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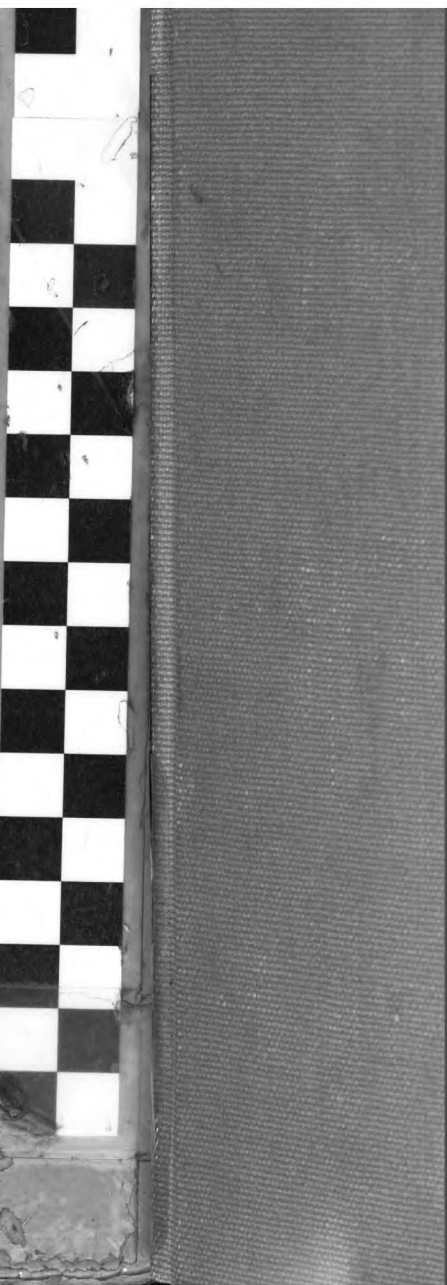
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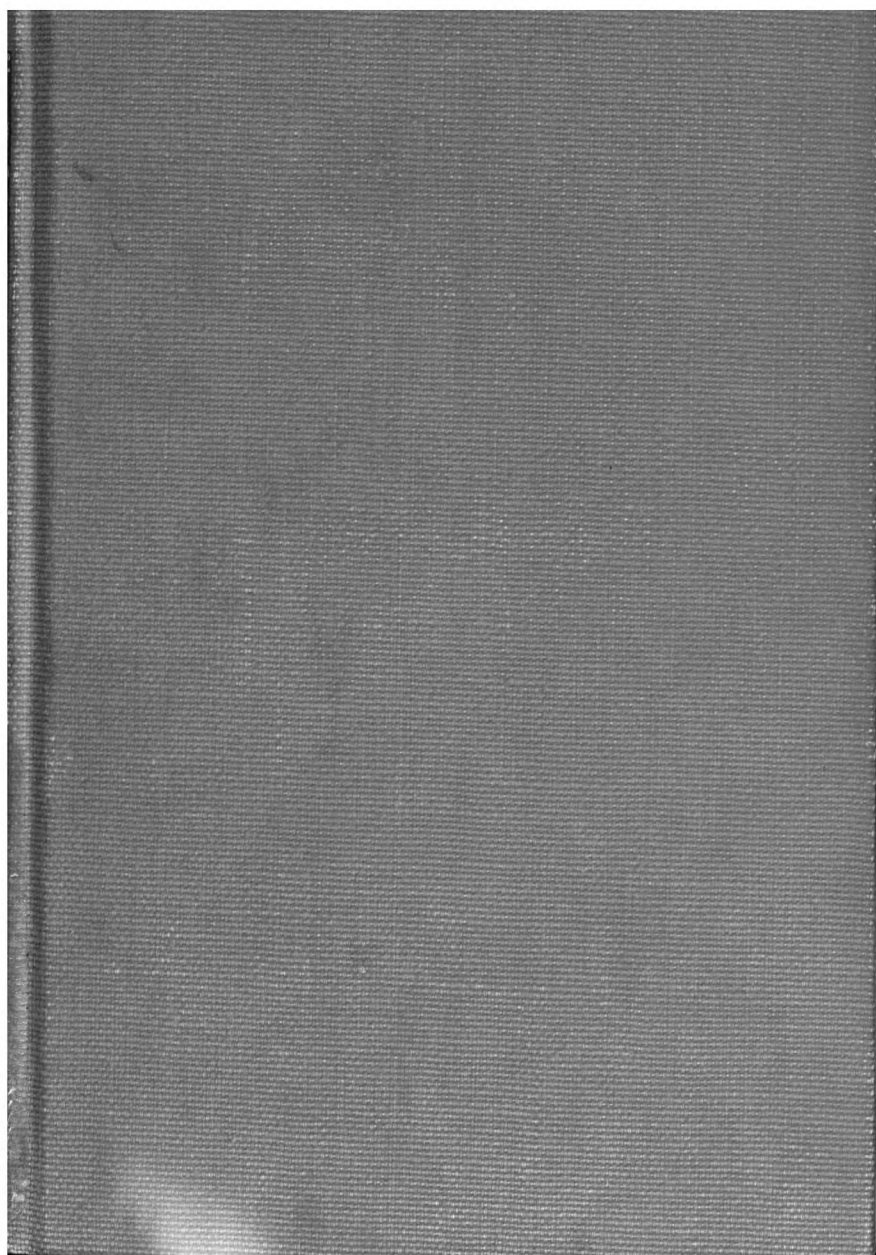
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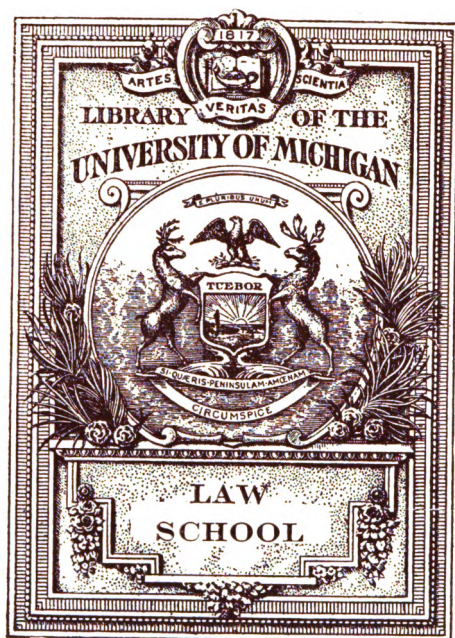
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CHAP. 1.

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AN ACT authorizing the valuation and assessment of property in the city of Washington, and constituting a board of appeal.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That it shall be the duty of the city commissioners, now or hereafter to be appointed, and they are hereby authorized and directed, (each in his respective ward) together with a citizen of said ward, to be appointed by the mayor annually, before the tenth day of August, to value all the real and personal property in this city, not before entered on the assessment lists, and to revalue any real or personal property previously assessed, which, in their opinion, may have been enhanced or diminished in value subsequently to the preceding assessment; and the said commissioners shall (each for his respective ward) lay before the board of appeal hereinafter constituted, on or before the fifteenth day of August in every year, a fair and correct alpha-
Commissioners to make an assessment of real and personal property, and lay before the board of appeal correct lists of the same.

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betical list of the owners or supposed owners of the property so valued or revalued, stating separately the names of those resident within the district of Columbia, those resident in the United States without the district of Columbia, and those residing without the United States, with the amounts for which they are severally assessed for real and personal property.

Owners of property to give information to commissioners when required.

Penalty on refusing.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid be, and they are hereby authorized to require, from the owners, occupants or possessors of any property in their respective wards, subject to taxation, such information as may be deemed material or necessary for its just and fair valuation; and if any person aforesaid shall refuse to give, or shall withhold such information when thereto required by a commissioner, or shall knowingly and wilfully misrepresent or conceal any property, after being advised of the provisions of this act, he or she so offending shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of five dollars; and in all cases where accurate information cannot be obtained, the appraisers shall value the property to the best of their knowledge.

Valuations how to be rated.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all valuations and assessments under and by virtue of this act, shall be rated according to the supposed worth of the property in ready money; but no building or other improvement shall be considered as having added to the value of any property until the first day of January next after the same shall have been erected or made, or shall have become tenatable or useful to the proprietor.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners aforesaid shall, annually, on or

before the fifteenth day of August, notify the owners or proprietors, or their agents, parents or guardians, if known, of the valuation of their property, designating the personal from real property, and informing them that an appeal may be made to the city commissioners on or before the eighth day of September, which notifications shall be written or printed, and delivered to, or left at the usual place of abode of the owner or proprietor of the property, if resident in the city of Washington, or if resident in the United States, without the city, shall be forwarded through the post-office in the form of a letter, sealed, and addressed to the person at his or her supposed place of abode. And in all cases where the owner of the property, or the agent, parent or guardian is not known to the commissioner, or resides out of the United States, public notice of such valuation shall be given, once a week for three weeks, in a newspaper published in this city, stating the supposed name of the owner and amount of valuation of the property, with information that an appeal may be made to the city commissioners.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the city commissioners collectively, or a majority of them, be, and they are hereby constituted a board of appeal for the redress of all grievances or complaints against any assessment or valuation of property in this city, with full power and authority to alter and amend, according to their best judgment, any assessment now existing, or valuation or assessment hereafter to be made, whether on appeal or not; but no commissioner shall have a vote on any question arising out of any valuation previously made by him, un-

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Board of
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less the other members present be equally divided.

Times of
meeting.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the board of appeal shall meet annually at the council chamber on the first day of September, and daily thereafter, Sundays excepted, from ten o'clock, A. M. to two o'clock, P. M. until the eighth day of said month, and hold a session for hearing all appeals and revising any previous assessment or valuation, and shall, immediately thereafter, make their final return for the year to the register, to be by him entered on the assessment lists of the corporation.

Repeal of
former
acts.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts of the late city council, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, July 15, 1812.

CHAP. 2.

AN ACT for removing nuisances, and for the casual repairs of streets, bridges and drains.

Appropriation for removing nuisances.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for removing nuisances, and for the casual repairs of streets, bridges and drains, to be charged to each of the respective wards in equal proportions, and expended in that proportion in each ward under the direction of the mayor.

Approved, July 22, 1812.

CHAP. 3.

AN ACT for the relief of Michael Lowe,
and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto Michael Lowe, the sum of one hundred dollars : *Provided nevertheless,* That any sum of money the said Michael Lowe may have received by virtue of an act, entitled " An act supplementary to an act, entitled ' An act to establish and regulate the inspection of tobacco,'" be first deducted from the said sum of one hundred dollars.

Appropriation for Michael Lowe.
Proviso.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the inspector of tobacco in the city of Washington shall receive, in full compensation for his services, the annual sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, payable quarter-yearly, to commence on the tenth day of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Compensation to inspector of tobacco.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all acts or parts of acts contravening the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Repeal of former acts.

Approved, July 22, 1812.

CHAP. 4.

AN ACT for the relief of the heirs of
Charles Jones deceased.

WHEREAS Charles Jones, late of Washington city, deceased, did on the ninth day of May, eighteen hundred and eleven, ob-

- tain a license as auctioneer for one year, and by his decease, five months thereafter, was deprived of the full benefit thereof: Therefore,

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the administrator of Charles Jones deceased, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty-eight dollars and thirty three cents, as an indemnification for the portion of the year remaining unexpired at the time of his death.

Heirs of
Charles
Jones in-
demnified.

Approved, August 5, 1812.

CHAP. 5.

AN ACT to provide for the sinking of wells, and erecting of pumps, conveying of water in pipes and fixing of hydrants, for the improvement of springs and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the mayor shall, upon application to him in writing, signed by two thirds, or of so many as in his opinion constitutes that proportion of the inhabitants of any neighbourhood, in either of the wards, praying for the sinking of a well and the erection of a pump, or the conveyance of water in pipes, and fixing of a hydrant, or the improvement of a spring, direct the commissioner of the ward in which the whole, or a majority of the applicants may

Mayor to
authorize
the sinking
of wells, &c.

reside, to cause the object of the application to be executed upon the most advantageous terms in his power to obtain, if in the opinion of the mayor it shall be deemed reasonable and expedient.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That on the completion of a pump, hydrant or spring, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the expense thereof to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, designating the ward or wards, if more than one is benefited by the improvement, and the proportion of each, for which each may be properly chargeable.

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the same.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That whenever the expense of a well and pump, an aqueduct and hydrant, or the improvement of a spring, is ascertained in pursuance of the provisions of this act, the mayor shall direct the assessors of the ward or wards in which the applicants reside, to assess the whole of the real property within such distance of the well, hydrant or spring, as may, in their opinion, be benefited, or the value thereof enhanced thereby, under such equitable rule as they may devise or adopt, to such amount as will reimburse the treasury aforesaid for *one half* of said expense; and said assessors shall forthwith place a copy of such assessment in the hands of the proper collector or collectors, whose duty it shall be to collect the same, under such regulations as are provided by law for the collection of taxes on real and personal property within the city aforesaid.

Assessable
property to
pay one
half.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any well and pump, aqueduct and hydrant, or spring, shall get out of order, or require repair, the commissioner of the ward in

Repairs
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which the said repairs may be required, shall, on notice given to him to that effect in writing, cause them to be made and done, the expense whereof shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Repeal of
former
acts.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all former acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, August 5, 1812.

CHAP. 6.

AN ACT imposing annual taxes and providing for their collection.

Annual tax
imposed.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That there be, annually, imposed according to an assessment and valuation made in pursuance of an act, entitled "An act directing a new assessment and authorizing the appointment of ward assessors," passed on the eighteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and ten, a tax of fifty cents on every hundred dollars worth of real and personal property in the city of Washington.

Tax on
slaves.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be paid on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirteen, and on the same day, annually thereafter, the following tax on slaves the property of residents of the city of Washington, by his or her owner, to wit: on male slaves between the age of fifteen and forty-five years, one dollar and fifty

cents; and on female slaves between the age of fifteen and forty-five years, the sum of one dollar.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the collectors in each ward, to give notice in writing to every person assessed, residing in their respective wards, of the taxes due by them under this act, before the first day of December in each year, and whenever the person taxed resides out of the city, it shall be the duty of the collector in each ward, wherein the greatest portion of such persons' property may be, to notify the person of the amount of said tax, through the medium of the post-office, if his or her place of residence be known to the collector.

Collectors
to notify
persons as-
sessed.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That where property assessed and taxed shall belong to minors, or persons insane, or beyond sea, the notice required by this act shall be given to the parent, guardian, agent or tenant of the person so taxed, if their names or places of abode can be ascertained.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That whenever two years' taxes remain due and unpaid on any unimproved lot or lots of ground in the city of Washington, it shall be the duty of the collector of the ward in which such lot or lots are situated, to sell the same at public auction, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay such taxes and expenses attending such sale, having previously given public notice of the time and place of such sale by advertising weekly in some newspaper printed in the city of Washington, which notice shall be six months where the property belongs to persons residing out of the United States, three months where

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the property belongs to persons residing in the United States, but without the limits of the district of Columbia, and six weeks where the property belongs to persons residing within the district of Columbia, or city of Washington, in which notice shall be stated the number of the lot or lots, the number of the square or squares, the name of the person or persons to whom the same may have been assessed, and also the amount of taxes due thereon: *Provided*, that the purchaser shall not be obliged to pay, at the time of such sale, more than the taxes due and the expenses of sale, and that if, within two years from the day of such sale, the proprietor or proprietors of such lot or lots, or his or their heirs, representatives or agents, shall repay to such purchaser the monies paid for the taxes and expenses as aforesaid, together with ten per centum per annum as interest, or make a tender of the same, he shall be reinstated in his original right and title; but if no such payment or tender be made within two years next after the said sale, then the purchaser shall pay the balance of the purchase money of such lot or lots into the city treasury, where it shall remain subject to the order of the original proprietor or proprietors, his or their heirs or legal representatives, and the purchaser shall receive a title in fee simple to the said lot or lots under the hand of the mayor and seal of the corporation.

Public notice to be given before distress and

Sec. 6. And be it enacted, That whenever any collector shall levy the tax due to the corporation by distress and sale of the improved lots, goods or chattels of the person from whom such tax is due, he shall give public notice by weekly advertisement

in a newspaper printed in the city of Wash-
 ington, of the time and place of selling such
 property by public auction, which notice
 shall be thirty days in cases of improved real
 property, and ten days in cases of distress of
 personal property, and he shall proceed ac-
 cordingly to sell so much of the real and
 personal property taken under such distress
 for taxes as will pay the tax due and the ex-
 penses attending such distress and sale, and
 when sold, to transfer the same to the pur-
 chaser in a legal and proper manner. The
 said collector shall, within two weeks after
 such sale, make return of the proceedings to
 the mayor, to be by him laid before the city
 council, and the collector shall deposit in the
 bank of Washington, the tax collected and
 overplus, if any, for which the property sold,
 which overplus shall be paid by the treasur-
 er on demand to the person legally entitled
 thereto, or be taken to satisfy other arrear-
 ages of taxes, in case any should accrue while
 the money remains in the treasury: *Pro-
 vided, however,* That it shall be the duty of
 the mayor to give notice of every such sale
 of real improved property to the owner of
 the property sold, within thirty days of such
 sale being made, and if the said owner, or his
 or their agent for that purpose, tender and
 repay unto the purchaser the sum for which
 it was sold, with an addition of twenty-five
 per centum within twelve months from the
 day of such sale, the owner shall be entitled
 to his former right and possession.

Sec. 7. And be it enacted, That the tax
 hereby imposed on real and personal prop-
 erty shall become due and payable on the
 thirty-first day of December next, and on
 the same day annually thereafter.

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Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the collectors to collect the whole amount of the tax list placed in their hands for collection, by the last day of each and every year, and if any of the taxes mentioned on said list or lists shall not be collected on the said last day in every year, each and every of the collectors and his or their respective securities shall be answerable for the sums in their respective lists mentioned; and the mayor shall cause suit to be brought against the collector or collectors and their respective security or securities for the recovery of the deficiency, unless such collector or collectors can make it appear to the satisfaction of the mayor and council, that the real estate, when sold, was not sufficient to pay the whole amount of taxes due thereon and expenses, or where the persons charged with a tax or taxes, were by poverty disabled to pay the same, or had left the city of Washington.

Approved, August 7, 1812.

CHAP. 7.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the payment of the expenses attending the late election of the board of aldermen and board of common council, and filling two vacancies.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That a sum not exceeding forty-five dollars be, and hereby is appropriated for defraying the expense incur-

red by the commissioners at the late election for aldermen and common councilmen.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all accounts arising under this law, shall be presented to the mayor, and if sanctioned by him shall be paid by the treasurer.

Approved, August 10, 1812.

CHAP. 8.

AN ACT for the support of the poor.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That for the support of the poor, infirm and diseased of the city of Washington, from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and twelve, to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and thirteen, a sum not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated; and the treasurer is hereby authorized to pay the same over to the trustees of the poor.

Appropriation for the support of the poor, &c.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the trustees of the poor, in drawing on the treasurer for the above appropriation, shall not draw for more than five hundred dollars in any one quarter.

Approved, August 11, 1812.

CHAP. 9.

AN ACT making appropriations for repairing and improving bridges, streets, &c. in the city of Washington.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the*

city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated for the following purposes :

IN THE FIRST WARD.

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For improving seventeenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Tiber, three hundred dollars :

For improving New-York avenue and for building bridges thereon, between seventeenth and twenty-second streets west, three hundred dollars :

For improving twenty-first street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the north boundary, two hundred and fifty dollars :

For erecting a bridge and forming a drain on twenty-first street west, between Pennsylvania avenue and New-York avenue and for repairing the street within said limits, one hundred and fifty dollars :

For improving north I street, from Pennsylvania avenue to fourteenth street west, three hundred dollars :

For improving fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the north boundary line, whereof the sum of fifty dollars shall be expended in paving a gutter on the west side of said street, between Pennsylvania avenue and north F street, one hundred and fifty dollars :

For improving Pennsylvania avenue from fourteenth street west to Rock creek; fifteenth street west from Pennsylvania avenue to New York avenue, and the road north and south of the President's house, five hundred dollars :

For graduating the sewer in fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Tiber, one hundred dollars :

For repairing twentieth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the north boundary line, two hundred dollars :

For improving K street north, from the Pennsylvania avenue to Rock creek, one hundred and ten dollars :

For improving twenty-seventh street west, from G to K street north, thirty dollars :

For improving north G street, from seventeenth to twenty-seventh street west, eighty dollars :

For improving north F street, from seventeenth street to twenty-first street west, seventy dollars :

For repairing F street north, from fourteenth to fifteenth street west, twenty dollars :

For replanting, boxing and tarring trees on Pennsylvania avenue, east of the President's House, within the limits of the first ward, twenty-five dollars.

IN THE SECOND WARD.

