FORTY-SIXTH CONGRESS. Sess. III. Ch. 64, 68, 69. 1881.

Feb. 23, 1881. CHAP. 68.—An act donating certain lands in Lake County, State of Colorado, to the Veteran Union Association of Leadville, for hospital and burial purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following-described tract of land, situated in Lake County and State of Colorado, be donated to the Veteran Union Association of Leadville, its successors and assigns, in said State, for the use and purpose of locating thereon a hospital and cemetery, to wit: the north half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-three, township number nine south, of range eighty west, excepting, however, from said tract that part included in the United States survey number two hundred and seventy-one; and also donating for the said uses and purposes to said association the south half of the northwest quarter in the section, township, and range aforesaid. Said land is hereby donated upon the express condition that it shall be used exclusively for such hospital and burial purposes; and should there be a failure to comply with the conditions herein expressed for two years from the passage of this act, or should said lands ever cease to be used for said purposes, then said land shall revert to the Government of the United States.

Approved, February 23, 1881.

Feb. 23, 1881. CHAP. 69.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Potomac River at or near Georgetown in the District of Columbia, 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 Secretary of War be,
and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be constructed across the Potomac River at or near Georgetown in the District of Columbia, at such point as he may select, a substantial iron and masonry bridge, with approaches; and the sum of one hundred and forty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction of said bridge and approaches, the same to be maintained as a free bridge for travel: Provided, That the said Secretary of War shall construct a bridge upon such plan as shall cost no more than the amount herein appropriated, and which cost shall include the construction of a substantial bridge over the canal, and any and all approaches to the said iron bridge; and no part of this appropriation shall be paid out of the Treasury until contracts shall have been entered into with responsible parties, and with good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the Secretary of War, for the construction and completion of said bridge, including the masonry, iron-work, and approaches, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and forty thousand dollars: And provided also, That a draw of sufficient width to permit the free passage of vessels navigating that part of the Potomac River shall be constructed in said bridge, unless said bridge shall be constructed upon or by the side of, or up the river from, the present aqueduct and at the same or greater elevation above the water: And provided also, That the sum which may be expended under this act shall be treated and regarded as a part of the general expenses of the District of Columbia, and the United States shall be credited with the amount which it may pay under this act for the erection of said bridge upon its fifty per centum of the expenses of the District of Columbia, as provided in the act of June eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, entitled "An act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia": Provided further, That the Secretary of War shall, as soon as may be, fix and determine the location of said bridge, and cause a survey of the river to be made at such place of location, determine the length, width, and height of said bridge, and the length of draw, if one is required, and thereupon advertise for plans and price for the construction of such bridge; such advertisement to be inserted in one or more daily newspapers published in Washington, District of Columbia, New York, Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Michigan, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Chicago, Illinois, for the space of one week.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of establishing a free bridge, and in lieu of erecting the bridge provided for in the preceding section, the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, purchase the aqueduct bridge now crossing the Potomac River at Georgetown: Provided, said bridge with all the appurtenances, rights and franchises connected therewith including piers and real estate for abutments and approaches can be purchased for a sum not exceeding eighty-five thousand dollars; which sum or so much thereof as may be necessary may be paid out of the money appropriated by this act: Provided further, That a good and sufficient title thereto can be secured to the United States, to be approved by the Attorney-General of the United States. It is further provided That the Alexandria Canal Company or its present lessees shall have the right to maintain at their own cost and expense, a canal aqueduct of the same width and depth as the one now in use, and to attach it to or suspend it from said bridge; and whenever a permanent bridge shall be erected upon said site, the same shall be of sufficient strength to sustain the weight of such canal aqueduct; but the construction attachment and maintenance of such aqueduct shall be such as the Secretary of War may determine and shall be without cost or liability to the United States or the District of Columbia. And it is further provided, That if upon the erection of such permanent bridge the said canal company or their present lessees shall neglect or refuse to reconstruct secure and attach the said aqueduct at their own expense, or if at any time for the space of six months, they shall fail to use such aqueduct for the purposes of a canal, or fail to keep the same in good condition and repair, or if at any time,
they shall use the same for other than canal purposes, then all rights of
said canal company, its lessees or assigns in said bridge and property, shall
cease and determine, and the said aqueduct shall be detached and
removed by the Secretary of War.

Sec. 3. And the Secretary of War is further authorized, in his dis-
ccretion, in the event of said purchase, to repair the wooden bridge now
on said piers, and for that purpose is authorized to expend, of the moneys
hereinbefore appropriated, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

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Feb. 23, 1881.

CHAP. 70.—An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to
recommend a proper site for a Union Railroad Depot in the city of Washington,
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 Commissioners of the
District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to recommend
a suitable site for a Union Railroad Depot for all the railroad compa-
ies whose tracks enter or terminate in said city, having due regard,
as well to the interests of the residents and property owners of the
District of Columbia as to the chartered rights and pecuniary invest-
ments of the railroad companies to be affected by the action of Congress
in the premises; but if, in the judgment of the said Commissioners, it
is better, for the interest of all parties concerned, that two depots should
be established, the one on the northern and the other on the southern
side of the city of Washington, then to make selection of the two sites
for the respective depots, and to report their action in the premises,
with proper plats, to Congress, during the present session; but if that
is not practicable, then to report on the first Monday of December,
eighteen hundred and eighty-one, with a bill containing such further
provisions as they may deem best calculated to secure the use by said
railroad companies of said union depot if so selected; or in case of the
selection of the two depots aforesaid, to secure the use of the northern
depot by the company or companies whose road or roads enter the city
of Washington nearest to said northern depot, and the use of the south-
ern depot by the company or companies whose road or roads enter the
said city nearest to said southern depot, and to compel the vacation of all
other depots and the removal of all tracks not necessary for use in reach-
ing the depot or depots intended to be established under the provisions
of this act: Provided, That such union depot or the two depots herein
referred to, whichever may be selected, shall be provided by said rail-
road companies free from expense to the United States or the District of
Columbia.

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CHAP. 71.—An act to provide for the removal of the terms of the United States cir-
cuit and district courts now held at Exeter, for and within the district of New
Hamphire, to the city of Concord.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That the terms of the United
States circuit and district courts now held at Exeter, for and within the
district of New Hampshire, be, and the same hereafter shall be held at
Concord in said district.

Approved, February 23, 1881.