

CHAP. 320.—An Act To provide for the disposition of assessment certificates of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

March 1, 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Treasurer of the United States, ex officio commissioner of the sinking fund of the District of Columbia, shall deliver to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia all assessment certificates remaining in his custody issued against private property in the District of Columbia for unpaid assessments for special improvements under the act of the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia approved August tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and deposited with the commissioners of the sinking fund of the District of Columbia under the provisions of section two of the act of the legislative assembly of the District of Columbia approved May twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and seventy-three.

District of Columbia.
Treasurer U. S. to deliver to Commissioners certain certificates for unpaid assessments for special improvements, etc.

SEC. 2. That all moneys derived from the collection of special-improvement taxes, now in the custody of the Treasurer of the United States, or that may hereafter be collected on account of the assessment certificates mentioned in section one of this Act, in excess of the amount required to pay eight per centum certificates of indebtedness and coupons therefrom, called for payment prior to the Act of Congress approved August thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, entitled "An Act to provide for the payment of the eight per centum greenback certificates of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," shall be deposited in the Treasury of the United States as general revenues of the District of Columbia; and all future collections on account of the aforesaid assessment certificates shall be made by the collector of taxes of said District, who shall deposit said collections as prescribed in this section; and the Commissioners of said District shall redeem, out of the general revenues of said District, any of the outstanding drawback certificates issued under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for the revision and correction of assessments for special improvements in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, as they may be presented to them for redemption, as prescribed by said Act.

—special improvement tax funds, etc., in custody of, etc., to be deposited in Treasury as general revenues of the District.
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SEC. 3. That the Treasurer of the United States is hereby relieved from all duty and responsibility in connection with the collection or application of the proceeds of said assessments, except as to the payment of the outstanding eight per centum certificates and coupons referred to in section two, and the deposit, as prescribed in said section, of the balance of the amount already in his custody not needed for such payment.

Collections on account of assessment certificates to be made by the collector of taxes; deposit.
Commissioners to redeem outstanding drawback certificates, etc.
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SEC. 4. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage, and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Treasurer relieved from collection, etc., of said assessments; except.

Effect: repeal.

Approved, March 1, 1899.

CHAP. 321.—An Act To authorize a resurvey of certain lands in Cheyenne County, in the State of Nebraska, and for other purposes.

March 1, 1899.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be made a survey of the following lands in Cheyenne County, in the State of Nebraska: Townships twenty-one, twenty-two, and twenty-three north, range forty-seven west, principal meridian, and so much of the lands adjacent thereto as may be necessary to correct the errors existing in the original survey of said lands. And all rules and regulations of the Interior Department requiring petitions from all settlers on said lands asking for a resurvey and an agreement to abide by the result of the survey, so far as these lands are concerned, are hereby abrogated: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to impair

Cheyenne County, Nebr.
Resurvey of lands authorized.

—certain Interior Department rules abrogated.

Provided.
Rights of bona fide occupants unimpaired.

the present bona fide claim of any actual occupant of any of said lands so occupied to the amount of land to which, under the law, he is entitled: *And provided further*, That said resurvey shall in no manner affect the rights of bona fide occupants of any of said lands to the land so occupied to the amount which said occupants are entitled to receive from the Government.

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CHAP. 322.—An Act To regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Height of buildings limited.

—of business houses.

Buildings hereafter erected to be fireproof

—churches.

Maximum height.

Provisos.
—spires, etc., excepted.

—streets less than 90 feet wide.

Maximum height frame buildings.

Measurement of height.

Public buildings excepted.

Amendment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the date of the approval of this Act no combustible or nonfireproof building intended to be used or occupied as a residence or as an apartment house or hotel in the District of Columbia shall be erected to a height of more than five stories or raised to a height exceeding sixty feet above the sidewalk, the measurement to be made as hereinafter prescribed.

SEC. 2. That buildings intended for business purposes solely may be erected to a height of seventy-five feet without being of fireproof construction.

SEC. 3. That all buildings, except churches, hereafter erected or altered to exceed seventy-five feet in height shall be fireproof or non-combustible and of such materials throughout as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia. Churches must be of fireproof construction up to and including the main or auditorium floor.

SEC. 4. That no building shall be erected or altered on any street in the District of Columbia to exceed in height above the sidewalk the width of the street in its front, and in no case shall a building exceed ninety feet in height on a residence street nor one hundred and ten feet on a business street, as designated by schedule approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, except on business streets and business avenues one hundred and sixty feet wide, where a height not exceeding one hundred and thirty feet may be allowed. The height of buildings on corner lots shall in all cases be regulated by the limitations governing on the broader street: *Provided*, That spires, towers, and domes may be erected to a greater height than the limit herein prescribed, when approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia: *Provided further*, That on streets less than ninety feet wide, where building lines have been established so as to be a matter of public record and so as to prevent the lawful erection of any building in advance of said lines, the width of the street, in so far as it controls the height of buildings under this law, may be held to be the distance between said building lines.

SEC. 5. That no wooden or frame building hereafter erected or altered and intended to be used for human habitations shall exceed in height three stories, or forty feet to the roof.

SEC. 6. That the height of all buildings shall be measured from the level of the sidewalk opposite the middle of the front of the building to the highest point of the roof; if the building has more than one front the measurement shall be made upon the front facing the street of steepest grade. No parapet wall shall extend above the limit of height.

SEC. 7. That the limitations of height herein prescribed shall not apply to Federal or municipal buildings.

SEC. 8. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, March 1, 1899.