For improving fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary, whereof the sum of fifty dollars shall be expended in paving a gutter on the east side of said street, between Pennsylvania avenue and north F street, one hundred and fifty dollars :

For paving the gutter on the east side of thirteenth street west, between E street north and Pennsylvania avenue, seventy-five dollars :

For paving two gutters across seventh street west, north of the great hotel, thirty dollars :

For improving four and a half street west, from north C street to the Judiciary square,

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

and fourth street west, from north D to north E street, seventy-five dollars :

For improving north E street, from seventh to fourth street west, seventy-five dollars :

For improving north D street, from four and half street to third street west, fifty dollars :

For improving north B street, from sixth to seventh street west, one hundred and fifty dollars :

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, in the centre and footways, and for paving gutters in said avenue, between second and fourteenth streets west, five hundred dollars :

For making gutters on the north side of the Pennsylvania avenue, between twelfth and fourteenth streets west, seventy-five dollars :

For making a footway or bridge on the north side of the Pennsylvania avenue, between ninth and tenth streets west, provided the owners of property on that side of the avenue first do the filling in to the kirk, two hundred dollars :

For improving north C street, from seventh street west to the Pennsylvania avenue, fifty dollars :

For improving sixth street west, from the Pennsylvania avenue to north B street, fifty dollars :

For improving seventh street west, from the Pennsylvania avenue to the Tiber bridge, thirty dollars :

For deepening the sewer down fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Tiber, one hundred dollars :

For deepening and enlarging the drain across the Pennsylvania avenue at sixth street west, one hundred and fifty dollars: Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For enclosing the centre market-house with railing and turn-stiles, one hundred dollars:

For improving the Maryland avenue, from the Potomac river to second street west, one hundred dollars:

For improving and gravelling the Virginia avenue, from the Maryland avenue to second street west, one hundred dollars:

For improving twelfth street west, from north F street to the Tiber bridge, and for repairing the abutments of the said bridge and gravelling the wharf, one hundred and fifty dollars:

For repairing gutters on north E street, between tenth and eleventh streets west, twenty five dollars:

For repairing gutters at the intersection of eleventh street west and north F street, twenty five dollars:

For improving twelfth street west, from north F to north G street, forty dollars:

For improving north C street, from ninth to twelfth street west, three hundred and fifty dollars:

For repairing F street north, from seventh to fourteenth street west, eighty dollars:

For opening and improving tenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to E street north, one hundred dollars:

For improving and gravelling seventh street west, from the Tiber bridge to the intersection of Maryland avenue, one hundred and fifty dollars:

For planting, boxing and tarring trees on the Pennsylvania avenue within the second ward, one hundred dollars:

IN THE THIRD WARD.

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For improving the New Jersey avenue, from the capitol to south C street, two hundred and fifty dollars :

For improving the New Jersey avenue, from south C to south G streets, seven hundred dollars :

For improving the New Jersey avenue, from south H to second street east, thence down second street and canal street, to the Eastern branch, three hundred dollars :

For building a bridge across the canal on south N street, and for improving said street, from James' creek to third street east, three hundred dollars :

For erecting a market-house on the capitol hill, at such place as may be designated by the mayor, nine hundred dollars :

For rebuilding a bridge across the canal in the Virginia avenue, three hundred dollars :

For draining and making a culvert in second street east, between east capitol street and Pennsylvania avenue, fifty dollars :

For building a culvert and improving Pennsylvania avenue, between capitol square and fourth street east, two hundred dollars :

For improving third street east, from Virginia avenue to south N street, two hundred dollars :

For improving south B street, from New Jersey avenue to Pennsylvania avenue, one hundred dollars :

For improving Maryland avenue, from second street west to fourth street east, and Pennsylvania avenue from second street west, to the circular road round the capitol, and for said road, two hundred dollars :

For building a culvert in Pennsylvania avenue, at fourth street east, seventy-five dollars :

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For improving Virginia avenue, from second street west to New Jersey avenue, seventy-five dollars :

For improving the Virginia avenue, from New Jersey avenue to fourth street east, two hundred and twenty dollars :

For repairing L street south, from New Jersey avenue to fourth street east, thirty dollars :

For repairing second street east, and building a bridge between Pennsylvania avenue and Virginia avenue, one hundred and fifty dollars :

For opening and improving fourth street east, from the Virginia avenue to the Eastern branch, three hundred and fifty dollars.

IN THE FOURTH WARD.

For repairing the bridge in the Virginia avenue, and for improving said avenue between fourth and eighth streets east, three hundred dollars :

For repairing gutters in south L street, between sixth and seventh streets east, near seventh street east, fifty dollars :

For repairing the alley in front of the Eastern branch market-house, between L and K streets south, fifty dollars :

For building a bridge on seventh street east, near G street south, and for improving the said seventh street between Pennsylvania avenue and I street south, two hundred and fifty dollars :

For improving east sixth street, between Virginia avenue and G street south, seventy-five dollars :

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For building a tunnel and improving east eighth street, between Pennsylvania avenue and M street south, two hundred dollars :

For repairing two bridges in K street south, between east ninth and east seventeenth streets, two hundred and fifty dollars :

For repairing eleventh street east, between I and G streets south, fifty dollars :

For building a bridge in south M street, between east eighth and eleventh streets, and for improving said M street within said limits, two hundred and seventy dollars :

For building a bridge in south L street, between fifth and seventh streets east, and for improving said L street from fourth to eighth street east, four hundred dollars :

For building a culvert in Pennsylvania avenue near fourth street east, seventy-five dollars :

For repairing the Pennsylvania avenue, from fourth street east to the Eastern branch bridge, one hundred and fifty dollars :

For repairing south K street, from the Eastern branch market-house to seventeenth street east, one hundred dollars :

For repairing seventh street east, from I to M street south, seventy-five dollars :

For improving south I street, from eighth to sixth street east, one hundred dollars ;

For improving south L street, from eighth to ninth street, twenty dollars :

For conducting the water from south K street down east ninth street, fifty dollars :

For improving Maryland avenue, from fourth street east to the eastern boundary, one hundred dollars :

For opening and improving fourth street east, from Virginia avenue to the Eastern branch, three hundred and fifty dollars :

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the several sums hereby appropriated to be expended in each ward, shall be expended under the direction of the commissioner of such ward, and of two citizens whom the mayor shall appoint from the neighborhood of the contemplated improvement. Under whose direction the money is to be expended.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That no part of the sums hereby appropriated shall be drawn from the treasury unless by the order or draft of at least two of the three persons under whose superintendence the same is to be expended; nor unless the said order or draft specifies the appropriation and ward to which the same is to be charged; nor shall the commissioner and assistant commissioners, in either ward, draw from the treasury any money, unless the same shall have been collected in the ward in which the same is to be expended. Manner in which the money is to be drawn from the treasury.

Approved, August 15, 1812.

CHAP. 10.

AN ACT fixing the compensation of the mayor of the city of Washington.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the mayor shall receive, for the current year terminating on the second Monday in June, 1813, as a compensation for his services, four hundred dollars, payable quarterly; and that the treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay the same when the quarterly payments shall respectively become due. Compensation of the mayor.

Approved, August 18, 1812.

CHAP. 11.

AN ACT making provision for the redemption of the public debt.

Mayor authorized to obtain loans of money. Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to borrow, on the faith of the corporation, from either of the banks in the district of Columbia, such sum or sums of money as may be necessary to pay off the debt due to the late office of discount and deposit, in the city of Washington, or such portion thereof as may, from time to time, be called for by the said office of discount and deposit.

Revenue arising from certain objects pledged for redemption. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the net revenue arising from licenses, and from all taxes, excepting those on personal and real assessable property, be, and the same is hereby pledged for the redemption of said debt, or such sum or sums as the mayor may find it necessary to borrow on the faith of this act.

Repeal of former acts. Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all acts or parts of acts, contravening the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, August 18, 1812

CHAP. 12.

AN ACT for the relief of William Hewitt.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay, out of any monies

in the treasury, to William Hewitt, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, being appropriated for the purpose of compensating him for his services as clerk of the first chamber of the city council between the second Monday in June, eighteen hundred and eleven, and the second Monday in June, eighteen hundred and twelve, and for extraordinary duties performed by him within the above period.

Compensation to William Hewitt for certain services.

Approved, September 15, 1812.

CHAP. 13.

AN ACT making an appropriation for repairing the public wharf on 17th street west.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding two hundred and seventy five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for repairing the public wharf on 17th street west, under the direction of the mayor.

Approved, November 9, 1812.

CHAP. 14.

AN ACT directing the treasurer to open separate accounts in the bank of Washington.

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the treasurer be,

Treasurer
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and he is hereby directed to open four different accounts in the bank of Washington, to wit, one for the first ward, one for the second ward, one for the third ward, and one for the fourth ward, and that the collectors of taxes on real and personal property for the different wards, in future, be, and they are hereby directed to make their deposits to the credit of the treasurer in the bank of Washington, to be passed to his credit in the account for the ward in which the same shall have been collected

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Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the treasurer be directed to open a general account in the bank of Washington, for the deposit of all monies coming into the treasury not specified in the first section of this act.

Money
how to
be drawn.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That no money shall be drawn out of any ward account, except for expenditures in the ward for which the account was opened, unless for its proportion of any sum or sums required to be paid into the general account.

Approved, November 18, 1812.

CHAP. 15.

AN ACT authorizing the mayor to borrow money.

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money.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of enabling the city commissioners to make the several repairs and improvements authorized by the act, entitled 'An act making appro-

priations for repairing and improving streets, &c. in the city of Washington," passed the 18th day of August, 1812, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to borrow a sum not exceeding eight thousand dollars, to be charged and applied to each ward in equal proportion; which said sum, or so much thereof as may be borrowed, shall be refunded out of the first monies received into the city treasury, of the taxes due for the year 1812, and which said taxes are hereby pledged for said repayment.

Approved, November 19, 1812.

CHAP. 16.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the contingent expenses of the city council of Washington.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for house rent, fuel, stationery and printing, and for a person to attend at the council chamber, and other incidental expenses. Appropriation for contingent expenses.

Sec 2. *And be it enacted,* That the aforesaid sum of three hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be expended under the direction of the register of the city. To be under the register's direction.

Approved, November 19, 1812.

CHAP. 17.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the repairs of the bridges over Rock creek between Georgetown and the city of Washington.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the treasurer be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to John Mountz, treasurer of the county of Washington, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, from the general fund of the city, being the amount called for by the levy court of Washington county, for the repairs of the two bridges over Rock creek, between Georgetown and the city of Washington.

Appropriation for repairing Rock creek bridges.

Approved, December 11, 1812.

CHAP. 18.

AN ACT supplementary to the act, entitled "An act for the improvement of the grave yards in the city of Washington, for the appointment of sextons thereto, and for other purposes."

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, annually to appoint three commissioners for the grave yard on square numbered one thousand and twenty-six; and three commissioners for the grave yard on square numbered one hundred and nine, who shall respectively be governed by and

Commissioners for grave yards to be appointed.

perform all the duties required by the provisions of the act to which this is a supplement, any thing in said act to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, December 11, 1812.

CHAP. 19.

AN ACT concerning free negroes, mulattoes and vagrants, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall be the duty of the city commissioners, each in his respective ward, to require all free black or mulatto persons, males of the age of sixteen and females of the age of fourteen years, residing, or who may reside, at any one time, more than ten days, within the corporation of said city, to exhibit satisfactory evidence to the register, of the legality of their title to freedom, within thirty days from the time of being so required to exhibit the same, together with a list, reciting the names, ages and sexes of all other persons of color, under these ages, whether his or her own children, or otherwise, inhabiting or dwelling in his or her house. Residence of free blacks permitted under certain conditions.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the register keep a record of all such free black and mulatto persons, reciting their ages, sex, occupations and residence, and as near as may be their persons; and shall furnish each head of a family with a written permit to him or herself, including the names of the different Their names, &c. to be recorded by the register.

members of his or her family, under the ages before mentioned, and to each other individual of, or over these ages, not having a family, permitting them to reside within the said corporation under such conditions as are hereinafter provided: for every certificate, the register may demand and receive of the person to whom it is granted, twenty-five cents.

Penalty on
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report
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Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if, after the expiration of thirty days aforesaid, the requisition of the said city commissioners shall not in every instance have been duly complied with, it shall be the duty of the constables, and lawful for any free white citizen house-keeper, to apprehend and take before the mayor, or some other justice of the peace within the said corporation, any and every free black or mulatto person, who shall not have conformed and complied with the foregoing provisions, and the mayor, or justice of the peace before whom the same shall come, shall sentence such free black or mulatto person, to pay a sum of money not exceeding six dollars, one-half to be applied to the benefit of the person apprehending or taking up, the other half to the use and benefit of the said corporation; and in case of the inability or refusal of such free black or mulatto person to pay such fine, the mayor or other justice of the peace as aforesaid, shall sentence them to confinement at labor, for a time not exceeding ten days; and so for every time the said free black or mulatto shall be found neglecting or omitting to conform as aforesaid.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any slave, free black, or mulatto person or persons, to assemble in

any house, street, or other place, by day or by night, in a disorderly or tumultuous manner, so as to disturb the peace or repose of the citizens; the slave or slaves so offending shall be taken up by any constable, within whose knowledge the fact may come, or may be taken up by any other citizen, seeing, hearing or knowing of it, and carried before a justice of the peace, and on conviction shall be sentenced to receive any number of stripes on his or her bare back, not exceeding twenty; and if the said offence be committed by a free black or mulatto, he or she shall be fined on conviction any sum not exceeding twenty dollars and costs of suit; and in case of the inability or refusal to pay such fine and costs, such free black or mulatto person shall be confined to labor for a time not exceeding ninety days, for each and every offence; one half of which fine or fines to go to the person apprehending, the other to the use of the corporation.

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Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That if any free black or mulatto person or slave, shall be found playing at cards, dice, or other game of an immoral tendency, whether for money or other thing, or not, or shall be present as one of the company where such game is playing, such free black or mulatto person, on the fact being made appear to a justice of the peace as aforesaid, shall pay a fine of ten dollars, one half to go to the benefit of the informant or person apprehending, and the other half to the use of the corporation; and if the offender be unable or refuse to pay the same, he or she shall be confined to labor for a time not exceeding thirty days for each offence, or if the offend-

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Penalty.

er be a slave, he or she shall be punished with any number of lashes on their bare back, not exceeding fifteen.

Vagrants,
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Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all vagrants, idle and disorderly persons; persons of ill fame; persons likely to become chargeable to the corporation as paupers; persons found begging or drunk in or about the streets, or loitering in or about tippling houses; all suspicious persons; persons who have no fixed place of residence, or cannot give a good account of themselves; persons guilty of profane or indecent language or behavior, shall, on information made before any justice of the peace as aforesaid, by a credible citizen, be required to enter into security for good behavior for a reasonable time, and indemnify the corporation against any charge for their support; and in case of refusal or inability to give such security, they shall be confined to labor for a time not exceeding ninety days, unless such security shall be sooner given; and the same proceedings shall be had against such person or persons so offending, for each and every offence.

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Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all public prostitutes, or such as lead a notoriously lewd or lascivious course of life, shall, on information made to a justice of the peace as aforesaid by a creditable citizen, be required to give good security for their quiet, orderly and good behavior for the space of one year; and in case of their refusal or inability to give such security, such person so offending shall be confined to labor for a term not exceeding ninety days for each and every offence.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted,* That if any free black or mulatto person or slave, shall have a dance, ball or assembly at his, her or their house, without first obtaining a permit for that purpose from the mayor or other justice of the peace within the corporation, he, she or they shall each pay a fine of twenty dollars, or be sentenced to confinement and labor for a time not exceeding thirty days; in case of inability or refusal to pay such fine, for each offence, if a slave, he, she or they shall each receive any number of lashes on their bare back, not exceeding ten; and the mayor or other justice of the peace, after being convinced of the safety and propriety of the solicited permission, shall therein state the number of guests to which the assembly is to be limited, and the hour at which it shall be broken up; and if a greater number shall be found attending, or if the company shall not be broken up at the appointed time, the person to whom the permit shall have been granted shall, on conviction, pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars; and in case of inability or refusal to pay the same, shall be confined to labor for a time not exceeding ninety days; or if a slave, shall receive on his or her bare back a number of lashes not exceeding ten; one half of the fines in this section, to go to the person apprehending; the other half to the use of the corporation.

Balls or dances by blacks permitted under certain conditions.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted,* That no slave, or free black or mulatto person, shall be allowed to go at large through the streets, or other parts of the said city, at a later hour than ten o'clock at night, from the first day of April to the first day of October; or than

Blacks prohibited from going at large at certain hours in the night time.

nine o'clock at night, from the first day of October to the first day of April ; and that it shall be the duty of the constables, and lawful for any free white citizen, to apprehend and take before some justice of the peace, any, or all such persons as may be found so going at large, except such slave be furnished with a written permission from his master, mistress or employer ; or such free black or mulatto have a pass from a justice of the peace, or from some other creditable citizen, or be engaged in driving a cart, waggon, dray or other carriage. A slave offending against this section of the law, shall be punished at the discretion of the justice of the peace before whom he or she may be taken, with a number of stripes on his or her bare back, not exceeding thirty-nine ; and the free black or mulatto shall, on conviction, be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty dollars ; on refusal or inability to pay such fine, he, she or they shall be sentenced to confinement at labor not exceeding ninety days ; one half the fines collected under this section, to go to the use of the person taking up or apprehending, the other to the use of the corporation.

Commissioners charged with the execution of the law.

Sec. 10. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioners of the corporation be charged with the execution of this law, and the constables are required to be vigilant in the discharge of the duties of their office ; for any failure or neglect to do which, they shall, on conviction, be fined a sum not exceeding ten, nor less than five dollars ; one half to go to the informant, the other half to the use of the corporation.

Sec. 11. *And be it enacted*, That the con-

stables or other persons, taking up or apprehending any offenders against any of the foregoing provisions of this act in the night, may confine them, during said night, at such place or places as are or may be provided by law, until a reasonable hour of the next day, when they shall be taken before some justice of the peace as aforesaid to be dealt with according to law.

Sec. 12. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts repugnant to or inconsistent with this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, December 16, 1812.

CHAP. 20.

AN ACT to establish a market on the Capitol Hill.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That from and after the first Monday in January next, or as soon thereafter as practicable, there shall be established and held a market in or near east capitol street, to be called the Capitol Hill Market; and the market there holden, shall be on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays throughout the year, at the same hours of the day, and under the same regulations and restrictions in every respect, as are prescribed by law for the other markets in this city: and it shall be the duty of the mayor, immediately after the passage of this act, to appoint a supervisor or clerk to said market,

who shall receive the same compensation, perform the same duties, be governed by the same rules and be subject to the same penalties, for a non performance or neglect of duty, as the supervisors or clerks of the other markets in this city are.

Appropriation for stalls, &c. Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of three hundred dollars, to be charged to the third ward, be and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the expenses of procuring weights, scales and measures, and for providing the necessary stalls and benches, and the erection of a scale-house for the Capitol Hill Market, to be expended under the direction of the city commissioner of the third ward.

Approved, December 21, 1812.

CHAP. 21.

AN ACT for the support of lunatics.

Appropriation for the support of lunatics. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the mayor, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred in the support and maintenance of lunatics, since the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eleven.

Approved, January 12, 1813.

CHAP. 22.

AN ACT authorizing the register to procure books and to have recorded therein the squares and lots in the city of Washington.

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the register of the city be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, forthwith, to procure four well bound books, for the purpose of recording therein all the squares and lots, either public or private, in the city of Washington, in numerical order, each of which books shall contain the squares and lots of one ward only, and shall be sufficiently large to note the several transfers either of freehold or leasehold which may take place for at least seven successive years. Books to be procured by register,

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the register, on or before the first day of August next, to record the said squares, noting their several numbers, the numbers of the lots contained therein, the number of square feet contained in each lot, and the name of the proprietors thereof, so far as the same can be ascertained; and for the purpose of enabling the register to obtain the best information on the subject, he is hereby authorized to agree, in behalf of the corporation, with the clerk of the court of Washington county, on the best possible terms, to furnish, on the first day of September annually, a list of such transfers as may have been made and filed in his office, subsequent to the date of the last preceding list. for the purpose of recording squares, lots, &c.

Compensation
therefor.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the register shall receive a fair and reasonable compensation for performing the several duties required of him by this act.

Approved, March 30, 1813.

CHAP. 23.

AN ACT directing certified lists of real property sold for taxes, to be filed with the register.

Collectors
to file with
register
lists of
property
sold.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it shall be the duty of the collectors of taxes in the several wards of the said city, and they are hereby directed to file with the register of the city, certified lists of all real property sold by them for taxes due the corporation, and which sales shall have been made subsequent to the second Monday in June last past; and they are hereby further directed to file similar lists with the said register, of all real property which they may hereafter sell for taxes due the corporation; in which several lists shall be specified, in appropriate columns, the number of the square or squares, the number of the lot or lots, the name of the person or persons to whom the same stands assessed, the amount of the taxes due thereon, the expenses incurred in advertising and selling the same, the amount for which they were sold, and the name of the purchaser or purchasers thereof.

Approved, March 30, 1813.

CHAP. 24.

AN ACT authorizing the building of watch houses, and for other purposes.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the board of city commissioners be, and they are hereby authorized and empowered to build, or cause to be built, on such sites as they shall deem most convenient, a watch house in each ward, for the purpose of confining, during the night time, all such persons as may be arrested and taken up under the act, entitled "An act concerning free negroes, mulattoes and vagrants, and for other purposes," passed December the sixteenth, eighteen hundred and twelve; and for the building of which the sum of six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be charged to the several wards in equal proportions. Watch houses to be built. Appropriation therefor.

Approved, March 30, 1813.

CHAP. 25.

AN ACT to restrain the use of fire arms in the city of Washington.

