revenues of the District and deposit the amounts collected daily with the Treasurer of the United States.

The duplicate of assessment for the fiscal year eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and annually thereafter, shall be prepared by the assessor before the first day of November of each year, and upon the completion thereof shall be delivered to the collector, who shall receipt in dupli-
cated for the total amount of taxes shown by said assessment. The original
receipt shall be forwarded to the First Comptroller of the Treasury,
and the duplicate to the auditor and comptroller of the District of Co-
lumbia. All tax bills shall be made up by the collector of taxes, and he
shall be held responsible under his bond for all taxes, except such as he
may not be able to collect after fully complying with the requirements
of law; and there is hereby appropriated the sum of eighteen thousand
dollars for defraying the expenses of said assessor's office.

For collector's office: For one collector, four thousand dollars; for
necessary expenses of said office, six thousand dollars; in all, ten thou-
sand dollars.

For sinking-fund office: For two clerks, at one thousand two hundred
dollars each; for contingent expenses, including books, stationery,
printing, and miscellaneous items, three hundred dollars; in all, two
thousand seven hundred dollars.

For coroner's office: For one coroner, one thousand eight hundred
dollars; for contingent expenses, including jurors' fees, stationery, books,
blanks, removal of deceased persons, making autopsies, and holding
inquests, seven hundred dollars; in all, two thousand five hundred
dollars.

That hereafter a jury of inquest summoned by the coroner shall con-
sist of six persons, and each of said jurors shall be paid one dollar a
day for his services.

For attorney's office: For one attorney, four thousand dollars; one
assistant attorney, one thousand nine hundred dollars; one special
assistant attorney, nine hundred and sixty dollars; one clerk, nine hun-
dred and sixty dollars; one messenger, one thousand and ninety-five
dollars; for rent of office, three hundred dollars; for contingent ex-
penses, including books, stationery, printing, and miscellaneous items,
five hundred dollars; in all, eight thousand eight hundred and twelve
dollars.

For inspector of buildings' office: For one inspector, two thousand
four hundred dollars; one inspector and draughtsman, one thousand
seven hundred dollars; one assistant inspector, one thousand dollars;
one inspector of plumbing, one thousand five hundred dollars; one
messenger, four hundred and eighty dollars; for contingent expenses,
including books, stationery, repairs to wagon, and miscellaneous items,
five hundred dollars; in all, seven thousand five hundred and eighty
dollars.

For division of property office: For one superintendent of property,
one thousand eight hundred dollars; one clerk, one thousand two
hundred dollars; one issuing clerk, nine hundred and twenty dollars; one
inspector of fuel, seven hundred and twenty dollars; one watchman,
seven hundred and twenty dollars; two watchmen, at one dollar and
fifty cents per day each, one thousand and seventy-five dollars; one mes-
senger, six hundred dollars; one messenger, four hundred and eighty dol-
lars; four laborers, at four hundred and eighty dollars each; one janitor,
seven hundred and twenty dollars; one watchman, at six hundred dol-
lars; for rent of property-yards, three hundred dollars; in all, eleven
thousand and fifty dollars.

For division of streets, alleys, and county-roads office: One superin-
tendent, two thousand dollars; one clerk, nine hundred dollars; three
inspectors of roads, at nine hundred dollars each; in all, five thousand
six hundred dollars.

For inspector of gas and meters' office: For one inspector, two thou-
sand dollars; one assistant inspector, one thousand dollars; in all, three
thousand dollars.

For harbor-master at Georgetown, eighty dollars.

For sealer of weights and measures, eighty dollars.

For engineer's office: For one chief clerk, one thousand nine hundred
dollars; one clerk, one thousand six hundred dollars; one clerk, one
thousand four hundred dollars; one clerk, one thousand two hundred dollars; two clerks at nine hundred dollars each; one computing engineer, two thousand four hundred dollars; one leveler, one thousand six hundred dollars; one leveler, one thousand five hundred dollars; one draughtsman, one thousand dollars; three roadmen, at seven hundred and eighty dollars each; three axmen, at six hundred and fifty dollars each; one inspector of asphalt, two thousand four hundred dollars; one inspector, one thousand five hundred dollars; two inspectors, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; two messengers, at four hundred and eighty dollars each; for temporary writers and draughtsmen, one thousand five hundred dollars; and for contingent expenses, including books, stationery, and miscellaneous items, four thousand dollars; in all, thirty-two thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars.

