

and after said jury shall have been organized and shall have viewed the premises said jury shall proceed in the presence of the court, if the court shall so direct, or otherwise as the court may direct, to hear and receive such evidence as may be offered or submitted on behalf of the District of Columbia, and by any person or persons having any interest in the proceedings for the extension of said streets. When the hearing is concluded, the jury, or a majority of them, shall return to said court in writing its verdict setting forth the pieces or parcels of land benefited by such extension and the amount of the assessment for such benefits against the same.

Verdict.

SEC. 5. That the court shall have power to hear and determine any objections which may be filed to said verdict and to set aside and vacate the same in whole or in part when satisfied that it is unjust or unreasonable, and in such event a new jury shall be summoned who shall proceed to assess the benefits in respect of the land as to which the verdict may be vacated as in the case of the first jury: *Provided*, That if vacated in part, the residue of the verdict as to the land benefited shall not be affected thereby: *And provided further*, That the exceptions or objections to the verdict shall be filed within thirty days after the return of such verdict.

Review of verdict.

Provisos.
Action is vacated in part.
Filing exceptions.

SEC. 6. That when confirmed by the court the several assessments for benefits herein provided to be made shall severally be a lien upon the land assessed and shall be collected as special improvement taxes in the District of Columbia, and shall be payable in five equal annual installments, with interest at the rate of four per centum per annum from and after sixty days after the confirmation of said verdict. That said court may allow amendments in form or substance in any petition, process, record, or proceeding, or in the description of property assessed or proposed to be assessed for benefits whenever such amendments will not interfere with the substantial rights of the parties interested.

Collection of assessments.

Proceedings.

SEC. 7. That each juror shall receive as compensation the sum of five dollars per day for his services during the time he shall be actually engaged in such services under the provisions hereof.

Pay of jurors.

SEC. 8. That the sum of three hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, to provide the necessary funds for the costs and expenses of the proceedings taken pursuant hereto, out of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

Appropriation for expenses.

SEC. 9. That no appeal by any party from the decision of said court confirming the assessment of benefits as herein provided for, nor any other proceeding at law or in equity by such party against the confirmation of such assessment or assessments, shall delay or prevent the payment for the land necessary for the opening of said streets nor the extension of such streets. The Act approved June thirteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty, entitled "An Act to incorporate the proprietors of Prospect Hill Cemetery" (Twelfth Statutes, page thirty-two), is hereby amended so as to authorize and empower the conveyance of the land necessary for the opening of W and Adams streets, as is herein provided, and to that extent only.

Appeals not to delay opening of streets, etc.

Conveyance authorized.
Vol. 12, p. 32, amended.

Approved, February 28, 1907.

CHAP. 2279. —An Act Authorizing the construction of four steam vessels for the Revenue-Cutter Service of the United States.

March 1, 1907.
[S. 925.]

[Public, No. 148.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the construction, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, of four steam vessels for the Revenue-Cutter Service, is hereby authorized, at a total cost

Revenue-Cutter Service.
Four vessels authorized.
Post, p. 1309.

not to exceed six hundred and fifty thousand dollars, said vessels to be as follows:

- Puget Sound, etc. One steam revenue cutter of the first class for duty in Puget Sound and adjacent waters, at a cost not to exceed two hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars.
- Savannah, Ga., etc. One steam revenue cutter of the first class for duty at Savannah, Georgia, and adjacent waters on the Atlantic coast, at a cost not to exceed two hundred thousand dollars.
- New Bedford, Mass., etc. One able seagoing tug for the Revenue-Cutter Service for duty at New Bedford, Massachusetts, and adjacent waters on the Atlantic coast, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars.
- New Orleans, etc., La. One boarding vessel for the Revenue-Cutter Service for duty at New Orleans, Louisiana, and adjacent waters, at a cost not to exceed fifty thousand dollars.

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March 1, 1907.
[S. 4506.]

CHAP. 2280.—An Act To provide for the better registration of births in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

[Public, No. 149.]

District of Columbia.
Registration of
births.
Report required
from physician, mid-
wife, etc.
Blanks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any physician or midwife who attends at the birth of any child within the District of Columbia, and any person whosoever who, in the absence of a physician or midwife, performs any of the offices usually rendered by such shall execute or cause to be executed and shall file with the health officer of said District not later than the Saturday first ensuing after the expiration of three secular days immediately following the date of such birth a proper report thereof, written in ink, on a blank furnished by said health officer, embodying all such data as may be necessary for the purposes of the Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce and Labor, and such other data, if any, as the Commissioners of said District deem needful. So far as relates to any data aforesaid not based upon the personal observation of the physician, midwife, or other person by whom report is made, every such report shall show the name and address of the informant and the relationship of said informant to the child born: *Provided, however,* That if the child born be illegitimate it shall in no case be necessary for any physician, midwife, or other person to indicate on any report required by this Act any fact or facts whereby the identity of the father or of the mother or of the child born will be disclosed: *And provided further,* That no report need be made of stillbirths when the fetus delivered has apparently not passed the fifth month of utero-gestation. Upon receipt of any report aforesaid, said health officer shall forward to the father of the child, or, if his address be unknown, to the mother, an acknowledgment of the receipt of such report, and if the infant delivered be not stillborn, and such report does not contain the given name of the child born, a blank form on which the father or mother may certify over his or her signature the name of such child, which form, if thus executed and returned to said health officer within three months next following the date of birth, shall be a part of the official record of such birth.

Proviso.
Illegitimate chil-
dren.

Stillbirths.

Acknowledgment of
parent.

Record of name.

False certificates,
etc., forbidden.

SEC. 2. That no person shall, in the District of Columbia, willfully or negligently certify falsely to any fact whatsoever upon any report of a birth. And after any such report has been received by the health officer of said District no person shall alter the same otherwise than by amendments written independently of the body of the report and properly dated, signed, and witnessed. No person shall in said Dis-