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington. That from and after the passage of this act, if any person shall fire or shoot a gun, pistol or other fire arms, idly or for sport or amusement, within two hundred and fifty yards of any dwelling house, in that Shooting with fire arms regulated.

- part of this city contained within north M street, Massachusetts avenue, seventh street east, Pennsylvania avenue, the Eastern branch, sixth street west, Virginia avenue and Rock creek, or in any part of the city on the sabbath, the person so firing or shooting shall forfeit and pay a fine not exceeding ten dollars, nor less than five dollars, at the discretion of any justice of the peace resident within this city; one half whereof shall be for the use of the city, and the other half shall be paid to the informer, or to the trustees of the poor for the use and benefit of the poor of this corporation, in case the
- Penalty.** informer declines accepting the same: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall be construed to affect any officer of this corporation for firing or shooting as aforesaid, in the execution of his duty, or the militia or troops of the United States for discharging their fire arms on days of mustering, training or rejoicing, when ordered so to shoot or fire by their commanding officer; or any person shooting or firing as aforesaid in the performance of any philosophical experiment or theatrical amusement, for the exhibition of which a license shall have been previously obtained: *And provided*, That nothing in this or any other act contained, shall be construed to prohibit any person from shooting at water fowls in the Eastern branch, Potomac river or Tiber creek, although such person may be within the limits herein prescribed.
- Proviso.**
- Proviso.**
- Penalty in case of slaves, &c.** *Sec. 2. And be it enacted*, That if any minor, apprentice or slave, shall be convicted of violating the provisions of this act, the parent or guardian of such minor, the master or mistress of such apprentice, or

the owner or holder of such slave, as the case may be, shall forfeit and pay, as aforesaid, the fine or fines incurred by such minor, apprentice or slave.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the fourth section of an act, entitled "An act to suppress horse running and shooting in certain cases in the city of Washington," passed the ninth day of December, eighteen hundred and nine, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, March 30, 1813.

CHAP. 26.

AN ACT supplementary to the act, entitled "An act respecting the sweeping of chimnies in the city of Washington.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That from and after the first day of October next, it shall be the duty of the contractor for sweeping chimnies in the city of Washington, once in every month, from the first day of October to the first day of April following, in every year, to notify the persons who are housekeepers in the said city, that he, or some person employed by him, will, within three days thereafter, call between the hours of five and seven in the morning, (or at such other hours as may be agreed upon by him and the said housekeepers) for the purpose of sweeping the flue or chimney of the fire place, or fire places then generally used. And it shall be his duty also, to call in like manner (having given three days previous notice as aforesaid,) once in every two

Contractor to give notice to housekeepers at stated periods.

months, from the first day of April to the first day of October following, in every year, and sweep the flues or chimnies of the fire place or fire places used in cooking, or for the general purposes of the family; which several calls shall not vary more than five days from the period fixed at each succeeding call.

His compensation.

Required to make returns to the register.

Proviso.

Mayor to make contracts.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the contractor shall be entitled to receive as a compensation for his services, from the occupier of the house, where such chimnies are, the sum of six cents for each story, for each and every flue or chimney so swept. And it shall be the duty of the contractor, on the first Monday in January, April, July and October in every year, to make a return to the register of the city, of the chimnies or flues so swept in each house, the name of the occupier, and the ward in which they reside: *Provided*, however, that nothing herein contained shall be taken or construed to annul or impair any contract already entered into by the mayor with the contractor, for sweeping chimnies, until the expiration of such contract, unless the consent of the said contractor be first had and obtained in writing to the provisions of this and the preceding section of this act.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That after the first day of May next, it shall be the duty of the mayor, to contract with two persons for the sweeping of chimnies in the city of Washington, one for the first and second wards, and one for the third and fourth wards, agreeably to the provisions of this act: *Provided*, That no contract be made for a longer period than three years.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That so much of the act to which this is a supplement as

is contrary to the provisions of this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, March 30, 1813.

CHAP. 27

AN ACT making an appropriation for the hydrant on north E street, between ninth and tenth streets west.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of raising Appropriation for hydrant on north E street. on the stone wall at the hydrant on the north side of E street north, between ninth and tenth streets west, and for opening the gutter on the north side of said street, from tenth street west to said hydrant, at the regular distance from the line of buildings, and for filling in said street with earth at said hydrant, the sum of fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be charged to the account of the second ward.

Approved, March 30, 1813.

CHAP. 28.

AN ACT for supplying vacancies happening in the board of trustees, for carrying into effect the act to establish and endow a permanent institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That whenever vacancies shall happen in the board of trustees, Vacancies in the board of trustees, how to be supplied. for carrying into effect the act to establish

and endow a permanent institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington, shall be filled up and supplied in the following manner, viz. the board of trustees, at their first meeting, at which there may be a quorum, shall appoint three persons (contributors to the institution) to hold an election for filling the vacancies which may have happened among those trustees elected for the current year by the contributors; but should they not form a quorum at the said first meeting, then and in that case, the president of the board, with any two other members, may appoint the persons to hold the said election. And the board of aldermen and board of common council, in joint meeting, shall appoint by ballot trustees to fill the vacancies which may have happened among those they had appointed for the current year: *Provided*, Such appointment shall not be protracted more than thirty days after such vacancy or vacancies shall have been notified to them: *And provided also*, That said boards shall meet within that time and form quorums.

Repeal of
former act.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the act passed the seventeenth day of October, eighteen hundred and five, directing the mode of supplying vacancies in the board of trustees, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, April 23, 1813.

CHAP. 29.

AN ACT for repairing the bridge on south N street over James's creek.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of

Washington, That for the repair of the bridge on south N street over James's creek, the sum of seventy-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be charged to the second and third wards in equal proportions.

Approved, April 23, 1813.

CHAP. 30.

AN ACT for the relief of Benjamin Miles and others.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the fines incurred by Benjamin Miles, Nehemiah Griffin, Alexander Hooper and Edward Mattingly, as have accrued to the corporation, for shooting in July eighteen hundred and twelve, under an act, entitled "An act to suppress horse running and shooting in certain cases in the city of Washington," be, and the same are hereby remitted.

Approved, April 23, 1813.

CHAP. 31.

AN ACT fixing the compensation of the clerks of the markets, city commissioners and city constables, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That from and after the passage of this act, the clerks of the markets Compensation to

clerks of
markets.

shall each receive the sum of seventy-five cents, for every day they shall attend the markets on market days.

To city
commis-
sioners.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the passage of this act, the city commissioners shall each receive, annually, in full compensation, one hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid quarterly.

To city con-
stables.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the city commissioners, in determining the compensation to be given to the city constables, to limit the same to a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars, annually, to the whole number of city constables, upon the same terms and conditions as are expressed in the fourth section of an act, entitled "An act for the appointment of city commissioners and city constables."

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts contrary to the provisions of this act, be and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, May 6, 1813.

CHAP. 32.

AN ACT to compensate the assistant assessors for the year eighteen hundred and twelve.

Compensa-
tion to as-
sistant as-
sessors.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of eighty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be divided in equal proportion between the assistant assessors, in full compensation for their services for the year eighteen hundred and twelve.

Approved, May 6, 1813.

CHAP. 33.

AN ACT to compensate John Masters and others for damages sustained by them by opening a public road through their lands.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of one hundred and sixty one dollars and seventy-eight cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated to compensate John Masters, William Marbury, John Nailor and Wickfield's heirs, for one half the damages sustained by them, by the opening of a road through their lands in the county of Washington in this district by order of the levy court of said county: *Provided*, said court shall agree to receive the same in full of the proportion of said damages levied on the property of the city of Washington.

Compensation to John Masters & others.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said sum be paid to the order of the levy court out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and that the same be charged to the general account.

Approved, May 12, 1813.

CHAP. 34.

AN act for the relief of Henry Ingle.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay unto Henry Ingle, commissioner of the third ward, the

sum of three hundred and fifteen dollars and fifty six cents, being for sundry expenses incurred by him in removing nuisances, and in repairing roads and bridges in said ward.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said sum of money, hereby appropriated, be charged to the account of said ward.

Approved, May 12, 1813.

CHAP. 35.

AN ACT making an appropriation in aid of the defence of the city of Washington.

Preamble.

Whereas it is the duty of corporate bodies, as well as individuals, whenever their country is invaded, to render not only their personal services, but pecuniary supplies in aid of such defence as the general government may adopt: And whereas the adjoining states are now invaded by the forces of the common enemy; And whereas it may happen that a similar attack may be intended against this city, in which event it becomes necessary to be prepared for his reception: Therefore,

Appropriation in aid of city defence.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That the sum of five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated in aid of such measures as the President of the United States may adopt for the defence of this city, which sum shall be expended under the superintendence and direction of John Davidson, Peter Lenox, Elias B. Caldwell, and Joseph Cassin, esqs. in conjunction with the mayor of the city

for the time being, in procuring such arms or munitions of war, and in defence of the city as they may deem most advisable, and for the expenditure of which they shall render an account to the board of aldermen and board of common council.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the mayor be and he is hereby authorized to borrow the said sum of five thousand dollars of any bank or banks in the district of Columbia, and for the re-payment of which the funds of this corporation are solemnly pledged. Mayor authorized to borrow money.

Approved, May 20, 1813.

RESOLUTION directing the register to have bound thirty copies of the laws of the corporation.

Resolved, by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause to be printed one hundred copies of the act of congress further amending the charter of the city of Washington, and to cause to be bound up for the use of the members of this corporation, thirty copies of the laws passed by the late city council, with the acts of congress incorporating this city.

Approved, July 10, 1812.

RESOLUTION directing the mayor to employ auditors to settle the accounts of the corporation.

Resolved, by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to employ two persons of talents and integrity to audit the accounts of the corporation with the register, treasurer and collectors, and to allow such compensation for their services as he may deem equitable and just, and that the said persons be required to present to the mayor a full view of the present state of the city funds.

Approved, July 19, 1812.

RESOLUTION to raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of building two public school houses on the Lancastrian system.

Resolved, by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it is expedient to raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars (clear of expenses) for the following object, to the accomplishment of which the ordinary funds of the city are inadequate, viz.

For building, establishing and endowing two public school houses, on the Lancastrian system, (one in the eastern, and one in western section of the city) the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Resolved, That the mayor be, and he is hereby requested, to present the foregoing resolution to the president of the United States, and respectfully solicit his approbation thereto.

Approved, November 19, 1812.

I approve the object as above stated, for which it is proposed to raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars, by the corporation of the city of Washington.

JAMES MADISON.

November 23, 1812.

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TENTH COUNCIL.

A list of all the officers of the Corporation.

Daniel Rapine, Mayor, *Capitol hill.*

William Hewitt, Register, *Tenth street west.*

Henry Whetcroft, Treasurer, *Capitol hill.*

Members of the Board of Aldermen.

John Davidson,	}	<i>First Ward.</i>
James Hoban,		
Peter Lenox,	}	<i>Second Ward.</i>
Andrew Way, junior,		
Alexander M'Cormick, Pre't.	}	<i>Third Ward.</i>
Nicholas L. Queen,		
Joseph Cassin,	}	<i>Fourth Ward.</i>
John Davis, of Abel,		

William Hewitt, *Secretary.*

Members of the Board of Common Council.

William Worthington,	}	<i>First Ward.</i>
Toppan Webster,		
William P. Gardner,		
James Hewitt,	}	<i>Second Ward.</i>
Roger C. Weightman,		
Thomas H. Gillis,		
George Blagden, Pres't.	}	<i>Third Ward.</i>
Edmund Law,		
Elaxius Middleton,		
Matthew Wright,	}	<i>Fourth Ward.</i>
John Dobbyn,		
John W. Brashears,		

Pontius D. Stelle, *Secretary.*

Collectors.

Joseph Brumley, *for the First Ward.*
 Ezekiel Macdaniel, *for the Second Ward.*
 Zachariah Walker, *for the Third Ward.*
 John Queen, *for the fourth Ward.*

City Commissioners.

Samuel M'Intire, *for the First Ward.*
 Walter Clarke, *for the Second Ward.*
 Henry Ingle, *for the Third Ward.*
 John W. Brashears, *for the Fourth Ward.*

City Constables.

Nathan Moore, *for the First Ward.*
 Brooke Edmonson, *for the Second Ward.*
 Walter Greenfield, *for the Third Ward.*
 George Adams, *for the Fourth Ward.*

Trustees of the Poor.

Alexander M'Cormick,
 Peter Lenox,
 Thomas Dunn,
 William O'Neale,
 Thomas Haliday.

Wood Corders and Coal Measurers.

Thomas Taylor, junior, *for the First Ward.*
 Zephaniah Farrell, *for the Second Ward.*
 John Mattingly, *for the Third and Fourth Wards.*

Clerks of the Markets.

Philip Williams, *for the West Market.*
 James B. Heard, *for the Centre Market.*
 William Keefe, *for the Capitol Hill Market.*
 Augustus Serra, *for the Eastern Branch Market.*

James B. Heard, *sealer of Weights and Measures.*
 Samuel M'Intire, *gauger for the First and Second Wards.*
 John Mattingly, *do. for the Third and Fourth Wards.*
 William Yeates, *Contractor to keep pumps and hydrants in repair.*

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CHAP. 1.

An act for the relief of James M'Farlane and Leonard Gates.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the fines incurred by James M'Farlane and Leonard Gates as have accrued to the corporation, for shooting in and about the month of July, eighteen hundred and twelve, under an act, entitled "An act to suppress horse-running and shooting in certain cases in the city of Washington," be, and the same are hereby remitted.

Approved, June 26, 1813.

CHAP. 2.

An act for removing nuisances and for the casual repairs of streets, bridges and drains.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby ap-

Appropriation for removing nuisances, &c.

appropriated, for removing of nuisances, and for the casual repairs of streets, bridges and drains, to be charged to each of the respective wards in equal proportions, and expended in that proportion, in each ward, under the direction of the mayor.

Approved, July 31, 1813.

CHAP. 3.

An act making an appropriation for the payment of the expenses attending the late election of the board of aldermen and board of common council, and filling two vacancies therein.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum of money not exceeding fifty-two dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for defraying the expenses attending the late election for aldermen and common council, and the election held for filling the vacancies therein in the third and fourth wards.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That all accounts arising under this law, shall be presented to the mayor, and if sanctioned by him, shall be paid by the treasurer.

Approved, July 31, 1813.

CHAP. 4.

An act for the support of lunatics.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding one

hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the mayor, for the purpose of defraying the expenses incurred, or that may be incurred, in the maintenance and support of lunatics.

Appropriation for support of lunatics.

Approved, July 31, 1813.

CHAP. 5.

An act making partial improvements within the second and fourth wards.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of three hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for finishing the bridge on, and improving south L street, and that the said sum be charged to the fourth ward.

Appropriation for improvement of streets, &c.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for continuing the drain down sixth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the intersection of the canal; and for finishing the paved gutter on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, between thirteenth and fourteenth streets west, the sum of fifty dollars; and for paving a gutter on the south side of said avenue from twelfth to fourteenth street west, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars; which several sums shall be charged to the second ward.

Approved, July 31, 1813.

CHAP. 6.

An act transferring appropriations in the first and second wards to objects within the same.

Transfer of
certain ap-
propriations.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, appropriated by the act making appropriations for repairing and improving bridges, streets, &c. in the city of Washington, passed on the fifteenth day of August last, for deepening and enlarging the drain across the Pennsylvania avenue at sixth street west, be, and the same is hereby transferred to the following objects, viz.

For improving north B street, from sixth to seventh street west, the sum of one hundred dollars :

For improving sixth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north B street, the sum of fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the balance unexpended of the appropriation for graduating the sewer in fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Tiber, be, and the same is hereby transferred to the improvement of the said fourteenth street, from north H street to the northern boundary of the city.

Approved, July 31, 1813.

CHAP. 7.

An act defraying the general expenses of the corporation of the city of Washington, for the current year ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the*

city of Washington, That for the purpose of defraying the general expenses of the corporation of the city of Washington, for the current year ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :

For compensation to the mayor of the city of Washington, five hundred dollars. Appropriations for general expenses, viz. compensation to the mayor,

For compensation to the register of the city of Washington, in addition to the fees and emoluments granted by law, five hundred dollars. register,

For compensation to each of the city commissioners, two hundred dollars. commissioners,

For compensation to the city constables collectively, four hundred dollars; subject, however, to the terms and conditions prescribed by an act passed the thirtieth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seven. constables,

For compensation to the inspector of tobacco, one hundred and fifty dollars. inspector of tobacco,

For compensation to the secretaries of the two boards, being three dollars to each, for every day of session of their respective boards, and estimated for fifty days of session, three hundred dollars. secretaries of the two boards,

For compensation to the clerks of markets, being seventy-five cents for each day they shall attend their respective markets, on market days, and estimated for two hundred and eight market days for the four markets, six hundred and twenty-four dollars. clerks of the markets,

For compensation to the trustees of the poor, being to each trustee two dollars for trustees of the poor.

every day that he shall attend any general meeting of the trustees, a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

Appropriation for the support of the poor,

For the support of the poor, aged and infirm of the city of Washington, two thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the poor, as by law directed.

for endowing the public school.

For carrying into effect the act to establish and endow a permanent institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington, eight hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the board of trustees as by law directed: *Provided*, one half of said sum be expended in the first and second wards, and the other half in the third and fourth wards.

Proviso.

for defraying sundry contingent expenses,

For defraying the expenses of the city council, including house rent, fuel, stationery and printing, and other incidental expenses, three hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose, to be expended under the direction of the register of the city.

for paying interest on bank debts.

For the payment of interest due on the bank debts of the corporation, thirteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose.

Further appropriation for general objects.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated to meet any general expenses not herein or otherwise provided for by law, which said sum shall be expended under the direction of the mayor, who shall account for the same to the register.

General account to be charged with the se-

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all the sums of money hereby appropriated, shall be charged to the general account, and whenever the balance to the credit of the

said account shall not be sufficient to meet the general expenses herein provided for, it shall be the duty of the treasurer to draw such sum or sums of money as may from time to time be required, in equal proportions from the account of each ward, and to place the same to the credit of the general account.

veral sums
appropriated.

Approved, September 10, 1813.

CHAP. 8.

An act making appropriations for the improvement of streets, avenues and bridges, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of improving streets, avenues and bridges in the several wards of this city, the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated, that is to say :*

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

IN THE FIRST WARD.

For improving seventeenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Potomac river, the sum of three hundred dollars.

For improving New York avenue, between twenty-first and twenty-second streets west, the sum of thirty dollars.

For improving twenty-first street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving north I street and gravel-

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

ing the same, from Pennsylvania avenue to sixteenth street west, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving Connecticut avenue, from twentieth street west to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving twentieth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving twenty-sixth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the upper bridge over Rock creek, the sum of thirty dollars.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from fourteenth street west to twenty-sixth street, including the foot ways and the roads on the north and south sides of the president's wall, the sum of five hundred dollars.

For improving north K street, from Pennsylvania avenue to Rock creek, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving north B street, from twenty-first to twenty-second street west, the sum of twenty dollars.

For improving twenty-seventh street west, from north G to north K street, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving twenty-second street west, from New York avenue to north B street, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving north F street, from seventeenth to nineteenth street, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

For improving twenty-first street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to New York avenue, the sum of fifty dollars.

For opening twentieth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north G street, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

For repairing the wharf at the end of seventeenth street west, the sum of two hundred dollars, and for paving a gutter on the south side of north G street, between eighteenth and nineteenth streets west, the sum of forty dollars; and for paving gutters on each side of Pennsylvania avenue, between fourteenth and fifteenth streets west, the sum of one hundred dollars.

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

IN THE SECOND WARD.

For improving fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving thirteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north F street, and for paving a gutter from the pump at the south-west corner of thirteenth and F streets, down thirteenth street to north E street, the sum of one hundred dollars; and for paving a gutter on the east side of said thirteenth street west, from north F street to north E street, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

For improving thirteenth street west, from north F street to the north side of north G street, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving twelfth street west, from north F street to the Tiber creek, the sum of sixty dollars, and from thence to the Maryland avenue, the sum of one hundred dollars; and for making a bridge or paved gutter and draining the low ground south of the said creek, the sum of thirty-five dollars; and for paving gutters on each side of said street, from north F street to the Pennsylvania avenue, two hundred dollars.

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For improving eleventh street west, from north C street to the Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of sixty dollars, and from thence to north G street, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving tenth street west, from north E to north F street, the sum of fifty dollars, and from north E street to the Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

For improving ninth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north F street, the sum of sixty-five dollars.

For improving eighth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north E street, the sum of thirty dollars.

For improving seventh street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north E street, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, and from Pennsylvania avenue to the canal, fifty dollars, and from thence to Maryland avenue, fifty dollars.

For improving sixth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north D street, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving four and a half street west, from north C street to the Judiciary square, the sum of sixty dollars.

For improving fourth street west, from north D to north E street, the sum of twenty-five dollars.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, including the foot-ways, viz. from second street west to ninth street west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; from ninth street west to tenth street west, the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars; and from tenth street to fourteenth street west, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving north B street, from sixth to seventh street west, the sum of one hundred dollars.

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For improving north C street, from four and a half street west, to the Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of thirty-five dollars.