That overseers or inspectors temporarily required in connection with sewer or street work done under contracts authorized by appropriations shall be paid out of the sum specially appropriated for the work, and for the time actually engaged thereon: And provided further, That overseers or inspectors required in connection with sewer or street work done under contracts authorized by appropriations shall also be paid out of the sum appropriated for the works.

For fuel, ice, gas, repairs, insurance, and general miscellaneous expenses of District offices, three thousand five hundred dollars.

FOR STREETS.

For sweeping, cleaning, and sprinkling streets and avenues, thirty thousand dollars; cleaning alleys, six thousand five hundred dollars; for current work of repairs of streets, avenues, and alleys, twenty thousand dollars; current repairs to county roads, twenty thousand dollars; cleaning and repairing lateral sewers and basins, twenty thousand dollars; in all, ninety-six thousand five hundred dollars: Provided, That so much of the act of Congress approved April sixth, eighteen hundred and seventy, as prohibits the Commissioners of the District of Columbia from narrowing the carriage-ways of Louisiana and Indiana avenues and a portion of Fourth-and-a-half street be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

For the parking commission: For one superintendent, one thousand two hundred dollars; one assistant superintendent, seven hundred dollars; contingent expenses, including laborers, cart-hire, trees, tree-boxes, tree-stakes, tree-stands, planting and care of trees, whitewashing, care of parks, and miscellaneous items, eighteen thousand dollars; in all, nineteen thousand nine hundred dollars.

For street-lamps: For illuminating material, and lighting and extinguishing lamps on streets and alleys, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars; one superintendent, nine hundred dollars; repairs to pumps, three thousand dollars; cleaning tidal sewer, three thousand dollars; in all, one hundred and eleven thousand three hundred and twenty-five dollars: Provided, That no more than twenty-five dollars per annum for each street-lamp shall be paid for gas, lighting, extinguishing, repairing, and cleaning under any expenditure provided for in this act; and in case a contract cannot be made at that rate, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to substitute other illuminating material, and to use so much of the sum hereby appropriated as may be necessary for that purpose: Provided further, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall not be authorized to make any contract for gas or other illuminating material, in accordance with the provisions of this paragraph, for any longer period than one year.
clerk, one thousand eight hundred dollars; one clerk, one thousand five hundred dollars; three surgeons, at four hundred and fifty dollars each; six detectives, at one thousand three hundred and twenty dollars each; ten lieutenants, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; twenty sergeants, at one thousand one hundred and forty dollars each; seven acting sergeants, at one thousand and eighty dollars each; seventy-three privates, class one, at nine hundred dollars each; one hundred and twenty privates, class two, at one thousand and eighty dollars each; sixteen station-keepers, at five hundred and sixteen dollars each; eight laborers, at four hundred and twenty dollars each; two telegraph operators and one telephone operator, at seven hundred and sixty dollars each; one messenger, seven hundred dollars; one surgeon, five hundred dollars; one major and superintendent, mounted, three hundred and sixty dollars; one captain, mounted, two hundred and forty dollars; fifty lieutenants, sergeants, and privates, mounted, at two hundred and forty dollars each; two drivers, at three hundred dollars each; one ambulance driver, six hundred dollars; rent of police-station houses and police headquarters, five thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars; for fuel, one thousand five hundred dollars; repairs to station-houses, one thousand five hundred dollars; miscellaneous and contingent expenses, including stationery, books, telegraphing, printing, gas, ice, washing, meals for prisoners, repairs to van, and detection of crime, six thousand four hundred and sixty-nine dollars; in all, two hundred and ninety-nine thousand and twenty-five dollars.

**FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND FIRE-ALARM.**

For two commissioners, at two hundred dollars each; one commissioner and secretary, four hundred dollars; one chief engineer, one thousand eight hundred dollars; one assistant engineer, one thousand four hundred dollars; one superintendent of fire-alarm telegraph, one thousand five hundred dollars; two telegraph operators, at one thousand two hundred dollars each; eight foremen, at one thousand dollars each; six engineers, at one thousand dollars each; six firemen, at eight hundred dollars each; two tillermen, at eight hundred dollars each; five firemen, at seven hundred and twenty dollars each; three watchmen, at seven hundred and twenty dollars each; repairs to engine-houses, one thousand dollars; for fuel, one thousand five hundred dollars; purchase of horses, two thousand dollars; forage, four thousand five hundred dollars; hose, two thousand five hundred dollars; repairs to apparatus, including rebuilding truck, five thousand dollars; contingent expenses, including horseshoeing, washing, oil, stable supplies, harness, blacksmithing, battery supplies, labor, repairs to telegraph line, gas, and miscellaneous items, ten thousand dollars; in all, one hundred and two thousand two hundred and forty dollars.

