CHAP. 781.—An Act To authorize the acquisition for military purposes of land in the county of Montgomery, State of Alabama, for use as an addition to Maxwell Field.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a sum not to exceed $200,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of land in the vicinity of and for use in connection with the present military reservation at Maxwell Field, Alabama, and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to make said purchase: Provided, That no part of the amount authorized to be appropriated shall be expended until it has been determined to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War that acquisition of all additional land required at Maxwell Field for the proper and necessary accommodation of the Air Corps Tactical School and one Air Corps observation squadron can be accomplished by purchase or donation without exceeding expenditure by the Federal Government of the amount of such authorization.

Sec. 2. In the event the Secretary of War can not purchase such land or any tract or parcel thereof at a fair and reasonable price the Secretary of War is authorized to request condemnation proceedings to acquire such land or any tract or parcel thereof and upon such request the Attorney General shall institute such proceedings.

Approved, July 1, 1930.

CHAP. 782.—An Act To provide for the renewal of passports.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 2 of the Act entitled “An Act to regulate the issue and validity of passports, and for other purposes,” approved July 3, 1926 (United States Code, Supplement III, title 22, section 217a), is amended to read as follows:

“Sec. 2. That the validity of a passport or visa shall be limited to a period of two years: Provided, That the Secretary of State may limit the validity of a passport or visa to a shorter period and that no immigration visa shall be issued for a longer period than that specified in the Immigration Act of 1924 or amendments thereto: And provided further, That a passport may be renewed, upon the payment of $2 under regulations prescribed by the Secretary of State, for periods of not to exceed two years each, but the final date of expiration shall not be more than six years from the original date of issue: And provided further, That the charge for the issue of an original passport shall be $5.”

Approved, July 1, 1930.

CHAP. 783.—An Act To fix the salaries of officers and members of the Metropolitan police force and the fire department of the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the annual basic salaries of the officers and members of the Metropolitan police force shall be as follows: Major and superintendent, $8,000; assistant superintendents, $5,000 each; inspectors, $4,500 each; captains, $3,600 each; lieutenants, $3,050 each; sergeants, $2,750 each; privates, a basic salary of $1,900 per year, with an annual increase of $100 in salary