For paving a gutter on the south side of north C street, from sixth to seventh street west, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving north D street, from four and a half street to third street west, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

For improving north E street, from fourth to seventh street west, the sum of fifty dollars, and from thence to the Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving north F street, from seventh to fourteenth street west, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For filling in the marsh on tenth street west, at its intersection with north E street, and on the north side of said street, the sum of thirty dollars.

For paving the east end of the centre market house, erecting good stalls therein, and for painting said market house and painting and glazing the scale house at the west end thereof, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For the erection of a bridge on seventh street west, near the infirmary, the sum of forty dollars.

For paving a gutter, from the pump at the intersection of eleventh and E streets, along the north side of E street to twelfth street, the sum of thirty dollars.

For paving a gutter on the north side of E street north, from tenth street west to the hydrant on E street north, the sum of thirty-five dollars.

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For improving north C street, from Pennsylvania avenue to twelfth street west, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For opening and improving north G street, from eleventh to fourteenth street west, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving eleventh street west, from Maryland avenue to south G street, and south G street, from eleventh to tenth street west, the sum of one hundred dollars.

IN THE THIRD WARD.

For improving Maryland avenue, from the capitol to fourth street east, the sum of fifty dollars.

For reducing and graveling New Jersey avenue, from south C street to the capitol, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving New Jersey avenue, from south C street to the canal, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving south B street, from New Jersey avenue to Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from the capitol to fourth street east, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving second street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to Virginia avenue, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving second street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to Maryland avenue, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving third street east, from Virginia avenue to the eastern branch, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving south N street, from third street east to the bridge over James' creek, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving fourth street east, from Virginia avenue to the eastern branch, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For improving New Jersey avenue, from south M street to the eastern branch, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving Virginia avenue, from fourth street east, to second street west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving south capitol street, from south N street to the eastern branch, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For opening and improving second street east, from Maryland avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of five hundred dollars.

For improving the roads round the capitol square, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving first street east, from B street south to B street north, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For opening A street south, from first to second street east, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving east capitol street, between first and second streets, the sum of fifty dollars.

IN THE FOURTH WARD.

For improving the ground and streets about the eastern branch market-house, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving fifth street east, from south L street to the eastern branch, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving eighth street east, from south M street to the Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of two hundred dollars.

Appropriations for the improvement of streets, &c.

For improving eleventh street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to the eastern branch, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving south M street, from eighth to eleventh street east, the sum of thirty dollars.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from fourth street east to the eastern branch bridge, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For conducting the water from south K street, down ninth street east, and improving ninth street east, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving Maryland avenue, from fourth street east, to the eastern boundary of the same, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For opening and improving south G street, from sixth to eleventh street east, the sum of three hundred dollars.

For improving south L street, from fourth to ninth street east, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving and graveling south K street, from eighth street east to the Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of fifty dollars.

For opening and improving fourth street east, from Virginia avenue to the eastern branch, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving south K street, from sixth to seventh street east, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

For improving the road within the city, leading from east capitol street to the upper bridge over the eastern branch, the sum of fifty dollars.

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Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the several foregoing sums be paid out of any moneys in the treasury, to the credit of the

several wards respectively (and out of none other) not otherwise appropriated, and shall be expended under the direction of the city commissioner of each ward respectively, and of two citizens whom the mayor shall appoint from the neighborhood of the contemplated improvement: *Provided however,* That no part of the sums hereby appropriated, shall be drawn from the treasury unless by the order or draft of at least two of the three persons under whose superintendence the same is to be expended, of which one shall be the city commissioner, nor unless the said order or draft specifies the appropriation and ward to which the same is to be charged.

Under whose direction the money is to be expended.

Manner in which the money is to be drawn.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the foregoing improvements shall be made so soon as there shall be funds in the treasury to the credit of the ward in which they are designated respectively and not before, and in those of the debtor wards not until the sums overdrawn by them shall have been refunded to the creditor wards: *Provided however,* That in making the foregoing improvements, the city commissioner shall only commence those (during the present season) which can be made with advantage before winter.

When the improvements are to be made.

Proviso.

Approved, October 6, 1813.

CHAP. 9.

An act authorizing a lottery for the purpose of building and endowing two schools on the Lancasterian system, and for building a penitentiary in the city of Washington.

WHEREAS the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of

Preamble.

Washington, passed two resolutions, that is to say : one on the twenty-third day of November, eighteen hundred and twelve, declaring it expedient to raise by lottery the sum of ten thousand dollars, clear of all expenses, for the purpose of building and endowing two school houses on the Lancastrian system ; and one on the third day of August, eighteen hundred and thirteen, declaring it expedient to raise by lottery the sum of ten thousand dollars, clear of all expenses, for the purpose of building a penitentiary in the city of Washington, which resolutions were, on the respective days above recited, approved by the president of the United States, agreeably to the provisions of the sixth section of the act of congress, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington:" therefore, for the purpose of carrying into effect the laudable objects of said resolutions, so approved as aforesaid,

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, forthwith, to appoint twelve persons (three of whom shall reside in each ward of this city) as managers, whose duty it shall be to propose a scheme of a lottery, to raise the sum of twenty thousand dollars, clear of all expenses, for the purposes above recited, and who shall, before they proceed to sell or dispose of any ticket or tickets in said lottery, give their bond, either jointly or separately, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the mayor, to "the mayor, aldermen and common council of the city of Washington," in the penal sum of five

Mayor to appoint managers of a lottery, who are to propose a scheme.

Managers to give bond before they proceed to sell tickets.

thousand dollars each, conditioned that they will well and truly apply so much of the money arising from the sale of the tickets, within sixty days after the drawing of the said lottery shall be finished, as will satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn by them, and after defraying the necessary expenses incurred in said lottery, shall, within seventy days from and after the drawing of the said lottery shall have ended, pay over the balance into the bank of Washington, to the credit of this corporation, or to the credit of such person or persons or body corporate, as this corporation may by law direct; which bond or bonds shall be filed with the register of this city.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, without delay, to appoint persons (having due regard to their local situations) to fill such vacancies as may occur, from time to time, in the board of managers so as aforesaid to be appointed. And the said managers, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized and empowered to make sale of the tickets in the said lottery, and to do all other acts necessary to carry into effect this act, and the resolutions hereinbefore referred to, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Mayor to fill vacancies in the board of managers,

a majority of whom competent to do business,

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said managers shall be entitled to receive, out of the proceeds of the said lottery, the sum of two dollars each, per day, for every day they shall be actually and necessarily engaged in the business of the said lottery: *Provided*, the whole sum paid them shall not exceed the sum of twelve hundred dollars.

their compensation.

Approved, November 15, 1813.

CHAP. 10.

An act making an appropriation for the rent of a temporary work-house, and for other purposes.

Mayor to
rent a house
as a work
house for the
reception of
vagrants, &c.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required, immediately after the passage of this act, or as soon thereafter as practicable, to rent a house in some convenient situation, for the reception of such persons as may be committed under the act, entitled "An act concerning free negroes, mulattoes and vagrants, and for other purposes," passed on the sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

And appoint
a superinten-
dent of the
same ;

his compen-
sation.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, immediately on the renting and preparing such house for the reception of persons committed, and annually thereafter, to appoint some fit person to be styled superintendent of the work-house, who shall receive a salary of three hundred dollars per annum in full compensation for his services, and whose duty it shall be to superintend the work-house and persons committed to his charge, and keep such persons at hard labor for and during the term for which they shall have been committed, having regard to the occupations they may be best qualified to perform.

Duties of the
superinten-
dent, under
the direction
of the com-
missioners.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the said superintendent, under the direction of the board of city commissioners, who shall have a general superintendence over said penitentiary, to purchase, at the expense of the corporation, such raw materials and implements necessary for the manufacture thereof, and such

tools as may be necessary to employ such persons committed as aforesaid, and shall, from time to time, dispose of such goods and wares as may be manufactured, at public or private sale, under the direction of the said board of city commissioners, rendering an account thereof to the register of the city; and shall pay the net proceeds arising from such sale over to the treasurer of the city of Washington. And it shall be the duty of the superintendent aforesaid, to inflict on them such punishment as the warrant of commitment shall direct, and if, while in custody, they prove stubborn, disorderly or idle, or neglect or refuse to perform the work or task assigned them, in good condition and reasonable time, he may abridge them of their food, and subject them to close confinement, until they be reduced to order and obedience.

Superintendent may inflict punishment in certain cases,

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the superintendent be, and he is hereby required to furnish such person or persons who may be committed to his custody, with good and wholesome provisions, not exceeding at the rate of twenty cents each per day; and he shall present his account therefor, approved by the mayor of the city, to the treasurer quarter-yearly, who is hereby authorized and required to pay the same: *Provided* however, That no person or persons, after commitment, who shall pay the penalty or penalties arising under the said act of 16th December, eighteen hundred and twelve, or who shall enter into security under the provisions of that act, shall be released until he, she or they shall have paid the amount of expense incurred for their maintenance, and to the superintendent for his own use, fifty

And provide good provisions at certain rates.

Proviso.

cents for commitment and fifty cents for their release.

Appropriation for carrying this act into effect.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That for carrying the provisions of this act into effect, the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, November 15, 1813.

CHAP. 11.

An act to prevent the forestalling of fire wood.

Forestalling of fire wood prohibited.

Penalty.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to purchase or offer to purchase, within the limits of this corporation, any fire wood (for the purpose of selling the same again) from any boat or vessel, or that hath been brought by any boat or vessel, until the same shall have been landed on a wharf for at least forty-eight hours before such purchase or offer to purchase: And any person or persons so offending, shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for each and every cord of fire wood so purchased or offered to be purchased; and at the same rate for any quantity less than a cord, one half of which fine or fines shall go to the informer, and the residue to the corporation of the city of Washington, and be recoverable before any justice of the peace for the county of Washington.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That no retailer of fire wood within the limits of this

corporation, shall purchase or offer to purchase any such fire wood as aforesaid, so being in or brought by any boat or vessel as aforesaid, within the period aforesaid, under the same penalty, one half to go to the informer, and the residue to the corporation of the city of Washington, and to be recovered as aforesaid.

Approved, November 15, 1813.

CHAP. 12.

An act authorizing the purchase of a fire engine for the use of the second ward of the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the commissioner of the second ward, under the direction of the mayor, be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to purchase, as soon as may be, for the use of the said ward, a good and substantial fire engine, which shall be kept near the centre market house. And a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purchase of the said engine, and the erection of a house for the safe keeping of the same, payable out of the funds of the second ward.

Fire engine
for the se-
cond ward to
be purchas-
ed.

Appropriation therefor.

Approved, November 15, 1813.

CHAP. 13.

An act transferring an appropriation in the first ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of forty dollars

Transfer of
a certain ap-
propriation-

appropriated by the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the improvement of streets, avenues and bridges, and for other purposes," passed the sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, for paving a gutter on the south side of north G street, between eighteenth and nineteenth streets west, be, and the same is hereby transferred to paving a gutter or building a bridge over the gully on the south side of north G street, between twenty-sixth and twenty-seventh streets west.

Approved, November 15, 1813.

CHAP. 14.

An act to compensate the assistant assessors for the year eighteen hundred and thirteen.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of eighty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be divided in equal proportion among the assistant assessors in full compensation for their services for the year eighteen hundred and thirteen.

Approved, March 25, 1814.

CHAP. 15.

An act to pave the foot way on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between sixth and seventh streets west, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on square number four hundred and sixty-one, front-

ing on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between sixth and seventh streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same, by setting the kerb stone and laying the foot pavement agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington: therefore,

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot of the ground or lots in the said square number four hundred and sixty-one, fronting on Pennsylvania avenue, between sixth and seventh streets west, be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the manner as prescribed by law for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided,* That no more of the above tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose. Tax to be laid for paving a foot-way.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of an avenue, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan thereof with the register of the said city; and immediately after the first day of July next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the kerb stone, and to lay the foot pavement with good paving brick, according to the graduation and regulation of the said city: *Provided nevertheless,* That each or any of the proprietors may, on or before the said first day of July, cause their proportion of the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense; and if approved by the Commissioner to ascertain the graduation, &c.

said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Mayor authorized to advance money in anticipation of the tax.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding three hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward, not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of seventy dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paving the gutter of the said part of an avenue, to be paid in like manner.

Appropriation for paving a gutter.

Approved. April 16, 1814.

CHAP. 16.

An act to pave the foot way on the south side of C street north, between sixth and seventh streets west, and for other purposes.

Preamble.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on square number four hundred and sixty, fronting on north C street, between sixth and seventh streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the kerb stone and laying the foot pavement, agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington: therefore,

Tax to be laid for paving a foot-way.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot of the ground or lots in the said square number four hundred and sixty, fronting on north

C street, between sixth and seventh streets west, be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose hereinafter mentioned; to be collected in the manner as provided by law for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided*, That no more of the above tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of a street, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan thereof with the register of the city; and immediately after the tenth day of July next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the kerb stone, and to lay the foot pavement with good paving brick, according to the graduation and regulation of the said city: *Provided* Commissioner to ascertain the graduation, &c. *nevertheless*, That each or any of the owners or proprietors may, on or before the said tenth day of July, cause the same to be done, at his, her or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby released: *And provided also*, That it shall not be necessary for the pavement Proviso. opposite to the unimproved part of the said street, to extend more than nine feet from the kerb stone.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act, without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem Mayor authorized to advance money in anticipation of the tax. sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding

two hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, April 16, 1814.

CHAP. 17.

An act making an appropriation for the penitentiary, and for other purposes.

Appropriation for the support of the penitentiary.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of paying the salary of the superintendent of the penitentiary, and for the purchase of raw materials and manufacturing implements, the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the mayor and city commissioners.

Approved, April 16, 1814.

CHAP. 18.

An act for the relief of Lewis Deblois.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of sixty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the fourth ward, for the purpose of settling the claim of Lewis Deblois, for improvements made on eleventh street east, by Patrick Tuel, and by said Tuel transferred to Lewis Deblois, in the year eighteen hundred and eleven.

Approved, April 16, 1814.

CHAP. 19.

An act further to amend the several acts respecting the sweeping of chimnies in the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the passage of this act, the time for sweeping of chimneys in the city of Washington, between the first day of October and first day of April following, in every year, shall be once in every six weeks; and the contractors for sweeping chimneys shall be entitled to receive as a compensation for their services, from the occupier of the house where such chimneys are, the sum of eight cents for each story of every flue or chimney so swept; any thing in the first and second sections of the act, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled 'An act respecting the sweeping of chimneys in the city of Washington,'" to the contrary notwithstanding.

Times of
sweeping
chimneys.

Approved, May 26, 1814.

CHAP. 20.

An act for the relief of the poor, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the following objects, to wit:*

Appropriations for the support of the poor.

For the support of the poor, in part, five hundred dollars.

For the purchase of a horse, cart, plough, harness, and other tools and implements necessary for improving the lot whereon the Washington infirmary is erected, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For the purchase of manure, and to pay for labor in aid of improving the said square, one hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the several sums hereby appropriated be paid to the order of the trustees of the poor, and by them laid out so as to carry this act into effect.

Approved, May 26, 1814.

CHAP. 21.

An act providing for the expenses attending the ensuing election.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for defraying the expenses attending the ensuing election for members of the corporation of the city of Washington, the sum of thirty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 26, 1814.

CHAP. 22.

An act for the relief of Nehemiah Griffin.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of

Washington, That so much of the fine imposed on Nehemiah Griffin, for illegally keeping a dog, as accrues to the corporation, be and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, May 26, 1814.

Resolution to raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of building a penitentiary in the city of Washington.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it is expedient to raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars (clear of expenses) for the purpose of purchasing a site and building thereon a work house or penitentiary for the use of this city.

Resolved, That the mayor be, and he is hereby requested to present the foregoing resolution to the president of the United States, and respectfully solicit his approbation.

August 3, 1814.

Approved,

JAMES MADISON.

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ELEVENTH COUNCIL.

A list of all the officers of the Corporation,

James H. Blake, Mayor, *Thirteenth street west.*

William Hewitt, Register, *Tenth street west.*

Henry Whetcroft, Treasurer, *Capitol hill.*

Members of the Board of Aldermen.

James Hoban,
William Waters, } *First Ward.*

Peter Lenox,
James Hewitt, } *Second Ward.*

Alexander M'Cormick, President,
William Emack, } *Third Ward.*

Joseph Cassin,
John Davis, of Abel, } *Fourth Ward.*

William Hewitt, *Secretary.*

Members of the Board of Common Council.

William Worthington,
Richard S. Briscoe,
John Graham, } *First Ward.*

Roger C. Weightman, President,
Charles Glover,
Thomas H. Gilliss, } *Second Ward.*

Edmund Law,
Elexius Middleton,
Thomas Howard, } *Third Ward.*

Shadrack Davis,
Thomas Haliday,
George M'Cauley, } *Fourth Ward.*

Pontus D. Stelle, *Secretary.*

Collectors.

Joseph Brumley, *for the First Ward.*
 Ezekiel Macdaniel, *for the Second Ward.*
 Zachariah Walker, *for the Third Ward.*
 Edward W. Clarke, *for the Fourth Ward.*

City Commissioners.

Samuel McIntire, *for the First Ward.*
 Walter Clark, *for the Second Ward.*
 Henry Ingle, *for the Third Ward.*
 John W. Brashears, *for the Fourth Ward.*

City Constables.

Nathan Moore, *for the First Ward.*
 Brooke Edmondson, *for the Second Ward.*
 Joseph G. Brown, *for the Third Ward.*
 George Adams, *for the Fourth Ward.*

Trustees of the Poor.

Alexander Mc'Cormick,
 Peter Lenox,
 Samuel N. Smallwood,
 William Waters,
 Thomas Haliday,

Superintendent of the Work-house.

David Hopkins,

Wood Corders and Coal Measurers.

Thomas Taylor, junior, *for the First Ward.*
 Zephaniah Farrell, *for the Second Ward.*
 George Sanford, *for the Third Ward.*
 Thomas Frye, *for the Fourth Ward.*
 Zachariah Mattingly, *for Greenleaf's Point.*

Clerks of the Markets.

Philip Williams, *for the West Market.*
 James B. Herd, *for the Centre Market.*
 William Keefe, *for the Capitol hill Market.*
 Augustine Serra, *for the Eastern Branch Market.*

James B. Herd, *scaler of Weights and Measures.*
 Samuel McIntire, *guager for the First and Second Wards.*
 William Yeates, *contractor to keep pumps and hydrants in repair.*

LAWS
PASSED
BY THE TWELFTH COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

CHAP. 1.

AN ACT to pave the foot way on the east side of New-Jersey avenue between south B and C streets, in square six hundred and ninety.

WHEREAS more than two thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on square numbered six hundred and ninety, fronting on the east side of New-Jersey avenue, between south B and C streets, have expressed their desire of improving the same, by setting the curb stone and laying the foot pavement, agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington: therefore,

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot of the ground or lots in the said square numbered six hundred and ninety, fronting on New-Jersey avenue, between south B and C streets, be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the manner as prescribed by law for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city; *Provided,* That no more of the above tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the third ward to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of an avenue, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan thereof with the register of the said city; and immediately after the first day of August next, the commissioner of the third ward shall proceed to set the curb stone, and to lay the foot pavement with good paving
12th C.

brick, according to the graduation and regulation of the said city: *Provided nevertheless*, That each or any of the proprietors may, on or before the said first day of August, cause their proportion of the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and, if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding one hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the third ward, not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of forty dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paving the gutter of the said part of an avenue, to be paid in like manner.

Approved, June 27th, 1814.

CHAP. 2.

AN ACT for the repairing of bridges on south K street, in the fourth ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of repairing the bridges on south K street, between Eleventh street and Sixteenth street east, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be, and is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the fourth ward.

Approved, July 13th, 1814.

CHAP. 3

AN ACT for the relief of Messrs. Gales & Seaton.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the treasurer be, and hereby is directed to pay to Messrs. Gales & Seaton, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, for publishing the laws of the Corporation for three years, viz: from the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and ten, to the first day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Approved, July 15th, 1814.

CHAP. 4.

AN ACT making an annual appropriation for publishing the laws of the Corporation.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of forty-five dollars be, and hereby is annually appropriated, to defray the expense of publishing the laws of the Corporation, under the direction of the Mayor, in some newspaper printed in this city.

Approved, July 15th, 1814.

CHAP. 5.

AN ACT for the relief of William Esenbeck.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the fine imposed on William Esenbeck, for illegally keeping a dog, during the current year, as accrues to the Corporation, be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, July 15th, 1814.

CHAP. 6.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of streets and avenues in the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That for the purpose of improving the streets and avenues of the said city, the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated, that is to say :

IN THE FIRST WARD.

For improving and gravelling Pennsylvania avenue, from Fourteenth street west, to Twenty-sixth street west, the sum of five hundred dollars.

For repairing the foot-way on the south side of said avenue, from Sixteenth to Twenty-sixth street west, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For making a foot-way on the north side of said avenue, from the President's north gate-way, to Twenty-sixth street west, the sum of three hundred dollars.