**COURTS.**

For the police court, as follows: One judge, three thousand dollars; one clerk, two thousand dollars; one deputy clerk, one thousand dollars; two bailiffs, at three dollars per day each; one messenger, nine hundred dollars; one door-keeper, five hundred and forty dollars; United States marshal's fees, two thousand five hundred dollars; contingent expenses, including compensation of a justice of the peace acting as judge of the police court during the absence of said judge, not exceeding three thousand dollars, books, stationery, fuel, ice, gas, witness fees and miscellaneous items, two thousand five hundred dollars; in all, fourteen thousand three hundred and eighteen dollars.

For judicial expenses, two thousand five hundred dollars.
For payment, upon order of the Court of Claims, of referees appointed by said court under the act approved June sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, two thousand dollars.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

For salaries of superintendents, teachers, and janitors, secretary of the board, and clerks, including additional teachers and increase of teachers' pay by continuous service, rents, repairs, furniture, books, stationery, and miscellaneous items, three hundred and ninety-nine thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars, namely:

For officers: For one superintendent at two thousand seven hundred dollars; one superintendent at two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars; one secretary at one hundred and fifty dollars; one clerk to committee on accounts at three hundred dollars; one clerk at eight hundred dollars; one clerk at seven hundred and fifty dollars; in all, six thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars.

For teachers: For six teachers at one thousand six hundred and fifty dollars each; two teachers at one thousand three hundred and fifty dollars each; one teacher at one thousand six hundred dollars; one teacher at one thousand two hundred dollars; eighteen teachers at one thousand dollars each; one teacher at one thousand one hundred dollars; thirty-two teachers at seven hundred dollars each; in all, three hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

For janitors and care of the several buildings: For two janitors at one thousand one hundred dollars each; one janitor at nine hundred and fifty dollars; four janitors at nine hundred dollars each; two janitors at eight hundred dollars each; four janitors at seven hundred dollars each; two janitors at six hundred dollars each; two janitors at five hundred dollars each; two janitors at one hundred and fifty dollars each; one janitor at one hundred and twenty dollars; one janitor at one hundred and fifty dollars; one janitor at one hundred and twenty dollars; one janitor at ninety-five dollars; one janitor at ninety dollars each; one janitor at eighty dollars each; two janitors at sixty dollars each; seventeen janitors at fifty dollars each; in all, twenty-two thousand one hundred and seventy dollars:

Provided, That the janitors of the principal school-buildings, in addition to their other duties, shall do all minor repairs to buildings and furniture, glazing, fixing seats and desks, and shall be selected with reference to their qualifications to perform this work.
For rent of school-buildings, including site of old northeastern mar-
ket, twenty-three thousand dollars; for fuel, eleven thousand dollars;
repairs to school-buildings, ten thousand dollars; and for contingent
expenses, including furniture, books, stationery, printing, insurance,
and miscellaneous items, fifteen thousand dollars; in all, fifty-nine
thousand dollars.

For buildings for schools: For the purchase of sites, when necessary,
and the erection and completion of four buildings for primary and in-
termediate schools, two to be erected in the second school division and
two in the sixth school division (county), one hundred and four thou-
sand dollars, provided that they shall be contracted for before the first
day of September next, and finished before the first day of August,
eighteen hundred and eighty-two, to be appropriated as follows, namely:
For the second school division, ninety-six thousand dollars; for the
sixth school division (county), eight thousand dollars.

For the payment of the Washington school-fund bonds now held by
the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, seventy thousand six
hundred and thirty dollars and forty-seven cents; and said Commis-
sioners are hereby authorized and directed to cancel and destroy said
bonds, and to use said appropriation in the erection and completion of
a high-school building. Said building shall be located on that part of
square numbered four hundred and forty-six commencing at the rear
end of that part of said square heretofore dedicated to school purposes,
two hundred feet in width, thence south same width to O street in
Washington city; and said building shall be contracted for and com-
pleted within the time fixed for the buildings provided for in the next
preceding paragraph: And provided, That the plans and specifications
for each of said school-buildings shall be furnished by the Architect of
the Capitol and approved by the board of school trustees, and the work
shall be superintended by the District inspector of buildings.

