

sion, together with the three members appointed by the governor as aforesaid, until the expiration of such period of their services and not thereafter. The salary of the commissioner shall be \$6,000 a year and the said commissioner shall devote his entire time to his duties as such commissioner. The compensation of the associated members, both those elected and appointed, shall be \$10 for each day's attendance at the sessions of the commission; but in no case shall they receive more than \$1,000 during any one year. The said commission is empowered and directed to discharge all the executive functions relating to public service corporations heretofore conferred by law upon the executive council and such additional duties and functions as may be conferred upon said commission by the legislature. Franchises, rights, and privileges granted by the said commission shall not be effective until approved by the governor and shall be reported to Congress, which hereby reserves the power to annul or modify the same.

Salaries..

Powers over public service corporations.

Grant of franchises.

"The Interstate Commerce Act and the several amendments made or to be made thereto, the Safety Appliance Acts and the several amendments made or to be made thereto, and the Act of Congress entitled 'An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to regulate commerce," approved February 4, 1887, and all Acts amendatory thereof, by providing for a valuation of the several classes of property of carriers subject thereto and securing information concerning their stocks, bonds, and other securities,' approved March 1, 1913, shall not apply to Porto Rico.

Interstate Commerce laws of United States not applicable.

"The legislative assembly of Porto Rico is hereby authorized to enact laws relating to the regulation of the rates, tariffs, and service of all public carriers in Porto Rico, and the public service commission hereby created shall have power to enforce such laws under appropriate regulation."

Regulation of tariffs of public service carriers by legislature. Enforcement.

SEC. 7. That section 48 of the said Act be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

Courts. Vol. 39, p. 967, amended.

"SEC. 48. That the Supreme and District Courts of Porto Rico and the respective judges thereof may grant writs of habeas corpus in all cases in which the same are grantable by the judges of the District Courts of the United States, and the District Courts may grant writs of mandamus in all proper cases.

Writs of habeas corpus allowed.

Mandamus.

"That no suit for the purpose of restraining the assessment or collection of any tax imposed by the laws of Porto Rico shall be maintained in the District Court of the United States for Porto Rico."

No suit to restrain collection of insular tax may be maintained by the district court.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

CHAP. 504.—An Act To authorize the construction of three cottages and an annex to the hospital at the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Marion, Indiana.

March 4, 1927.

[S. 4027.]

[Public, No. 798.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers is authorized and directed to construct at the Marion Branch of such home, at Marion, Indiana, on land now owned by the United States, three cottages with an aggregate capacity of two hundred beds, and a sanitary, fireproof hospital annex to the present hospital with a capacity of fifty beds.

Marion, Ind. Construction authorized of additions to Volunteer Soldiers Home at.

SEC. 2. Upon the order of a member of the Board of Managers of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, the following persons shall be admitted to such cottages and hospital annex for the purpose of receiving medical treatment and the other benefits

Admissions authorized to additions.

Honorably discharged disabled members of Federal forces, incapacitated from earning a living.

of such home: All persons who served in the military or naval forces of the United States, including the Organized Militia, the National Guard, and the Naval Militia, when called into the Federal service, and were separated therefrom under honorable conditions, who have no adequate means of support and, by reason of diseases or wounds, are either temporarily or permanently incapacitated from earning a living.

Amount authorized.

SEC. 3. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated not more than the sum of \$700,000 in order to carry out the provisions of section 1 of this Act, of which amount \$600,000 shall be available for the construction of the three cottages and \$100,000 for the hospital annex, including the construction of such necessary approach work, roadways, and other facilities leading thereto, heating and ventilating apparatus, furniture, equipment, and accessories, as may be approved by the board of managers.

Separation for cottages and hospital.

Approved, March 4, 1927.

March 4, 1927.

[S. 1640.]

[Public, No. 799.]

CHAP. 505.—An Act Authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to establish a national arboretum, and for other purposes.

National arboretum, D. C. Establishment of authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized and directed to establish and maintain a national arboretum for purposes of research and education concerning tree and plant life. For the purposes of this Act, (1) the President is authorized to transfer to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture by Executive order any land which now belongs to the United States within or adjacent to the District of Columbia located along the Anacostia River north of Benning Bridge, and (2) the Secretary of Agriculture is authorized in his discretion to acquire, within the limits of the appropriation authorized by this Act by private purchase, condemnation proceedings, or gift, land so located or other land within or adjacent to the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That the purchase price of any part of said land shall not exceed the full value assessment of such property last made before purchase thereof plus 25 per centum of such assessed value.

Transfer of land along Anacostia River to Secretary of Agriculture.

Acquiring other land by purchase, etc.

Proviso. Restriction on purchase price.

Amount authorized for purchase.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated a sum not to exceed \$300,000, to be expended under the direction of the Secretary of Agriculture for the acquisition of land as specified in section 1. No payment shall be made by the United States for any such land until the title thereto is satisfactory to the Attorney General and is vested in the United States.

No payment until title vested.

Under scientific direction.

SEC. 3. In order to stimulate research and discovery the national arboretum established by the Secretary of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of this Act shall be under competent scientific direction. The arboretum shall be administered by the Secretary of Agriculture separately from the agricultural, horticultural, and forestry stations of the Department of Agriculture, but it shall be so correlated with them as to bring about the most effective utilization of its facilities and discoveries.

Separate administration.

Advisory council created for plan and development.

SEC. 4. The Secretary of Agriculture is authorized to create an advisory council in relation to the plan and development of the national arboretum to be established under this Act, to include representatives of national organizations interested in the work of the arboretum.

Approved, March 4, 1927.