For improving New-York avenue, between Seventeenth and

Twenty-second streets west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For graduating and gravelling Connecticut avenue, from Twentieth street west, to the north boundary of the city, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving and gravelling north I street, from Pennsylvania avenue to Sixteenth street west, the sum of one hundred dollars; and from Sixteenth to Fourteenth street west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For graduating and gravelling north K street, from Pennsylvania avenue to Rock creek, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For paving a gutter on the west side of Seventeenth street west, from north F street towards the Potomac river, the sum of two hundred dollars; and for graduating and gravelling said street, twenty feet from said gutter, from Pennsylvania avenue to said north F street, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For graduating and improving Twenty-first street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to New-York avenue, the sum of fifty dollars, and for gravelling the same from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For repairing Twentieth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the intersection of Connecticut avenue, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For gravelling Twenty-sixth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the upper bridge over Rock creek, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving Twenty-seventh street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north G street, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving and gravelling north G street, from Seventeenth street west, to Twenty-seventh street west, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For gravelling Twenty-second street west, from New-York avenue to north B street, the sum of forty dollars.

For making enclosure, turn stiles, benches, &c. to the West market, the sum of one hundred dollars.

IN THE SECOND WARD.

For improving Maryland avenue, from Second street west, to the Potomac bridge, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from Second to Ninth street west, including foot-ways, one hundred dollars.

From Ninth to Tenth streets west, in connecting the arch, and filling up the avenue, four hundred and forty dollars.

From Tenth to Fourteenth streets west, including foot-ways, one hundred dollars.

For graduating and gravelling north B street, from Sixth to Seventh street west, and extending the arch of the drain from Sixth street to the inlet into the canal, three hundred dollars.

For graduating and improving north C street, from Four and a Half street to Pennsylvania avenue, fifty dollars; and from said avenue to Twelfth street west, fifty dollars.

For graduating and improving north E street from Fifth to Tenth street west, two hundred dollars; and from Tenth street west to Pennsylvania avenue, fifty dollars.

For improving Four and a Half street, from Pennsylvania avenue to north D street, sixty-five dollars.

For graduating and improving Sixth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north E street, seventy-five dollars; and for extending the arch of the drain from Pennsylvania avenue to north C street, two hundred dollars.

For graduating and improving Seventh street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north E street, and paving the gutters, two hundred dollars; and for gravelling a foot-way on the west side of said street to the general post-office, one hundred dollars; and improving the said street, from said E street to the northern boundary, and erecting a bridge near the infirmary, fifty dollars; and from Pennsylvania avenue to Maryland avenue, fifty dollars.

For improving Ninth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north F street, and paving gutters, two hundred dollars.

For improving and graduating Twelfth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north G street, one hundred and twenty-five dollars; from Pennsylvania avenue to the Maryland avenue, fifty dollars; and for paving the gutter on the east side of said street, from Pennsylvania avenue to north C street, seventy-five dollars.

For a stone pavement on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, across Sixth street west, twelve dollars.

For extending the arch across Pennsylvania avenue, to the south side thereof, in Seventh street west, and for a stone pavement across the said street, seventy-five dollars.

For a pavement nine feet wide on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, from the east side of Seventh street west, to the west side of ninth street west, to be laid agreeably to the graduation of the city, that part where other streets cross

to be laid with stone, and the balance with brick, well secured by curb-stones on each side, five hundred dollars.

For laying stone foot-ways across Pennsylvania avenue at the intersection of the east side of Seventh street west, and the west side of ninth street west, sixty dollars.

For improving the spring near St. Patrick's church, commonly called Caffray's spring, the sum of forty dollars.

IN THE THIRD WARD.

For improving Maryland avenue, from the capitol to Fourth street east, fifty dollars.

For reducing and gravelling New-Jersey avenue, from south C street to the capitol, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving New-Jersey avenue, from south C street to the canal, five hundred dollars.

For improving south B street, from New-Jersey avenue to Pennsylvania avenue, fifty dollars.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from the capitol to Fourth street east, one hundred dollars.

For improving Third street east, from Virginia avenue to the Eastern branch, two hundred dollars.

For improving south N street, from Third street east, to the bridges over James's creek, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving New-Jersey avenue, from south M street to the Eastern branch, fifty dollars.

For improving Virginia avenue, from Fourth street east, to Second street west, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving First street east, from B street south to B street north, fifty dollars.

For improving Second street east, from Maryland avenue to the canal, five hundred dollars; and that so much of the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the improvement of streets, avenues, and bridges, and for other purposes," passed on the sixth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, as provides "for opening and improving Second street east, from Maryland avenue, to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of five hundred dollars," be, and the same is hereby repealed.

For improving New-Jersey avenue, from B street north, to I street north, twenty-five dollars.

IN THE FOURTH WARD.

For improving the streets and ground about the market house, fifty dollars.

For improving Fifth street east, from south L street, to the Eastern Branch, fifty dollars.

For improving Eighth street east, from south M street to the Pennsylvania avenue, one hundred dollars.

For improving Eleventh street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Eastern Branch, twenty-five dollars.

For improving south M street, from Eighth to Eleventh street east, twenty-five dollars.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from Fourth street east to the Eastern Branch bridge, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For conducting the water from south K street down Ninth street east, and improving said Ninth street, thirty dollars.

For improving Maryland avenue, from Fourth street east, to the Eastern boundary, one hundred dollars.

For improving south G street, from Sixth to Eleventh street east, one hundred dollars.

For opening and improving south H street, from Eighth street east, to the Pennsylvania avenue, five hundred dollars.

For improving south L street, from Fourth street east to Ninth street east, one hundred dollars.

For improving south K street, from Eighth street east to Pennsylvania avenue, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Fourth street east, from Virginia avenue to the Eastern Branch, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Virginia avenue, from Fourth street east to Eleventh street east, fifty dollars.

For opening south G street, from Eleventh street east to Pennsylvania avenue, two hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sums herein before appropriated be paid out of any money in the treasury to the credit of the respective wards (and out of none other) not otherwise appropriated, and shall be expended under the direction of the city commissioner of each ward respectively, and of two citizens whom the Mayor shall appoint from the neighbourhood of the contemplated improvement: *Provided, however*, That no part of the sums hereby appropriated shall be drawn from the treasury unless by the order or draft of, at least, two of the three persons under whose superintendence the same is to be expended, of which one shall be the city commissioner, nor unless the said order or draft specifies the appropriation and ward to which the same is to be charged.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the foregoing improvements shall be made so soon as there shall be funds in the treasury to the credit of the ward in which they are designated respectively, and not before; and in those of the debtor wards

not until the sums overdrawn by them shall have been refunded to the creditor wards.

Approved, July 15th, 1814.

CHAP. 7.

AN ACT to pave the foot-way on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, and for other purposes.

Whereas more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on square numbered three hundred and seventy-nine, fronting on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same, by setting the curb stone, and laying the foot pavement, agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington; therefore,

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot of the ground or lots in the said square, numbered three hundred and seventy-nine, fronting on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose herein before mentioned, to be collected in the manner as provided by law for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided,* That no more of the tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of an avenue, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan thereof with the Register of the city, and immediately after the fifteenth day of September next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the curb stone and to lay the foot pavement with good paving brick, according to the graduation and regulation of the said city: *Provided, nevertheless,* That each of the owners or proprietors may, on or before the said fifteenth day of September next, cause the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding

four hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward, not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of seventy-five dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paving the gutter of the said part of an avenue, to be paid in like manner.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the several owners or occupiers of the ground or lots in said square three hundred and seventy-nine, fronting on Pennsylvania avenue, cause the part of said avenue, twenty feet in front of their respective parts of the square, to be filled in and graduated, on or before the said fifteenth day of September. And if the said several owners or occupiers, or any of them, shall fail to cause their respective parts to be filled in and graduated in manner aforesaid, by the time herein before limited for that purpose, it shall then be the duty of the said commissioner to cause the same to be done, with the least possible delay, and certify to the Register the amount expended for, or on account of each of the several owners or occupiers, which is hereby declared to be a tax and lien on the said property, to be collected as aforesaid.

Approved, August 6th, 1814.

CHAP. 8.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the purchase of materials for the use of the penitentiary.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purchase of materials for the use of the penitentiary, to be expended under the direction of the Mayor and city commissioners or a majority of them.

Approved, August 6th, 1814.

CHAP. 9.

AN ACT for removing nuisances, and for the casual repairs of streets, bridges and drains.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for removing of nuisances, and for the casual repairs of streets, bridges and drains, to be charged to each of the respective

wards in equal proportions, and expended in that proportion in each ward, under the direction of the Mayor.

Approved, August 6th, 1814.

CHAP. 10.

AN ACT providing for the revenue arising from taxes due, prior to the fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it shall be the duty of the Mayor to cause to be placed to the credit of the general account, all moneys that may be received by the collectors on account of taxes due prior to the fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That if any moneys so as aforesaid received from taxes in arrears, has been placed to the credit of any ward, a like sum in amount shall be placed by the Mayor to the credit of the general account, from the account of the said ward.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That it shall be the duty of the collectors to furnish a statement to the Mayor of the sums of money they may have received on account of taxes due prior to the date aforesaid, and of what money still remains due from said arrearages of taxes.

Approved, September 20th, 1814.

CHAP. 11.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets west, and the south side of C street, between the same streets in the second ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for removing the bank of earth on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Sixth and Seventh streets west, and for improving the same to the curb stone; and that fifty dollars be appropriated for removing the earth on the south side of C street, between the same streets, and for improving the said street to the curb stone, payable out of the funds of the second ward.

Approved, September 28th, 1814.

CHAP. 12.

AN ACT to amend "An act authorizing the valuation and assessment of property in the city of Washington, and constituting a board of appeal."

Whereas owing to the particular circumstances of the city at the time, it was not possible that the board of appeal could sit on the days required by the act creating that board :

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the said board of appeal shall meet, for the present year, at the council chamber, on Monday, the tenth day of October next, and daily thereafter, from ten o'clock, A. M. to two o'clock, P. M. until the Saturday following, and perform the duties by law enjoined on them; and their decision shall be as binding, and all their acts as valid, as if they had met on the first day of September last, any act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, September 28th, 1814.

CHAP. 13.

AN ACT appropriating a sum of money for the purchase of a sword, to be presented to commodore Barney.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of defraying the cost of a sword, which the city council has voted to commodore Barney, as a testimony of their respect for the gallantry and intrepidity displayed by himself, and the officers and men under his command, in the defence of this city on the 24th day of August last, there shall be, and hereby is appropriated, out of any moneys in the general fund not otherwise appropriated, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the Mayor of the city.

Approved, October 18th, 1814.

CHAP. 14.

AT ACT directing the issuing of due bills in the name of the Corporation.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That in order to remedy the great inconvenience which the citizens of this Corporation labor under for the want of small change, the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, forthwith, to is-

sue or cause to be issued due bills in the name of this Corporation, signed by himself and countersigned by the Register, for sums not less than one cent, and not exceeding fifty cents: *Provided*, the amount put in circulation shall not at any time exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor provide for the redemption of the said due bills (in notes of some bank in this district,) when presented in amount not less than five dollars. And the officers of this Corporation are hereby required to receive the said due bills for taxes, or other monies due the said Corporation.

Approved, October 18th, 1814.

CHAP. 15.

AN ACT defraying the general expenses of the Corporation of the city of Washington, for the current year, ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That for the purpose of defraying the general expenses of the Corporation of the city of Washington, for the current year, ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

For compensation to the Mayor of the city of Washington, five hundred dollars:

For compensation to the Register of the city of Washington, in addition to the fees and emoluments granted by law, five hundred dollars:

For compensation to each of the city commissioners, two hundred dollars:

For compensation to the city constables collectively, four hundred dollars; subject, however, to the terms and conditions prescribed by an act passed the thirtieth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seven:

For compensation to the inspector of tobacco, one hundred dollars:

For compensation to the secretaries of the two boards, in lieu of the compensation at present provided by law, one hundred and fifty dollars respectively:

For compensation to the clerks of markets, being seventy-five cents for each day they shall attend their respective mar-

kets on market days, and estimated for two hundred and eight market days for the four markets, six hundred and twenty-four dollars: *Provided, nevertheless*, That if it shall appear to the Mayor that either of the markets is not frequented or used, that the compensation of the clerk attached to said market shall thereupon cease.

For compensation to the trustees of the poor, being to each trustee two dollars for every day that he shall attend any general meeting of the trustees, a sum of money not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars:

For compensation to the sealer of weights and measures, fifty dollars:

For compensation to the superintendent of the penitentiary, being the amount of his salary from the date of his appointment to the second Monday in June next, at the rate of three hundred dollars per annum, one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and seventy-two cents:

For the support of the poor, aged and infirm of the city of Washington, two thousand dollars, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the poor, as by law directed:

For carrying into effect the act to establish and endow a permanent institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington, eight hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the board of trustees as by law directed: *Provided*, one half of said sum be expended in the first and second wards, and the other half in the third and fourth wards:

For the payment of interest due on the bank debts of the Corporation, thirteen hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose:

For defraying the expenses of the city council, including house rent, fuel, and stationary, and other incidental expenses, three hundred and fifty dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose, to be expended under the direction of the Register of the city.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to meet any general expenses not herein or otherwise provided for by law, which said sum shall be expended under the direction of the Mayor, who shall account for the same to the Register.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all the sums of money hereby appropriated, shall be charged to the general account, and whenever the balance to the credit of said account shall not be sufficient to meet the general expenses herein provided for, it shall be the duty of the treasurer to draw such sum or sums of money as may, from time to time, be required, in

equal proportions, from the account of each ward, and place the same to the credit of the general account.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for the Mayor or other officer of the Corporation, concerned in the receipt or payment of public money, to draw or counter-sign a check or warrant for money in favor of any ward, except for the objects by this act provided for, unless it shall appear to the Mayor or said officers, that the funds to the credit of said ward, or which in their opinion may, in the current year, be placed to the credit of said ward, shall be sufficient to pay the proportional part of the general expenses herein above mentioned; nor shall it be lawful for the Mayor or said officers to draw from the funds of any ward for defraying objects of a general nature, more than the proportional sum due from the said ward for such purposes.

Approved, November 3d, 1814.

CHAP. 16.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the improvement of the foot-ways in the second ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the improvement of the foot-ways leading to congress hall, the sum of four hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended in such manner as the Mayor may direct, to be paid out of the funds of the second ward.

Approved, November 3d, 1814.

CHAP. 17.

AN ACT supplementary to "An act directing the issuing of due bills in the name of the Corporation."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to issue or cause to be issued due bills, to an amount not exceeding the sum of five thousand dollars in addition to, and in the manner as directed by the act, entitled "An act directing the issuing of due bills in the name of the Corporation," which shall, when so issued, be received and redeemed in like manner as those issued by authority of the said act.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That there be allowed to the Mayor and Register, for their time and labor in preparing and

signing the said bills, as well those issued under this, as under the former act, the sum of twenty cents to each of said officers, for every hundred bills so signed and issued.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That for defraying the expense of paper, printing, and other contingent expenses attending the preparing and issuing the said bills, there be, and hereby is appropriated, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the Register be, and he is hereby required, to make report of the amount of due bills issued, the amount redeemed, and the amount in circulation, at least once in every three months to the two boards of this Corporation.

Approved, December 1st, 1814.

CHAP. 18.

AN ACT for licensing and regulating hackney carriages, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatever, to run or use any hackney carriage in the said city for hire, without first having obtained a license therefor, in the manner as is hereinafter directed.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor is hereby authorized and empowered to grant licenses for running or using hackney carriages in the city of Washington for hire, which license shall state the name of the person to whom granted, the date when granted, and the number of such license, and be signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Register, to be in force from the date thereof until the first Monday of November then next following: and for each license so granted, there shall be paid to the Register for the use of the city, at the rate of ten dollars per annum. And if any person or persons shall so run or use a hackney carriage for hire, without first having obtained a license therefor as aforesaid, he, she, or they, shall, for each and every offence, forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Register shall enter in a book to be kept for that purpose, the numbers, dates, and the names of the persons to whom the said licenses shall be granted; and no authority or privilege shall be given by an assign-

ment or transfer of such license, except the same be made before a justice of the peace, and entered at the Register's office; and the Register shall be allowed as a fee for granting each license or entering each transfer, the same sum as has been heretofore allowed by law for each license granted for this purpose.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to run or use any hackney carriage for hire in the said city as aforesaid, without first having the number of his, her, or their license, either put on with metal, or painted in plain and legible figures of at least two inches in length on each side of such hackney carriage, to be kept exposed and uncovered; and for each and every violation hereof, the person so offending shall forfeit and pay the sum of two dollars. And if the owner or proprietor of any hackney carriage shall affix a number on such carriage, or cause it to be so affixed, or to know, suffer, or permit it to be or remain thereon, without having first obtained a license therefor, he, she, or they, for every such offence, shall forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That whenever a hackney carriage shall be unemployed and not in motion, and within the streets or avenues of said city, it shall be placed lengthwise the street or avenue in which the same may be, at least twelve feet from the curb stone, and in such manner as not to be in the line of other cross streets or avenues, or to prevent or obstruct the passing of wagons or other carriages, or persons on foot from crossing in the line and direction of the foot-ways on the side of any other street or avenue; and the driver of every such hackney carriage, while occupying any stand, shall sit on his seat in such carriage, or stand near thereto, with the reins in his hands, and shall not absent himself therefrom without leaving the reins in the hands of some person capable of taking charge of the same; and, also, shall not be found cracking, slashing, or otherwise using his whip, so as to annoy persons passing, or frighten or scare horses: and for each and every violation of any of the provisions of this section, the owner or proprietor of the said carriage shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That each and every hackney carriage when in motion, shall be kept to the side of the street or avenue which shall be on the right side of the driver, so as to admit other carriages going in a contrary direction to pass on the left side of such driver; and shall, on the delivery of a passenger, immediately proceed to the proper stand as is herein before mentioned, and shall not remain near the foot-way

longer than is necessary to take up or deliver passengers; and for each and every violation of any of the provisions of this section, the owner or proprietor of such carriage shall forfeit and pay the sum of one dollar.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all the fines and penalties imposed by virtue of this act, shall be recovered as small debts are recoverable, in the name of "the Mayor, aldermen and common council of the city of Washington," before a single magistrate, one-half part whereof shall go to the person who shall prosecute for and recover the same, and the other half part shall be paid to the treasurer of the said city.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That the first and second sections of the act, entitled "An act for laying a tax on hackney carriages, theatrical and other public amusements," passed the twenty-eighth day of October, eighteen hundred and two; the seventh section of the act, entitled "An act concerning nuisances and creating a superintendent of police," passed the twentieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and three; "An act supplementary to an act for laying a tax on hackney carriages, theatrical and other public amusements," passed the twenty-sixth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and three; the second section of "An act for the better collection of the tax on private and hackney carriages," passed the tenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and four; and so much of the first section of the act, entitled "An act further regulating the granting of licenses to ordinary or tavern keepers, retailers of wines and spirituous liquors, hawkers and pedlars, and owners of hackney carriages," passed the fifteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and ten, as relates to hackney carriages, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, December 1st, 1814.

CHAP. 19.

AN ACT in addition to the act to establish and endow a permanent institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington.

Sec. 1. *Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That in addition to the amount appropriated of four hundred dollars, chargeable to the first and second wards, for the education of youth in the city of Washington, the further sum of three hundred dollars, to be charged in equal proportions to the said wards be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to commence from and after the passage of this act.

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Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum hereby appropriated be paid quarter yearly to the treasurer of the board of trustees.

Approved, December 1st, 1814.

CHAP. 20.

AN ACT supplementary to the act, entitled "An act authorizing the purchase of a fire engine for the use of the second ward of the city of Washington, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of forty-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of defraying a balance due for a hose to the fire engine for the second ward, to be paid out of any money due the said ward in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, December 1st, 1814.

CHAP. 21.

AN ACT to make a foot-way on Eighteenth street west.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding one hundred and twenty dollars be, and is hereby appropriated, for making a foot-way from Pennsylvania avenue, on Eighteenth street west, to New-York avenue, payable out of any funds of the first ward.

Approved, December 1st, 1814.

CHAP. 22.

AN ACT for the relief of Buller Cocke.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the fine incurred by Buller Cocke for an obstruction on Eighth street east, as accrues to said Corporation be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, December 1st, 1814.

CHAP. 23.

AN ACT for the relief of Mary Pilling.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the

fine incurred by Mary Pilling, accruing to the Corporation for selling spirituous liquours contrary to law, be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, December 1st, 1814.

CHAP. 24.

AN ACT amendatory of the act, entitled "An act regulating the weight and quality of bread."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the passage of this act, the weight of bread shall be agreeably to the following table, viz :

Price of superfine flour per barrel.			Weight of a single loaf.	Weight of a double loaf.
From \$	4	to 4 50	27 ounces,	54 ounces.
	4 50	5	25 do.	50 do.
	5	5 50	24 do.	48 do.
	5 50	6	23 do.	46 do.
	6	6 50	22 do.	44 do.
	6 50	7	21 do.	42 do.
	7	7 50	20 do.	40 do.
	7 50	8	19 do.	38 do.
	8	8 50	18 do.	36 do.
	8 50	9	17 do.	34 do.
	9	9 50	16 do.	32 do.
	9 50	10	15 do.	30 do.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That so much of the act to which this is amendatory, as is contrary to the provisions of this act be, and the same is hereby repealed, together with the second section of the said act requiring the initials of the maker's name to be stamped on his bread.