MARKETS.

For three market-masters at one thousand five hundred dollars each;
one market-master at nine hundred dollars; contingent expenses, in-
cluding gas, repairs, cleaning, and miscellaneous items, one thousand
five hundred dollars; in all, six thousand nine hundred dollars.

For repairs to the Georgetown market-house, three thousand dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSES.

For repairs of hay-scales, five hundred dollars; for rent of District
offices, three thousand six hundred dollars; for general advertising, five
thousand dollars; for books for register of wills, printing checks, dam-
ages, and miscellaneous items not otherwise provided for, three thou-
sand dollars; in all, twelve thousand one hundred dollars.

For removal of bodies from Holmead's Cemetery (when requested by
the relatives), one thousand dollars.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

For one health-officer, three thousand dollars; six sanitary inspectors,
at one thousand two hundred dollars each; two food-inspectors, one thou-
sand two hundred dollars each; one inspector of marine products, one
thousand dollars; for clerks, seven thousand dollars; one messenger,
five hundred and forty dollars; one poundmaster, one thousand two hun-
dred dollars; and for contingent expenses, including books, stationery,
fuel, rent, laborers under poundmaster, repairs to pound, and wagon and
horse for poundmaster, forage, meat for dogs, disinfectants, horseshoe-
ing, and miscellaneous items, three thousand eight hundred dollars; re-
moval of garbage, fifteen thousand dollars; in all, forty-one thousand
one hundred and forty dollars.
Judgments against District of Columbia.

To pay judgments against the District of Columbia, fifteen thousand dollars, to be immediately available.

INTEREST AND SINKING-FUND.

For interest and sinking-fund on the funded debt, exclusive of water-bonds, one million two hundred and thirteen thousand nine hundred and forty-seven dollars and ninety-seven cents: Provided, That the Treasurer of the United States, as ex-officio sinking-fund commissioner, is hereby authorized, whenever in his opinion it will be more advantageous for the interest of the District of Columbia to do so, to sell the bonds authorized to be issued under the provisions of the sixth section of the act of the Congress of the United States entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of all outstanding claims against the District of Columbia, and conferring jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear the same, and for other purposes," approved June sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, for the satisfaction of the judgments which may be rendered by said Court of Claims under the provisions of said act, and pay the said judgments from the proceeds of said sales, instead of delivering to said judgment claimants the said bonds as provided for in said act: And provided further, That hereafter the said Treasurer, as ex-officio sinking-fund commissioner as aforesaid, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase any of the funded indebtedness of said District of Columbia for the sinking-fund authorized to be created for the redemption and payment of the indebtedness of said District of Columbia, as in his opinion may be for the best interests of said District of Columbia.

For payment of the Linthicum loan, forty thousand dollars.

For general contingent expenses of the District of Columbia not otherwise sufficiently provided for fifteen thousand dollars: Provided, That hereafter it shall be the duty of the Commissioners to include in the annual estimates of the District of Columbia estimates of the expenses of the water department: And provided further, That the annual estimates of the District of Columbia shall be transmitted to Congress by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia at the same time that the regular annual estimates for expenses of the government are submitted to the Secretary of the Treasury and with his action on the same to be printed in the general book of estimates.

Appropriations, together with revenues, deposited in United States Treasury, 1879, ch. 41, ante, 36.

Disbursement accounts made monthly.

Provided, That all moneys appropriated by this act, together with all revenues of the District of Columbia from taxes or otherwise, shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as required by the provisions of section four of an act approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, entitled "An act fixing the rate of interest upon arrearages of general taxes and assessments for special improvements now due to the District of Columbia, and for a revision of assessments for special improvements, and for other purposes."
SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to sell to the highest bidder, at public auction, the following-named property belonging to the said District of Columbia in Washington City: Lot three, square three hundred and eighty-two; part of lot three, square four hundred and ninety; and also the following-named property in the city of Georgetown belonging to said District: Fish-wharf on square six; part of lots forty-seven, forty-eight, and forty-nine in square thirty; and part of lot two hundred and forty-five in square ninety-nine: Provided, That if, in the opinion of said Commissioners, the highest bid made at said sale for any or all of said lots is not a full and fair price for the same, the said Commissioners shall have the right to reject such bid or bids and annul said sale or sales; and that the proceeds of the sale of the said lots situate in Washington shall be applied to the erection and furnishing of two new police-station houses in Washington; and the proceeds of the sale of the said lots situate in Georgetown, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be applied to the purchase of a lot and the erection and furnishing of a new engine-house for engine company number five of the District of Columbia fire department, at present located in said city of Georgetown.

