

or footway, and that it shall be unlawful to erect or place a dwelling-house on or along any alley which does not run straight to, and open at right angles upon, one of the public streets bordering the square in which such alley is located, with at least one exit fifteen feet in the clear.

SEC. 2. All acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act are hereby repealed.

Repeal.

Approved, July 22, 1892.

**CHAP. 229.**—An act to establish weather bureau stations on Middle and Thunder Bay islands in Lake Huron.

July 22, 1892.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of fifteen thousand dollars be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, or so much of the same as may be necessary, for the establishment of weather bureau stations on Middle and Thunder Bay islands in Lake Huron, the said sum to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture in fitting up proper stations, with necessary appliances, on the said islands, and in establishing telegraphic communication between Alpena, Michigan, and the said islands.

Weather Bureau.  
Appropriation for stations, Lake Huron.

Telegraph to Alpena, Mich.

Approved, July 22, 1892.

**CHAP. 230.**—An act to provide for the opening of Alleys in the District of Columbia.

July 22, 1892.

*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 condemn, open, extend, widen, or straighten alleys in the District of Columbia upon the presentation to them of the plat of the alley to be condemned, opened, widened, extended, or straightened, accompanied by a petition of the owners of more than one-half of the real estate in the square in which such alley is sought to be opened, widened, extended, or straightened, or when the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall certify that the preservation of peace, good order, and public morals require that any such alley should be opened, extended, widened, or straightened; or when the health officer of said District shall certify that such opening, extension, widening, or straightening of an alley is necessary for the public health: *Provided,* That in the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of an alley it shall be lawful to close any original alley, or part of an original alley, the fee of which is in the United States, which may thereby become useless or unnecessary; and that it shall also, in like manner, be lawful to close any other alleys or parts of alleys, the title thereto to revert to the person or persons who dedicated the same for alley purposes, or to their assigns.

Alleys, District of Columbia.  
Commissioners may open, etc.

Upon petition of adjoining owners.

To preserve peace, etc.

For public health.

*Proviso.*  
Closing alleys or parts.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the surveyor of said District, as soon as may be thereafter, to distinctly mark off such alley in the manner in which it may be designated in the petition therefor and make out triplicate plats of such alley showing its courses and boundaries and the quantity in square feet which may be taken from the lots or parts of lots in the square by the opening, extending, widening, or straightening thereof, and showing also the alley or part of alley to be closed, if any, and the lots or parts of lots to which the land contained in such closed alley is to be annexed; one of which plats shall be deposited with the recorder of deeds of said District to be filed amongst the records of his office, another kept in the office of the surveyor of said District, and one filed in the office of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

Surveyor to prepare plats.

Disposal.