Approved, December 23d, 1814.

CHAP. 25.

AN ACT allowing a compensation to the Mayor and Register for signing and issuing or renewing due bills, authorized to be issued in the name of this Corporation.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor shall be, and hereby is allowed, for signing all due bills that have been, or may be authorized to be issued by the Corpora-

tion of this city, a compensation at the rate of thirty cents for every hundred signed by him, in lieu of the compensation heretofore allowed for that purpose; and that the Register be, and hereby is allowed fifty cents for every hundred bills signed, issued, and renewed by him, by the authority aforesaid, in lieu of the compensation allowed as aforesaid, any act or acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, February 21st, 1815.

CHAP. 26.

AN ACT remitting the taxes therein mentioned to the Thespian Benevolent Society.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to release the tax imposed by the third section of the act, entitled "An act for laying a tax on hackney carriages, theatrical and other public amusements," passed twenty-eighth October, one thousand eight hundred and two, to the association for the relief of the poor styling themselves and known by the name of the "Thespian Benevolent Society," so long as he may deem their exhibition expedient and safe and necessary for the contemplated object.

Approved, February 21st, 1815.

CHAP. 27.

AN ACT making further appropriations for foot-ways in the first ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the completing of the foot-way on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, from Thirteenth street west, to the upper bridge over Rock creek, leading into Georgetown; and that the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated for repairing the foot-way from Fifteenth street west, to Sixteenth street west, on the north side of the wall around the president's late house, and forty dollars for repairing the foot-way on Nineteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to G street, and that the foregoing appropriations be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the first ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 23d, 1815.

CHAP. 28.

AN ACT to raise by lottery thirty thousand dollars, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Whereas the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, have passed three resolutions, to wit: the first in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, declaring it expedient to raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of building and endowing two school houses on the Lancasterian system: the second in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, declaring it expedient to raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a penitentiary; and the third in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, declaring it expedient to raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a town house or city hall, which resolutions have been approved by the president of the United States, agreeably to the provisions of the sixth section of the act of congress of the United States, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington:" Therefore, in order to carry the objects of the said resolutions into effect,

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, forthwith, to appoint twelve persons as managers, whose duty it shall be to agree on and propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery or lotteries, to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars, clear of all expenses, for the purposes above mentioned, and to sell and dispose of the tickets therein, to the best advantage, with the least possible delay, and diligently to attend to the drawing of the said lottery or lotteries, which shall be in the city of Washington, and within sixty days after the drawing of the said lottery, or lotteries respectively, shall be finished, which shall not exceed eighteen months from the commencement of the drawing, to pay and satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn by them; and within seventy days from and after the time the drawing shall be finished as aforesaid, to pay over the balance, after deducting all necessary expenses, to the treasurer of the city of Washington.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That before the said managers proceed to sell or dispose of any tickets in the said lottery or lotteries, they shall give bond to the Mayor, aldermen and common council of the city of Washington, in the penalty of one hundred thousand dollars, conditioned that they will truly and impartially exercise the duty and authority vested in them by this act, which bond shall be approved by the Mayor.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the said managers are hereby authorized and empowered, in the name of "The Mayor and aldermen and common council of the city of Washington," to bring suit and prosecute any action or actions for the recovery of any sum or sums of money, which may be due and owing to them, on account of the said lottery or lotteries, and also to fill vacancies in their own body, under such regulations as they may prescribe.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the act, entitled "An act authorizing a lottery for the purpose of building and endowing two schools on the Lancasterian system, and for building a penitentiary in the city of Washington," passed on the fifteenth day of November, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the said managers shall not be entitled to receive, out of the proceeds of the said lottery, more than the sum of three dollars each, per day, for every day they shall be actually and necessarily engaged in the said lottery or lotteries.

Approved, February 23d, 1815.

CHAP. 29.

AN ACT to compel the attendance of the members of the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the first Monday of June next, each member of the board of aldermen and each member of the board of common council, shall be, and they are hereby allowed, as a compensation for their services, the sum of two dollars each for every day he or they shall attend any meeting of their respective boards, out of any money belonging to the Corporation, not otherwise appropriated, subject however to the provisions hereinafter mentioned.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That each member of either board, who shall fail or neglect to attend any meeting of the board in which he or they shall be elected, being duly notified of such meeting, on the second Monday of June, or of any adjourned meeting of such board, or at such time as the Mayor may convene either of the said boards, shall forfeit and pay for each neglect, the sum of two dollars, except such member shall be at least five miles from the city, or confined by sickness.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Register to open an account with each member of either board, debiting them with each time he or they shall fail or neglect to attend as aforesaid, with the penalty hereby imposed, and crediting them with each time he or they shall attend as aforesaid, with the compensation hereby allowed; and for this purpose, he shall have free access and authority to examine, from time to time, the proceedings of each board. And the Register shall close the said accounts on the first Monday of every June, and certify the same to the Mayor, who shall issue his warrant or check for the amount, to the members to whom there shall be a balance due; and in case there shall be a balance against any member, the Register shall certify the same to the collector of the ward in which such member shall reside, who is hereby authorized to collect the same, with the taxes of the then current year; and if the same shall not be paid without distress, to sue for, and recover the same in the name of this Corporation.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the act, entitled "An act to compel the attendance of the members of the city council," passed on the twentieth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and two be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, February 23d, 1815.

CHAP. 30.

AN ACT for organizing fire companies in the several wards, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That there shall be a fire company raised and organized in each ward of the city, who shall appoint their own officers, and make their own rules and regulations, not inconsistent with the law in such case provided.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the president and vice-president of each fire company, or the person having the command, according to the regulations of said companies, to preserve order and regularity at all fires, to direct the positions of the engines, the places from which the water is to be brought, and see that the several divisions of the companies act in concert and perform their respective duties, and they shall have full power and authority to order, seize, and compel any person, at any fire, to labor and assist in ex-

tinguishing such fire, and also to order and force away any disorderly person or persons. And if any person shall refuse to obey, or shall resist the authority of either of the presidents or vice-presidents, or other persons authorized as aforesaid, or shall aid, assist, or encourage others in such disobedience or resistance, he or they shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for each and every offence, to be recovered before any justice of the peace for the county of Washington, for the use of this Corporation. And it is hereby declared to be the particular duty of the presidents and vice-presidents of the fire companies, to give information to the Mayor for all offences under this act.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That all necessary power and authority is hereby given to the several officers to be appointed by the fire companies, to carry into effect the power and authority with which they may be vested by the said companies, the same not being contrary to law. And the citizens of this Corporation are hereby required and enjoined to comply with and aid and assist the authority and directions of the persons authorized as aforesaid.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That in order that the presidents and vice-presidents, or other person commanding any company, may be more readily distinguished and known at fires, they shall each have, on those occasions, a white wand or staff, at least five feet in length, and a good speaking trumpet. And the officers of the ward or of the engine that shall first arrive at any fire, shall have the chief direction at such fire.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the respective companies shall be held responsible for the good condition and preservation of the property committed to their care, and be held answerable for the loss or damage sustained through their negligence.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That every owner or proprietor of a house or houses within the Corporation, shall, prior to the first Monday of June next, at his or her expense, provide, preserve, and keep in repair, for each house (kitchens and out houses excepted) as many fire-buckets as there are stories in his or her house or houses; the said buckets to be of leather, containing, at least two and a half gallons, to be entered and numbered in the office of the Register of this Corporation, who shall record the name of the proprietor or proprietors, with the number of the buckets, and the proprietor shall cause his or her name and the number to be painted on the bucket,

and shall keep the said bucket or buckets in some public and convenient part of the house, and in good repair, and on the penalty of one dollar, for each bucket, for every neglect. And if the proprietor or proprietors of any house shall fail to procure a bucket or buckets, and preserve and keep the same in repair, the tenant or occupier shall procure, preserve, and keep them in repair, under the like penalty for neglect, and shall recover from the proprietor or proprietors the expense thereof.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That within ten days after the said first Monday of June next, and once in every six months thereafter, it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the several wards, to enter into every house within their respective wards, and to examine the state of the fire-buckets, and to see that each house has its proper complement of buckets, and that the same are in good repair and fit for use, and report to the Mayor every bucket which may be wanting, or out of repair, and the owner or occupier and tenant of the house or houses where such bucket may be wanting, or out of repair, and they shall be allowed for their services half the fines and forfeitures recovered in consequence of information given by them respectively.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of procuring ladders, fire-hooks, axes, crow-bars, and buckets, the sum of one hundred and seventy-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated. And the Mayor is hereby authorized, on the application of the presidents and vice-presidents of any ward, or either of them, to pay out of the funds of such ward any sum or sums, not exceeding the aforesaid appropriation, which shall be charged to the said companies respectively, and expended by the said presidents and vice-presidents for the purposes aforesaid.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the act, entitled "An act to provide for the prevention and extinction of fires," passed tenth January, one thousand eight hundred and three, the act, entitled "An act extending the time for procuring fire-buckets, and for regulating weights and measures," passed twenty-fifth March, one thousand eight hundred and three, the act, entitled "An act prolonging the time for procuring fire-buckets," passed thirtieth of June, one thousand eight hundred and three, and the act, entitled "An act to establish fire-wards and fire companies," passed twenty-fourth July, one thousand eight hundred and four, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 3d, 1815.

12th C.

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CHAP. 31.

AN ACT authorizing the appointment of a Register, and defining his duties, and the manner of keeping and adjusting the accounts of the Corporation, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required, on or about the third Monday of June next, and annually thereafter, and also whenever a vacancy shall happen by death, resignation, or otherwise, to appoint a discreet and prudent citizen, and resident of the said city, who shall be styled and known by the name of the Register of the city of Washington, and who shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, give bond to "the Mayor, aldermen and common council of the city of Washington," with two sureties approved by the Mayor, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his said office, and also make oath in due form of law, that he will well and truly, without favor, partiality, or prejudice, perform the duties of his said office to the best of his skill and judgment; which said bond and affidavit shall be deposited with the Mayor. And the said Register shall be allowed, as a compensation for his services, the sum of eight hundred dollars per annum, payable semi-annually out of the general account.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Register of the city of Washington, to do and perform all such acts, matters and things, which have been, or may be, from time to time, directed or imposed on him by law or resolution of the said Corporation, to be done and performed by him as Register aforesaid.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the Register shall keep his office in the city hall, or until such building be provided, in such place as the Mayor may provide for that purpose, and he shall attend his said office daily and every day, Sundays excepted.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Register to countersign all warrants on the treasurer for appropriations made by law, to digest and prepare a plan or system for keeping the accounts of the Corporation, to prepare and report estimates of the revenue and public expenses, to superintend the collection of all taxes and moneys due or becoming due, and the adjustment and preservation of the accounts of the Corporation, to take charge of and safely keep all the records, papers, books, accounts and vouchers of the Corporation, the journals of the two boards as recorded by their

secretaries, the returns of the elections of the members of the two boards, to keep a record of all appointments and commissions made by the Mayor, and to record all acts passed by the said Corporation, and to furnish copies or exemplifications thereof when required, to have charge of the city seal, and to affix the same, with his signature, to all such papers, proceedings, or acts, as shall be required by the Mayor or Corporation, or the laws, usages and customs of the United States, or any of them, or of any foreign nation. And he shall be allowed, exclusive of the compensation herein before mentioned, for affixing the seal of the said city to any instrument of writing, one dollar, and for copying any matter or thing appertaining to his office, twelve and a half cents for every hundred and five words, except the same be for the use of the Corporation.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That it shall also be the duty of the Register to keep an account of all the assessable property within the said city, and the persons to whom the same shall be assessed, and to furnish the collectors, annually, on or about the third Monday of December, with lists of the names and the amount of taxes due from each and every person in their respective wards, as well of the assessable property aforesaid, as all other taxes or arrearages of taxes due to the Corporation.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That it shall also be the duty of the said Register to examine, audit and adjust all accounts of this Corporation, and of all persons indebted thereto, and in case he cannot adjust the same without the interference of this Corporation, he shall examine such claim or account, and report the facts concerning the same with his opinion thereon. And to call on public officers and others, who shall have received any public moneys and shall not have accounted for the same as they ought to have done, and in case they do not proceed to settle the same without delay, to make report to the Mayor of the particulars of each and every such case. And any person or persons who shall refuse or neglect to exhibit and settle his or their accounts, within ten days from and after he or they shall be called on for that purpose, shall forfeit and pay, for each and every offence or neglect as aforesaid, the sum of twenty dollars, and it shall be the duty of the Mayor to prosecute and sue for, as well the said penalty, as for any balance remaining unaccounted for.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That all moneys of this Corporation shall be drawn by warrant, signed by the Mayor and countersigned by the Register, which shall state the date of the law making the appropriation, the object of the appropriation, and out of what account the same is to be paid, and the

date when, and the name of the person in whose favor the same may be granted.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That it shall also be the duty of the said Register to keep a particular account of each appropriation, and of all warrants, with the particulars thereof, which shall be granted as aforesaid, which shall shew under what law the appropriation is made, the date, and to whom the warrant or warrants shall be granted, and when and how the said account shall be closed and settled, and to make report to the two boards, annually, on or about the first Monday of March, of all outstanding claims, which may remain unprovided for, of all unsettled accounts, and of all moneys due the Corporation, whether uncollected by the collectors, or collected and not paid over by them, or due from any other person or persons.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That each and every person who shall be charged with the expenditure of any of the moneys of this Corporation, are hereby required to exhibit a particular account of such expenditure, with the vouchers thereof, to the said Register, within twenty days after such expenditure, or within ten days from and after such time as he may be called on by the Register, or notified by him to exhibit such account.

Sec. 10. *And be it enacted*, That in case of the death, removal, or resignation of the said Register, he, or as the case may be, his executors or administrators shall, forthwith, pay over and deliver to his successor in office, all moneys, books, records, papers, accounts, and vouchers, or other property belonging to the said Corporation, which he shall have received, or which may have come to his hands or possession by virtue or in consequence of his office.

Sec. 11. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the said third Monday of June next, the act, entitled "An act to establish the office of Register," passed twentieth of July, one thousand eight hundred and two; the act, entitled "An act to fix the compensation of the Register and of the supervisors of the markets," passed tenth January, one thousand eight hundred and three; the act, entitled "An act to fix the salaries of the secretaries, the treasurer, and the overseers of the poor, and for other purposes," passed tenth January, one thousand eight hundred and three; the act, entitled "An act authorizing the treasurer to pay fees due by the Corporation," passed sixteenth of September, one thousand eight hundred and six; the act, entitled "An act fixing the salary of the Register," passed thirteenth of March, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, and the act, entitled "An act respecting the expenditure of

money," passed twelfth April, one thousand eight hundred and eleven be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, April 4th, 1815.

CHAP. 32.

AN ACT further to improve and repair avenues and streets in the first ward.

Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated, to wit :

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from Fourteenth street west to Fifteenth street west, eighty dollars.

For improving north K street, from Pennsylvania avenue to Rock creek, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Twenty-seventh street west, from K street to north G street, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For repairing and gravelling Eighteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north I street, seventy-five dollars.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the foregoing sums be paid out of any moneys, to the credit of the first ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, April 4th, 1815.

CHAP. 33.

AN ACT for the relief of Patrick Donoho.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the fine incurred by Patrick Donoho, as has accrued to the Corporation for shooting, some time in the month of January last, under an act, entitled "An act to suppress horse running and shooting in certain cases in the city of Washington" be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, April 4th, 1815.

CHAP. 34.

AN ACT for the relief of the representatives of Frederick Shuck, deceased.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the two fines imposed in January last, against Frederick Shuck, for selling or retailing without a license, as accrues to the Corporation be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, April 4th, 1815.

CHAP. 35.

AN ACT authorizing the annual appointment of a treasurer, and to repeal the acts therein mentioned.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required, on or about the third Monday of June next, and annually thereafter, and also whenever a vacancy shall happen, by death, resignation, or otherwise, to appoint a discreet and prudent citizen, and resident of the said city, who shall be called and known by the name of the treasurer of the city of Washington, who shall, before he enters on the duties of his office, give bond to "the Mayor, aldermen and common council of the city of Washington," with two sureties approved by the Mayor, in the penal sum of five thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of his office as treasurer, which have been or may be imposed on him by the laws of this Corporation, which bond shall be deposited with the Register of this city. And the said treasurer shall be allowed, as a compensation for his services, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, per annum, payable semi-annually out of the general account.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the treasurer of this city, to do and perform all such acts, matters and things, which have been, or may be, from time to time, directed or imposed on him by law or resolution of the said Corporation, to be done and performed by him as treasurer aforesaid.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That it shall also be the duty of the said treasurer, to keep a just and true account of all moneys received and paid, for and on account of this Corporation, in a book to be kept for that purpose, and shall open, in such book, as many accounts, under appropriate heads, as may be necessary to shew distinctly and separately, the receipts in each ward, from the assessable property therein, and the expenditures made in each ward for the local improvement thereof; and also the receipts from each source of revenue applicable to the general account of the Corporation, and the expenditures out of said general account upon each important object; and he shall exhibit a statement of such accounts to the two boards of this Corporation, on or about the first Monday of May, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, and on or about the same day annually thereafter, under a penalty of twenty dollars for each and every neglect. And also to pay out of the moneys now or hereafter to be deposited, all warrants drawn

on him by the Mayor, and countersigned by the Register, out of the account or fund mentioned in such warrant, and no other, and to take receipts therefor. And at all times to submit his books, papers, accounts, and vouchers to the inspection of the Mayor, or a committee of either board, or such person as may be authorized by law to examine such books, papers, accounts, and vouchers.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That in case of the death, removal, or resignation of the treasurer, he, (or as the case may be) his executors or administrators, shall, forthwith, settle, pay over and deliver to his successor in office, all moneys, books, papers, accounts, and vouchers, belonging to the said Corporation, which he shall have received, or which may have come to his hands or possession, by virtue or in consequence of his office.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the said third Monday of June next, the act, entitled "An act to establish the office of treasurer," passed the twentieth July, one thousand eight hundred and two; the last clause of the seventh, and that part of the eighth section, as allows two per cent. commission to the treasurer, of the act, entitled "An act for the appointment of ward collectors, and for other purposes," passed thirtieth October, one thousand eight hundred and ten, and the act, entitled "An act providing for the payment of officers' fees," passed ninth July, one thousand eight hundred and eleven be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, April 5th, 1815.

CHAP. 36.

AN ACT to suspend the use and occupation of the temporary work-house, and making provision to connect it with the poor-house establishment.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it is expedient to suspend, for the present, the use and occupation of the temporary work-house for the safe keeping of vagrants and disorderly persons, and that the Mayor be, and he is hereby accordingly authorized and required, to relinquish the building at the Point, at present occupied for that purpose, and that the duties of the superintendent of said institution shall also, henceforth, cease and determine.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the trustees of the poor be, and they are hereby authorized and required, to cause to be fitted up and prepared, a part of the poor-house, for the recep-

tion and safe keeping of such persons as may be committed under the act, entitled "An act concerning free negroes, mulattoes, and vagrants, and for other purposes," passed on the sixteenth day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, or any other law in force within this Corporation; and as soon thereafter as practicable, to cause all the machines, implements, and utensils, purchased for and belonging to the work-house, to be removed thereto; and a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, for defraying the expenses attending the same, and the purchasing any additional tools or implements, which may be necessary for said institution.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the superintendence of said institution shall, after the foregoing section is carried into effect, be vested in the superintendent of the poor-house, who shall be appointed immediately after a part of said building is prepared for the reception of such persons as may be committed as aforesaid, until the third Monday of June following, and annually thereafter; and who shall receive, in addition to his present salary as superintendent of the poor-house, the sum of two hundred dollars per annum, in full compensation for his services; and whose duty it shall be, to superintend the work-house and persons committed to his charge, and keep such persons at hard labor for and during the term for which they shall have been committed, having regard to the occupations they may be best qualified to perform.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the said superintendent, under the direction of the trustees of the poor, who shall have a general superintendence over said penitentiary, to purchase, at the expense of the Corporation, such raw materials and implements necessary for the manufacture thereof, in addition to those already on hand, as may be requisite to employ persons committed as aforesaid; and he shall, from time to time, dispose of such articles as may be manufactured, at public or private sale, under the direction of said trustees, and render an account thereof to the Register of the city; and shall pay the nett proceeds arising from such sale into the city treasury; and it shall be the duty of the superintendent aforesaid, to inflict on them such punishment as the warrant of commitment shall direct; and if, while in custody, they prove refractory, or neglect or refuse to perform the work assigned them, in good condition and reasonable time, he may abridge them of their food, and subject them to close confinement, until they be reduced to order and obedience.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the superintendent be, and he is hereby required, to furnish such persons as may be committed to his custody, with good and wholesome provisions, at an expense not to exceed at the rate of twenty-five cents each per day; and he shall present his account therefor, approved by the said trustees, to the Register, quarter-yearly, to be settled and adjusted as other accounts of this Corporation.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That for erecting an additional, or enlarging the present building on the poor-house lot, for the accommodation of the persons who may be committed as aforesaid, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money to the credit of the general account, not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the said trustees.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That in all cases in which the police officers, or either of them, may deem it expedient, they may command any person or persons to aid and assist in apprehending, securing, and bringing before the Mayor, or some justice of the peace, or to the said penitentiary or poor-house, any person or persons whom it may be the duty of the police officers to apprehend, secure, or bring as aforesaid, and if any person shall neglect or refuse to aid and assist, when commanded as aforesaid, such person shall forfeit and pay the sum of five dollars for every such offence, for the use of this Corporation.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall give, contrive, or send any aid, assistance, or means to, or for any person, to enable him or her to make their escape from the said penitentiary or poor-house, such person so giving, contriving, or sending, shall forfeit and pay, for the use of the Corporation, the sum of ten dollars for every such offence; and if by any such aid, assistance or means, any person held in the custody of the said superintendent, shall actually make his or her escape, the person who has given, contrived or sent such aid, assistance, or means, shall, in addition to the above forfeiture of ten dollars, become liable for the fees, allowances, or expenses which were justly chargeable to the person who shall thus have escaped, and to all losses and damages, which shall accrue to this Corporation, or to the superintendent, in consequence thereof.