SEC. 4. That the Chief of Engineers, United States Army, in charge of public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia, be, and is hereby, authorized to sell and convey, by good and sufficient deed, to each of the owners of lot one, square one hundred and eighty-five; lots five, six, and seven, square one hundred and ninety-eight; lot twelve, square one hundred and ninety-nine, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, such portion of the ground immediately adjoining the front of said lots, or either of them, as will make the angles at the four corners of Sixteenth and K streets, northwest, right angles, upon payment into the Treasury of the United States by said owners, or each of them, of an amount for the number of feet in each lot so to be conveyed at the rate the same may be appraised by three disinterested freeholders resident of the city of Washington, to be selected and sworn by said Chief of Engineers impartially to appraise said real estate at the true value thereof in money; and upon said sale, the owners of said lots respectively shall pay into the Treasury of the United States, for the erection of a high-school building in the city of Washington, one-third of said purchase money, and the remainder thereof, with interest, in one year from the date of sale. No conveyance shall be made until all the purchase-money is paid: Provided, That said Chief of Engineers shall not sell or convey any portion or any part of said real estate unless all the same is sold and conveyed.

SEC. 5. That section seven of the act entitled "An act to incorporate the Joint Stock Company of the Young Men's Christian Association of Washington," approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, which reads "That the buildings and grounds, the rents and revenues of the same, and the stock issued to erect such buildings shall be forever exempt from taxation," is hereby repealed.

SEC. 6. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized to sell to the highest bidder at public auction and under the provisions of section three, of this act, the following, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the north side of N street north west, forty-eight feet two inches west of the west line of Sixteenth street, running thence along N street westerly, eighteen feet thence northerly sixty-two and fourteen hundredths feet to Massachusetts avenue, thence south easterly along said avenue nineteen and sixty-nine hundredths feet, thence fifty-four and twenty seven hundredths feet south to the point of beginning on N
The proceeds of sale to be applied to the use mentioned in said section three.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 135.—An act making appropriations for fortifications and other works of defense, and for the armament thereof, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the protection, preservation, and repair of fortifications and other works of defense, for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-two, the same to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War; and the Secretary of War is directed to make report of the condition of the fortifications, and what number of them, if any, can be dispensed with; also, the following for the armament of fortifications, namely:

For the armament of sea-coast fortifications, including heavy guns and howitzers for flank defense, carriages, projectiles, fuses, powder, and implements, their trial and proof, and all necessary expenses incident thereto, and for machine guns, including the conversion of smooth-bore cannon into rifles, three hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars. And the President is authorized to select a board, to consist of one engineer officer, two ordnance officers, and two officers of artillery, whose duty it shall be to make examinations of all inventions of heavy ordnance and improvements of heavy ordnance and projectiles that may be presented to them, including guns now being constructed or converted under direction of the Ordnance Bureau; and said board shall make detailed report to the Secretary of War, for transmission to Congress, of such examination, with recommendation as to what inventions are worthy of actual test, and the estimated cost of such test; and the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for such purpose.

For torpedoes for harbor defenses, and the preservation of the same, and for torpedo experiments in their application to harbor and land defense, and for instruction of engineer battalion in their preparation and application, fifty thousand dollars: Provided, That the money herein appropriated for torpedoes shall only be used in the establishment and maintenance of torpedoes to be operated from shore stations for the destruction of an enemy's vessel approaching the shore or entering the channels and fairways of harbors.

And the Secretary of War is hereby authorized, in his discretion, to exchange the unserviceable and unsuitable powder and shot on hand for new powder and projectiles, or to sell the same and purchase similar articles with the proceeds of the sales; and he shall make statement of his action under this provision in his next annual report.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 136.—An act making appropriations for the construction, completion, repair, and preservation of certain works on rivers and harbors, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums of money be, and are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War, for the construction, completion, repair, and preservation of the public works hereinafter named:

Improving Richmond Island Harbor, Maine: Completing improvement three thousand dollars.

Richmond Island Harbor.