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted*, That the act, entitled "An act making an appropriation for the rent of a temporary work-house, and for other purposes," be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, April 6th, 1815.

12th C.

CHAP. 37.

AN ACT directing the Mayor to cause the laws of the Corporation of the city of Washington to be revised.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby directed, to employ a person, being of the profession of the law, to revise, and make an index of the laws of the Corporation, passed prior to the second Monday of June, of the present year, and to report what laws or parts of laws are necessary to be repealed or altered, which work shall be completed as soon thereafter as practicable.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the person so employed shall receive a reasonable compensation for his services.

Approved, April 24th, 1815.

RESOLUTION requesting the Mayor to cause to be purchased a copy of the revised edition of the laws of the United States.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby requested to cause to be purchased, for the use of the board of aldermen and board of common council, a copy of the revised edition of the laws of the United States, now publishing by authority of the congress of the United States, to be deposited with the records and for the use thereof; and at the end of each session of congress, after the same shall be completed, to cause a copy of the laws passed during the same, to be in like manner purchased and deposited; the expenses whereof shall be defrayed out of the contingent fund of the Corporation.

Approved, April 4th, 1815.

TWELFTH COUNCIL.

A list of all the Officers of the Corporation.

James H. Blake, *Mayor*,
William Hewitt, *Register*,
Henry Whetcroft, *Treasurer*.

Members of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council.

FIRST WARD.—ALDERMEN.

William Waters,		Toppan Webster.
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COMMON COUNCIL.

William Worthington,		William Knowles.
Richard S. Briscoe,		

SECOND WARD.—ALDERMEN.

George Way,		Joseph Gales, jun'r.
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COMMON COUNCIL.

Roger C. Weightman, <i>Pres.</i>		James M. Varnum.
Charles Glover,		

THIRD WARD.—ALDERMEN.

William Emack,		Alexander M'Cormick, <i>Pres.</i>
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COMMON COUNCIL.

Edmund Law,		William H. Lyles,
Thomas Howard,		

FOURTH WARD.—ALDERMEN.

Joseph Cassin,		Matthew Wright.
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COMMON COUNCIL.

Shadrack Davis,		Buller Cocke.
George M'Cauley,		

William Hewitt, *secretary to the board of aldermen*,
Pontius D. Stelle, *sec'y to the board of common council*.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR.

Alexander M'Cormick,		William Waters,
Peter Lenox,		Thomas Haliday.
Henry Ingle,		

COLLECTORS.

Joseph Brumley, *for the first ward*,
Ezekiel Macdaniel, *for the second ward*,

Zachariah Walker, *for the third ward,*
George Adams, *for the fourth ward.*

CITY COMMISSIONERS.

Samuel M'Intire, *for the first ward,*
Walter Clarke, *for the second ward,*
Henry Ingle, *for the third ward,*
John W. Brashears, *for the fourth ward.*

CITY CONSTABLES.

Nathan Moore, *for the first ward,*
Brooke Edmondston, *for the second ward,*
Lancelot Griffin, *for the third ward,*
George Adams, *for the fourth ward.*

WOOD CORDERS AND COAL MEASURERS.

Thomas Taylor, jun'r, *for the first ward,*
Zephaniah Farrell, *for the second ward,*
George Sandford, *for the third ward,*
Peter Little, *for the fourth ward,*
Zachariah Mattingly, *for Greanleaf's Point.*

INSPECTORS AND MEASURERS OF LUMBER.

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Clotworthy Stevenson.

CLERKS OF THE MARKETS.

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James B. Herd, *for the centre market,*
Augustin Serra, *for the eastern branch market,*

James B. Herd, *sealer of weights and measures,*
William Yeates, *contractor to keep pumps and hydrants
in repair.*

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CHAP. 1.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the support of the poor, aged and infirm of the city of Washington.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the support of the poor, aged and infirm of the city of Washington, from the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, to the first day of September following, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the poor, as by law directed.

Approved, June 24, 1815,

CHAP. 2.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the payment of the expenses attending the late election of the board of aldermen and board of common council, and filling three vacancies therein.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That a sum of money not exceeding fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expen-

ses attending the late election for aldermen and common council, and the election held for filling the vacancies therein, in the second and fourth wards.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That all accounts arising under this law, shall be presented to the mayor, and if sanctioned by him, shall be paid by the treasurer.

Approved, June 26, 1815.

CHAP. 3.

AN ACT to pave the footway on south side of D street north, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets west, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on square numbered three hundred and twenty-three, fronting on the south side of D street north, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same, by setting the kerb-stone and laying the foot pavement, agreeably to the graduation of said street: Therefore,

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents, per front foot, of the ground or lots in the square numbered three hundred and fifty-three, fronting on the south side of D street north, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets west, be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the manner prescribed by law for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided*, That no more of the said taxes be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of second ward, to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of D street north, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to

each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan of the same, with the register of the said city; and immediately after the fifteenth of September next, the commissioner of the second ward, shall proceed to set the kerb-stone, and to lay the foot pavement, with good paving brick, according to the graduation and regulation of said city: *Provided nevertheless*, That each or any of the proprietors may, on or before the said fifteenth day of September cause their proportion of the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding three hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward, not otherwise appropriated, and the sum of fifty dollars is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of paving the gutter of the said part of D street north.

Approved, July 1, 1815.

CHAP. 4.

AN ACT to pave the footway on the south side of F street north, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets west, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on square numbered two hundred and ninety, fronting on the south side of F street north, between Twelfth and Thirteenth street west, have expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the kerb-stone, and laying the foot pavement, agreeably to the graduation of the said street: Therefore,

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot, of the ground or lots in the said square numbered two hundred and ninety, fronting on the south side of F street north, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets west, be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the manner prescribed by law, for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided,* That no more of the said tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward, to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of F street north, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets west, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan of the same with the register of the said city: and immediately after the fifteenth day of September next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the kerb-stone, and to lay the foot pavement with good paving brick, according to the graduation of said street, and regulation of said city: *Provided nevertheless,* That each or any of the proprietors may, on or before the said fifteenth day of September, cause their proportion of the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property, shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding four hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward, not otherwise appropriated, and the sum of seventy-five dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paving the gutter of the said part of F street north.

Approved, July 1, 1815.

CHAP. 5.

AN ACT to compensate the assistant assessors for the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of eighty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be divided in equal proportion among the assistant assessors, and paid to them in full compensation for their services for the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

Approved, July 1, 1815.

CHAP. 6.

AN ACT to pave the footway on the north side of E street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS two-thirds of the inhabitants of occupied houses on square numbered three hundred and seventy-seven, fronting on the north side of E street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the kerbstone and laying the foot pavement, agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington: Therefore,

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents, per front foot, of ground or lots in the said square, numbered three hundred and seventy-seven, fronting on the north side of E street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose hereinbeforementioned, to be collected in the manner provided by law for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided,* That no more of the tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of E street north, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan of the same with the register of the city; and immediately after the fifteenth day of September next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the kerb-stone, and to lay the foot pavement, with good paving brick, according to the graduation and regulation of said city: *Provided nevertheless*, That each of the owners or proprietors may, on or before the said fifteenth day of September next, cause the same to be done at his, her or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry in to effect the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner, such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding four hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of seventy-five dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paving the gutter on the north side of said E street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, to be paid in like manner.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the several owners or occupiers of the ground or lots in said square three hundred and seventy-seven, fronting on the north side of E street north, cause the part of said street, eighteen feet in front, of their respective parts of the said square to be filled in and graduated on or before the said fifteenth day of September. And if the said several owners or occupiers or any of them, shall fail to cause their respective parts to be filled in and graduated in the manner, and by the time required by this act, it shall then be the duty of the said commissioner to cause the same to be done, with the least possible delay, and cer-

tify to the register the amount expended, for or on account of each of the several owners or occupiers, which is hereby declared to be a tax and lien on the said property, to be collected as hereinbefore described.

Approved, July 12, 1815.

CHAP. 7.

AN ACT to pave the footway on the south side of F street north, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets west, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on square numbered two hundred and fifty-four, fronting on the south side of F street north, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the kerb-stone, and laying the foot pavement agreeably to the graduation of the said city : Therefore,

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot, of the ground or lots in the said square numbered two hundred and fifty-four, fronting on the south side of F street north, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth streets west, be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the manner prescribed by law, for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city : *Provided,* That no more of the said tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of F street north, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan of the same with the register of the said city : and

immediately after the fifteenth day of September next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the kerb-stone, and to lay the foot pavement, with good paving brick, according to the graduation of said street, and regulation of the said city: *Provided nevertheless*, That each or any of the proprietors may, on or before the said fifteenth day of September, cause their proportion of the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding five hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward, not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paving the gutter of the said part of F street north.

Approved, July 12, 1815.

CHAP. 8.

AN ACT to repeal a part of the "Act further to amend the several acts respecting the sweeping of chimnies in the city of Washington."

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That so much of the act, entitled "An act further to amend the several acts respecting the sweeping of chimnies in the city of Washington," approved on the twenty-sixth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, as fixes the compensation of the contractors for sweeping of chimneys at eight cents for each story of every flue, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the contractors for sweeping chimnies in the city of Washington, shall be entitled to receive as a compensation for their services, from the occupiers of the house where such chimnies are, the sum of ten cents for each story of every flue so swept.

Approved, July 12, 1815.

CHAP. 9.

AN ACT to pave the footway on the north side of Pennsylvania Avenue, between Four and a half and Sixth streets west, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses, on square number four hundred and ninety-one, fronting on Pennsylvania Avenue, between Four and a half and Sixth streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the kerbstone and laying the foot pavement, agreeably to the graduation of said street, and regulation of the city of Washington: Therefore,

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot of the ground or lots in the said square number four hundred and ninety-one, fronting on Pennsylvania avenue, between Four and a half and Sixth streets west, be, and the same is hereby laid, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned: to be collected in the manner as provided by law, for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided*, That no more of the above tax be collected, than will be necessary for purposes hereinafter mentioned.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward, to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of a street, the number

of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan thereof with the register of the city; and immediately after the tenth day of September next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the kerb-stone, and to lay the foot pavement with good paving brick, according to the graduation of said street, and regulation of the said city: *Provided nevertheless*, That each or any of the owners, or proprietors may, on or before the said tenth day of September next, cause the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property, shall be, and the same is hereby released: *And provided also*, That it shall not be necessary for the pavement opposite the unimproved part of the said street, to extend more than nine feet from the kerb-stone.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect, the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner, such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding five hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paving the gutter of the said part of said avenue, to be paid in like manner.

Approved, July 20, 1815.

CHAP. 10.

AN ACT to gravel the footway on the north side of C street north, between Sixth and Seventh streets west, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses, on square numbered four hundred and fifty-nine, fronting on north C street, between Sixth

and Seventh streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the kerb-stone, and gravelling the footway, agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington: Therefore,

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That a tax of seventy-five cents per front foot, of the ground or lots in the said square numbered four hundred and fifty-nine, fronting on north C street, between Sixth and Seventh streets west, be, and the same is hereby laid, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the manner provided by law, for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided,* That no more of the above tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward, to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of a street, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan thereof with the register of the city; and immediately after the twentieth day of August next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the kerb-stone, and to gravel the footway with good gravel, according to the graduation and regulation of the said city: *Provided nevertheless,* That each or any of the owners of proprietors may, on or before the said twentieth day of August, cause the same to be done at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of said property, shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner, such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward, not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of fifty

dollars is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of paving the gutter of the said part of a street, to be paid in like manner.

Approved, July 20, 1815.

CHAP. 11.

AN ACT authorizing a lottery or lotteries in the city of Washington for the purposes therein mentioned.

WHEREAS the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, have passed three resolutions, to wit: the first in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, declaring it expedient to raise by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars for the purpose of building and endowing two school houses on the Lancastrian system; the second in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, declaring it expedient to raise by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a penitentiary; and the third in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, declaring it expedient to raise by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the purpose of building a town House or city Hall, which resolutions have been approved by the President of the United States, agreeably to the provisions of the sixth section of the act of Congress of the United States, entitled "An act further to amend the charter of the city of Washington," therefore in order to carry the objects of the said resolutions into effect:

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That John Davidson, Thomas H. Gillis, Andrew Way, jun. Moses Young, William Brent, Daniel Rapine, and Samuel N. Smallwood, be, and they are hereby appointed managers for the purposes aforesaid,

whose duty it shall be to agree on and propose a scheme or schemes of a lottery or lotteries, to raise the sum of thirty thousand dollars, clear of all expenses, and to sell and dispose of the tickets therein, to the best advantage, with the least possible delay, and diligently to attend to the drawing of the said lottery or lotteries, which shall be in the city of Washington, and within sixty days after the drawing of the said lottery or lotteries respectively, shall be finished, which shall not exceed two years from the commencement of the drawing, to pay and satisfy the fortunate adventurers for prizes drawn by them; and within seventy days from and after the time the drawing shall be finished as aforesaid, to pay over the balance, after deducting all necessary expenses, into the city treasury.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That before the said managers proceed to sell or dispose of any tickets in the said lottery or lotteries, they shall, respectively give bond to this corporation in the penalty of ten thousand dollars, with good and sufficient security, to be approved by the mayor, conditioned that they will diligently and impartially exercise and perform the duties and authority vested in them by this act.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That full power and authority is hereby given to the said managers, or a majority of them, to appoint all necessary agents, clerks and servants, and to do and perform all such acts and things, which may be necessary to carry into effect, the provisions of this act, and to fill up and supply vacancies in their own body on the terms and conditions herein before mentioned.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the act, entitled "An act to raise by lottery, thirty thousand dollars for the purposes therein mentioned," passed the twenty-third of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, July 24, 1815.

CHAP. 12.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of streets and avenues in the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That for the purpose of graduating and improving the streets and avenues of the city of Washington, in the manner hereinafter expressed, the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury to the credit of the respective wards, not otherwise appropriated, and no other :

IN THE FIRST WARD.

1. For graduating and gravelling Pennsylvania avenue from Fourteenth street west, to the upper bridge leading to Georgetown, including roads round the President's house, fifteen hundred dollars.
2. For opening Sixteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north I street, three hundred dollars.
3. For opening Twenty-fifth street west, from North K street to Pennsylvania avenue, seventy-five dollars.
4. For improving north G street, from Seventeenth to Twenty-seventh streets west, two hundred and fifty dollars.
5. For repairing the bridge and improving Twentieth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary, seventy-five dollars.
6. For graduating and improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary, one hundred and fifty dollars.
7. For opening Twenty-fourth street west, from K to M streets north, seventy-five dollars.

IN THE SECOND WARD.

1. For extending the north end of the arch in E street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, one hundred and fifty dollars.

2. For the erection of a stone or brick bridge over Tiber creek on Pennsylvania avenue, five hundred dollars.

3. For building an addition to the east end of the centre market-house, fifteen hundred dollars.

4. For graduating and gravelling Pennsylvania avenue, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, two hundred dollars.

5. For graduating and improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary, one hundred and fifty dollars.

6. For the repair of footways on Pennsylvania avenue, from Second to Fourteenth streets west, one hundred dollars.

7. For graduating and gravelling Sixth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north E street, two hundred dollars.

8. For extending the south end of the arch in F street north, at the intersection of Eleventh street west, two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

9. For opening and graduating Eleventh street west, from north F to G street, and covering in the arch, one hundred dollars.

10. For extending the south end of the arch in F street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, and improving the said F street, four hundred dollars.

11. For graduating and improving Seventh street west, from Maryland avenue to F street north, one hundred and fifty dollars.

12. For graduating and improving Tenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north C street, fifty dollars.

13. For improving M street south, between Seventh and Four and a half streets west, fifty dollars.

14. For improving and gravelling C street north, between Third and Sixth streets west, two hundred dollars.

15. For graduating north D street, from Third street west, to Four and a half street, seventy-five dollars.

16. For opening and graduating Four and a half street, from Pennsylvania avenue to D street north, one hundred and fifty dollars.

IN THE THIRD WARD.

1. For graduating and improving south B street, from New Jersey avenue, to Pennsylvania avenue, including a gravel footway on the south side of said street, from the east side of First street to the west side of New Jersey avenue, two hundred and fifty dollars.

2. For improving First street east, from south B street, to north B street, including a gravel footway on the east side of said First street, from the south side of south B street, to the north side of north B street, three hundred dollars.

3. For improving north B street, from First street east to North Capitol street, fifty dollars.

4. For improving the footways on New Jersey avenue from the Capitol to C street south, one hundred dollars.

5. For improving the footway on the Capitol Square, from the Capitol to First street east, at the intersection of East Capitol street, fifty dollars.

6. For improving East Capitol street, from First to Second streets east, including a gravel footway, on the north side of said street, one hundred dollars.

7. For repairing the bridge over the Canal on New Jersey avenue, two hundred dollars.

8. For repairing A street north, from North Capitol street to the First street east, fifty dollars.

9. For repairing A street south, from New Jersey avenue to First street east, fifty dollars.

10. For repairing the footways on Pennsylvania avenue from Second street west to the Capitol, one hundred dollars.

11. For repairing New Jersey avenue, from the Capitol to E street north, including the expense of erecting a wooden bridge over the gutter at the intersection of New Jersey avenue, with A street north, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars.

12. For improving First street east, from N street south, to O street south, thirty dollars.

IN THE FOURTH WARD.

1. For gravelling south L street, from Fourth to Eight streets east, the sum of one hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sums hereby appropriated, be paid out of any money in the treasury to the credit of the respective wards (and out of no other) not otherwise appropriated, and shall be expended under the direction of the city commissioner of each ward respectively, and of two citizens, whom the mayor shall appoint from the neighborhood of the intended improvement: *Provided however*, That no part of the sums hereby appropriated shall be drawn from the treasury unless by the order or draft of at least two of the three persons, under whose superintendence the same is to be expended, of which one shall be the city commissioner, nor unless the said order or draft, specifies the appropriation and ward to which the same is to be charged.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the foregoing improvements shall be made so soon as there shall be funds in the treasury to the credit of the ward, in which they are designated respectively, and not before, and in those of the debtor wards, not until the sums overdrawn by them, shall have been refunded to the creditor wards: *Provided*, That nothing herein continued, shall be construed to prevent the improvements hereby ordered on the Capitol Hill, and the footways on Pennsylvania avenue, from Second street west to the Capitol, from being carried into effect, as soon as funds shall be received into the treasury to the credit of the third ward, and the commissioner of that ward, is hereby directed to cause the improvements designated in this proviso, to be executed out of the first monies to the credit of said ward.

Approved, July 26, 1815.

CHAP. 13.

AN ACT appropriating a sum of money for improving the fountain or spring on F street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit of the second ward for increasing the steps, making a paved foot-way and placing a railing round the spring or fountain on F street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets west.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be unlawful for any person or persons to injure any part of the works of, or about said spring, to wash clothes, or commit any act tending to injure or render impure the water of the same, under the penalty of five dollars for every offence, to be recovered as other fines imposed by this corporation, one half thereof to be paid to the person informing, the other half to the use of the corporation.

Approved, July 26, 1815.

CHAP. 14.

AN ACT for the relief of the sufferers by the late fire in the town of Petersburg, in the state of Virginia.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars out of the funds of the first ward; the sum of three hundred and seventy-seven dollars out of the funds of the second ward; the sum of two hundred and fourteen dollars out of the funds of the third ward; and the sum of one hundred and eighty-four dollars out of the funds of

the fourth ward; making together the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, as a gratuity for the relief of the sufferers by the late destructive and calamitous fire in the town of Petersburg, in the state of Virginia; which sum the mayor of this corporation is hereby directed to transmit to the mayor of Petersburg, to be distributed in such proportions among the sufferers respectively, as the corporation of that town may direct.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose of carrying the provisions of this act into immediate effect, the mayor be authorized to borrow the amount hereby granted, from any bank within the district of Columbia, who may be disposed to lend the same. And the faith of this corporation is hereby pledged to provide sufficient revenues for the payment of the interest and the reimbursement of the principal of the sum thus borrowed.

Approved, July 26, 1815.

CHAP. 15.

AN ACT to prevent Geese from going at large in the city of Washington.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the fifteenth day of January next, it shall not be lawful for any person or persons whatsoever, to raise or keep geese, except in enclosures, within any part of the city of Washington, south of Massachusetts avenue, and west of Eleventh street east; and if after the said fifteenth day of January next, any geese shall be found going or remaining at large in any part of the city of Washington, prohibited by this act, it shall be the duty of the several police officers, and any other person is hereby authorized, to seize and take up such geese and carry them to some one of the trustees of the poor, for

the use of the poor at the infirmary, and for which the person so seizing or taking up such goose or geese, shall be entitled to receive from the board of trustees of the poor, at the rate of twenty-five cents for each and every goose so delivered.

Approved, July 26, 1815.

CHAP. 16.

AN ACT in addition to the act supplementary to "An act directing the issuing of due bills in the name of the corporation."

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to issue or cause to be issued a farther amount of due bills, similar to those heretofore issued by authority, and in the name of this corporation, not exceeding five thousand dollars; and to cause the same to be issued, renewed or redeemed, as is provided by law in regard to the due bills already issued.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That there be allowed to the mayor and register the same compensation as was by law allowed for like services in regard to the two former emissions of similar bills: and that to defray the expense of paper, printing and other contingent expenses in regard to the same, there be; and hereby is appropriated, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be paid as well as the above mentioned compensation to the mayor and register, out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, July 26, 1815.

CHAP. 17.

AN ACT for the relief of Thomas Sutton.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so

much of the fine incurred by Thomas Sutton, for shooting in August, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, contrary to the provisions of the act, entitled "An act to suppress horse racing and shooting in certain cases," as accrues to the corporation be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, July 26, 1815.

CHAP. 18.

AN ACT for the relief of Elizabeth Brown.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the fine or penalty incurred by Elizabeth Brown, for an unintentional infraction of the act, entitled "An act laying a tax on slaves the property of non-residents," as accrues to the corporation be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, July 12, 1815.

CHAP. 19.

AN ACT directing a new assessment, and authorizing the appointment of ward assessors, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to appoint with the advice and consent of the board of aldermen, two fit and proper persons in each ward, to act as assessors in such wards in the manner hereinafter directed: each of whom, before he enters on the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation, before one of the justices of the peace for Wash-

ington county, "diligently, faithfully and impartially to perform the several duties enjoined on him by this act, to the best of his ability and judgment, without favor or affection, hatred, malice or ill will," which oath or affirmation shall be filed in the office of the register.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the assessors of each ward, within five days after their appointment, jointly to commence, and within thirty days, exclusive of Sundays, after so commencing, make a true and just assessment of all the property, real and personal, in their respective wards, exhibiting in their lists a particular designation of the real property of each person, and the amount at which each lot, with the improvements, if any, is assessed, with the names or supposed names of the owners in numerical order, distinguishing their real from their personal property, and that of residents from non-residents; which assessment shall be made according to the present value of the aforesaid property in ready money, and without reference to any former assessment. And it shall also be the duty of the assessors of each ward, to form a list of the names in their respective wards, of the owners of private carriages for the conveyance of persons, and likewise the names of the proprietors of slaves, enumerating their number, description and age, distinguishing those belonging to residents from non-residents: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this act, shall be so construed as to require the assessors to value any property exempted from taxation, or otherwise specially taxed by acts of the council.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the assessors be, and they are hereby authorized to require from the owners or occupiers of assessable property within their respective wards, such information as shall enable them correctly to execute the assessment and enumeration herein before required, and if any such person shall refuse to give information when thereto required, or shall intentionally give an incorrect statement, or conceal any property subject to assessment, such person shall be liable to a penalty of ten dollaas for every offence. And in

every such case, the assessors shall, on their own knowledge or the best information they can obtain, value the property of such person to such sum as he believes the same to be worth in ready money, and the said assessors shall, within five days after the completion of their assessments, return and file the same in the office of the register, to be by him laid before and submitted to the board of appeal hereinafter constituted.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the assessors of each ward, as soon as they shall have assessed the property of any person, or within ten days after the completion of their whole assessment, shall deliver or leave at the usual place of abode of every such person, being a resident of the city, and to non-residents, through the medium of the post-office, notices in writing, containing the amount of such assessment, distinguishing real from personal estate, and information that an appeal may be had to the board hereafter mentioned, and the said assessors failing, neglecting or omitting to give the notice according to the provisions of this act, shall forfeit and pay the penalty of ten dollars for every such failure, neglect or omission.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required to appoint, with the consent of the board of aldermen, four intelligent and discreet persons, one from each ward, who shall constitute a board of appeal; each of whom shall, before entering on the duties hereby assigned, take an oath or affirmation, which shall be filed in the office of the register of the city "well and truly to perform the duties of his office, without partiality or prejudice, to the best of his skill and judgment." The members of the said board of appeal shall, within twenty days after the completion and return of the assessment, and delivery of notices as aforesaid, meet at the council chamber for ten days successively, (Sundays excepted) and there remain from 9 o'clock A. M. until three o'clock P. M. of which meeting they shall give public notice in the Washington newspapers, at least seven days previous thereto, and the said board,

or a majority, shall then and there have full power to hear and determine the complaints and appeals of all persons who may think themselves aggrieved or injured by an over valuation of their property by any of the assessors or otherwise. And the said board shall, in their descretion, abate, increase, alter and amend every valuation or assessment so appealed from, and the said board of appeal shall, within ten days after the termination of such appeals, return the said assessments so altered and amended into the office of the register, to be by him laid before the council.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That when the assessors shall have completed the duties prescribed by this act, each of them shall be entitled to receive a compensation of three dollars per day, for each day he may have actually been employed as aforesaid: *Provided*, The number of days shall not exceed thirty, and each of the persons composing the board of appeals, shall receive as a compensation for his servises, the sum of two dollars for every day he shall attend the samẽ.

Sec. 7. *And be it enacted*, That if any person appointed an asessor or member of the board of appeals, by virtue of this act, shall die, resign, remove out of the city, or refuse to serve, the mayor shall, with the consent of the board of aldermen, appoint another person to fill the vacancy.

Sec. 8. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the assessors, at the time of making the assessment, to enumerate carefully and correctly all white persons residents of the city, according to the following table:

Names of the wards.	MALES.				FEMALES.				AGGREGATE.
	Under 18 yrs.	From 18 to 26.	From 26 to 45	45 and up-wards.	Under 18 yrs.	From 18 to 26.	From 26 to 45.	45 and up-wards.	
1st ward,									
2d ward,									
3d ward,									
4th ward,									

Sec. 9. *And be it enacted,* That a like table of blacks, mulattoes, and people of colour, distinguishing whether slaves or free, and whether the slaves are owned by residents or non-residents shall be made out.

Approved, July 27, 1815.

CHAP. 20.

AN ACT making certain additional improvements in the first, second and third wards.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of three hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for making and repairing footways in the first ward to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the said ward and to be paid out of any monies to the credit of the first ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the purpose of completing the graduation and gravelling of Ninth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue, to F street north, there be appropriated the sum of one hundred dollars; and for the purpose of making a footway on the west side of said street, from Pennsylvania avenue to F street, the further sum of one hundred dollars; and also for the repair of the bridge across the Tiber on Twelfth street west, one hundred dollars; to be paid out of any monies to the credit of the second ward not otherwise appropriated, to be expended in like manner.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That for opening and improving Second street east, from Maryland avenue, to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, and for the repair of the bridge over the canal on L street south, the sum of one hundred dollars, to be paid out of any monies to the credit of the third ward, not otherwise appropriated. which shall be expended under the direction of the commissioner of said ward, and of two res-

pectable citizens, whom the mayor shall appoint from the neighborhood of the improvement hereby authorized: *Provided*, That the sums hereby appropriated, or any part thereof shall not be drawn from the treasury, unless by the order or draft of, at least two of the commissioners hereby constituted, and of which one shall be the city commissioner.

Approved, August 3, 1815.

CHAP. 21.

AN ACT for the preservation of trees on the public squares, streets and avenues, within the First and Second wards.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars per annum, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, payable out of the funds of the first and second wards, in the proportion of its expenditure therein, for the purpose of keeping in order, tarring or re-planting the trees planted in the public squares, streets and avenues, within the said wards, by the corporation: and it shall be the duty of the commissioners of the respective wards to carry the provisions of this act into effect, under the direction of the mayor.

Approved, August 3, 1815.

CHAP. 22.

AN ACT authorizing the appointment of a city surveyor.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required, on or before the second Monday in August next, and on or about the third Monday of June, annually thereafter, and also whenever a vacancy shall happen by death, resignation or otherwise, to appoint a citizen, resident of

said city, who shall be styled and known by the name of "the surveyor of the city of Washington."

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the surveyor of the city of Washington, to lay down, point out, and mark the line and graduation of any street or avenue in said city, at all times when he shall be required by the mayor or a commissioner of any ward so to do; and to do generally all such acts and services as surveyor, as shall be required of him, to carry into effect any ordinance of this corporation for the opening, graduating, paving and improving of any street or avenue in said city: and that the said surveyor shall be allowed, as a compensation for his services, the sum of three hundred dollars per annum, payable semi-annually out of the general account.

Approved, August 3, 1815.

CHAP. 23.

AN ACT fixing the compensation of the inspector of tobacco.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the inspector of tobacco, from and after the tenth day of June last past, shall, annually receive, as a compensation for his services, the sum of two hundred dollars, payable quarter-yearly, any thing in former acts to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, August 7, 1815.

CHAP. 24.

AN ACT fixing the salary of the mayor.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the mayor shall annually receive, as a compensation for his services, the sum of five hundred dollars, payable quarter-yearly.

Approved, August 8, 1815.

CHAP. 25.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the support of the poor, infirm, diseased, and lunatics of the city of Washington.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the support of the poor, infirm, and diseased of the city of Washington, for the year commencing first of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and ending first July, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, the sum of two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated; and for the support of lunatics, one hundred dollars be expended under the direction of the trustees of the poor, to be paid out of the general fund of this corporation, in proportion to the taxation of the wards respectively.

Approved, August 10, 1815.

CHAP. 26.

AN ACT to pave the footway on the south side of south B street, between New Jersey avenue and First street east, in square six hundred and ninety.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on square numbered six hundred and ninety, fronting on the south side of south B street between New Jersey avenue and First street east, have expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the kerb-stone and laying the foot pavement, agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington: Therefore,

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot, of the ground or lots in the said square fronting on south B street, be, and the same is hereby laid, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the manner as prescribed by law for the collection of other taxes on

real property in the said city: *Provided*, That no more of the above tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the third ward, to ascertain the proper graduation of that part of south B street, which is included between New Jersey avenue, and First street east, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan thereof with the register of the city: and immediately after the first day of October, the commissioner of the third ward shall proceed to set the kerb-stone, and to lay the foot pavement, with good paving brick, according to the graduation and regulation of the city: *Provided nevertheless*, That each or any of the proprietors may, on or before the said first day of October, cause their proportion of the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding two hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the third ward not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of forty dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paving the gutter of the aforesaid part of south B street, to be paid in like manner.

Approved, September 21, 1815.

CHAP. 27.

AN ACT making an additional appropriation for the improvement of south B street, from First street east, to New Jersey avenue.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the

further sum of three hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for graduating and graveling south B street, from First street east to New Jersey avenue, to be paid out of any monies to the credit of third ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, September 21, 1815.

CHAP. 28.

AN ACT for improving Q street south, and the street through square numbered seven hundred and eight.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for opening and improving Q street south, from South Capitol street, to the street crossing north and south, through square numbered seven hundred and eight, and also for opening and improving the said street through square seven hundred and eight.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the money here in appropriated be paid out of the funds of the third ward, and expended under the direction of the commissioner of that ward, and of two assistant commissioners to be appointed by the mayor.

Approved, September 21, 1815.

CHAP. 29.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of Pennsylvania avenue, G street north, and eleventh street west.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same

is hereby appropriated for improving the centre of Pennsylvania avenue from Second to Fourteenth streets west, with the exception of that part lying between Ninth and Tenth streets west; that the sum of forty dollars be, and is hereby appropriated, for making a sewer across G street north, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets west, and that the sum of twenty dollars be, and is hereby appropriated for completing the opening and formation of Eleventh street west, between F and G streets north.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the several sums herein appropriated, be paid out of any monies to the credit of the second ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, September 21, 1815.

CHAP. 30.

AN ACT making an appropriation for improving E street north, between Sixth and Seventh streets west.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for improving and graduating E street north, between Sixth and Seventh streets west, to be paid out of any money to the credit of the second ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, September 21, 1815.

CHAP. 31.

AN ACT directing the payment of judicial expenses in certain cases.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That in all cases where this corporation has been, or may

be, a party to any suit, or prosecution, whether determined, or to be determined before a justice of the peace, or before any competent court whatsoever, in which judgment shall be rendered against this corporation, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the party in whose favor any such judgment may be given, or to his or her attorney legally authorized to receive the same, all such damages and costs, or costs alone, as may, by such judgment, be decreed to be paid. And the sum or sums so paid shall be chargeable to and paid out of the general fund: *Provided however*, That nothing herein contained shall be so construed as to authorize the payment of any costs or expenses attending any prosecution attempted to be carried on against judges of election prior to the fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for the purpose aforesaid, the sum of two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money in the treasury to the credit of the general fund.

Approved, September 21, 1815.

CHAP. 32.

AN ACT making appropriations for the general expenses of the corporation of the city of Washington, for the year ending on the second Monday in June, eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That for the purpose of defraying the general expenses of the corporation of the city of Washington, for the year ending on the second Monday in June, eighteen hundred and sixteen, the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

For compensation to the mayor, five hundred dollars.

For compensation to the register, in addition to the fees and emoluments granted by law, eight hundred dollars.

For compensation to the treasurer, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For compensation to the surveyor, three hundred dollars.

For compensation to the commissioners, being two hundred dollars each, eight hundred dollars.

For compensation to the constables, being one hundred dollars each, subject however to the terms and conditions prescribed by an act passed thirtieth May, one thousand eight hundred and seven, four hundred dollars.

For compensation to the inspector of tobacco, two hundred dollars.

For compensation to the secretaries of the two boards, being one hundred and fifty dollars each, three hundred dollars.

For compensation to the clerks of markets, being seventy-five cents, for each day they shall attend their respective markets, on market days, and estimated for two hundred and eight market days, for the four markets, six hundred and twenty-four dollars: *Provided nevertheless*, That if it shall appear to the mayor, that either of the markets is not frequented or used, that the compensation of the clerk attached to that market shall thereupon cease.

For compensation to the trustees of the poor, being two dollars for each trustee for each day he shall attend any general meeting of the trustees, a sum not exceeding, one hundred and fifty dollars,

For compensation to the scaler of weights and measures, fifty dollars.

For compensation to the assessors, estimated eight assessors at three dollars per day, for thirty days, seven hundred and twenty dollars.

For compensation to the members of the board of aldermen and board of common council, estimated twenty

members, at two dollars per day for twenty-five days, one thousand dollars.

For carrying into effect the act to established and endow a permanent institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington, to be expended under the direction of the board of trustees as by law directed, one half in the first and second wards, and the other half in the third and fourth wards, eight hundred dollars.

For the payment of interest due on the bank debts of the corporation, or so much as may be necessary for that purpose, one thousand three hundred dollars.

For defraying the expenses of the city council including house rent, fuel and stationery and other incidental expenses, to be expended under the direction of the register, or so much as may be necessary for that purpose, five hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sums of money hereby appropriated shall be paid out of the general account (or fund) of the corporation, and whenever there shall not be a sufficient sum to the credit of the said account to meet the appropriations made by this corporation, the mayor, in that case, is hereby authorized to draw, by warrant, an equal amount from the several wards, and place the same to the credit of the said general account; and it shall be the duty of the mayor not to issue any warrant for a ward expenditure unless he shall be satisfied that there are sufficient funds provided for all objects of a general nature.

Approved, October 21, 1815.

CHAP. 33.

AN ACT for the relief of the heirs or administrators of Elexius Middleton, Samuel N. Smallwood, and Griffith Coombe.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and forty

six cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of paying the heirs or administrators of Elexius Middleton, fifty three dollars and thirty-two cents, being a balance due him for work done to the lock-up-house in the third ward, together with thirty-nine dollars and sixty-two cents, due Samuel N. Smallwood, and forty-four dollars and fifty-two cents, due Griffith Coombe for lumber furnished by them to build a market house in the said ward, to be paid out of any monies to the credit of the third ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, October 21, 1815.

CHAP. 34.

AN ACT granting permission to Charles W. Goldsborough, to use or remove the earth from Virginia avenue, between Twenty-fourth, and Twenty-seventh streets west.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That permission be, and is hereby granted to Charles W. Goldsborough, to use and remove the earth from Virginia avenue, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-seventh streets west, under the direction of the commissioner of the first ward: *Provided,* He does not go below the graduation, or make an excavation that will hold or retain water.

Approved, October 21, 1815.

CHAP. 35.

AN ACT to set the kerb-stone and gravel the footways on Thirteenth street west, between Pennsylvania avenue and F street north.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of inhabited houses, fronting on both sides of Thirteenth

street west, between Pennsylvania avenue and F street north, have expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the kerb-stone, and gravelling the footways on both sides of said street, agreeably to the graduation of the streets of the city of Washington: Therefore,

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That a tax of one dollar per front foot, of the ground or lots fronting on both sides of Thirteenth street west, between Pennsylvania avenue and F street north, be, and the same is hereby laid, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the manner provided by law, for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided,* That no more of the above tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward to ascertain the proper graduation of both sides of said Thirteenth street west, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan thereof with the register of the city; and immediately after the fifteenth day of December next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the kerb-stone, and gravel the footway with good gravel on both sides of said street, according to the graduation of the streets of the city of Washington: *Provided nevertheless,* That each or any of the owners or proprietors may, on or before the said fifteenth day of December, cause the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of said property, shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding three hundred dollars, to be paid out of any monies to the credit of the second ward not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of one hundred

dollars is hereby appropriated for the purpose of paving the gutter on both sides of said street, to be paid in like manner.

Approved, November 11, 1815.

CHAP. 36.

AN ACT making appropriations for opening and repairing streets in the first and third wards.

Sec. 1. BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for completing the repairs on Pennsylvania avenue; and the sum of two hundred dollars for improving Twenty-seventh streets west, from Pennsylvania avenue to Georgetown upper bridge, to be paid out of any monies in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the first ward.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any money to the credit of the third ward, for opening and improving Half street east, from south Q street, to south N street.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That the appropriations hereby made shall be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the respective wards, assisted by two respectable citizens to be appointed by the mayor, from the neighborhood of each improvement.

Approved, November 11, 1815.

CHAP. 37.

AN ACT making an appropriation for gravelling Eighth street east.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the

sum of one hundred dollars, be, and the same is hereby appropriated for gravelling Eighth street east, from G street south to the Pennsylvania avenue, to be paid out of the funds of the fourth ward.

Approved, November 11, 1815.

CHAP. 38.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the improvement of streets in the third ward.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of four hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the third ward, viz. for the improvement of A street north, between north Capitol and Second streets east, and also for the improvement of First street east, between B street south and B street north, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the third ward.

Approved, November 20, 1815.

CHAP. 39.

AN ACT making an appropriation for repairing the bridge across the Tiber on Twelfth street west, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, in addition to the sum already appropriated, for repairing the bridge across the Tiber on Twelfth street west, and that the same be paid out of any monies to the credit of the second ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for completing the arch on Seventh street west, and for otherwise completing said street from E street to the limits of the city, there be appropriated one hundred dollars, to be paid out of any money to the credit of the second ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, November 20, 1815.

CHAP. 40.

AN ACT making appropriations for completing the graduation and gravelling Fourteenth street west.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for completing the graduation and gravelling of Fourteenth street west, and that the same be paid out of any money to the credit of the first ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for completing the graduation and gravelling of Fourteenth street west, and that the same be paid out of any money to the credit of the Second ward not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, November 20, 1815.

CHAP. 41.

AN ACT making appropriations for improvements in the second ward.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*,

That the following sums be, and they same are hereby appropriated, to wit:

For extending the arch from Pennsylvania avenue to the canal on the west side of Seventh street west, and filling up and graduating said street, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For completing the east end of the centre market, house and erecting a shed on the south side thereof, five hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sums hereby appropriated be paid out of any monies to the credit of the Second ward not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, December 1, 1815.

CHAP. 42.

AN ACT making an additional appropriation, for the improvement of Maryland avenue, north east of the Capitol.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That in addition to former appropriations, the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the improvement of Maryland avenue from First street east to Fourth street east, to be paid out of the funds of the third ward.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated, the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the improvement of the said Maryland avenue, from Fourth street east to the boundary of the city north east of the Capitol, to be paid out of the funds of the Fourth ward.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the sums herein appropriated be expended under the direction of the respective commissioners of the wards herein mentioned, and of two assistant commissioners to be appointed by the mayor.

Approved, December 8, 1815.

CHAP. 43.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the benefit of the objects of the association, denominated the Washington Female Orphan Asylum.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That an appropriation of two hundred dollars, for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen be, and the same is hereby made, for the benefit of the objects of the association denominated the "Washington female orphan asylum," to be paid out of the funds of each ward in the proportion of their taxation.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the foregoing appropriation be paid over quarter-yearly to the board of direction of said association.

Approved, December 8, 1815.

CHAP. 44.

AN ACT authorizing certain fees to collectors of taxes.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for any of the collectors of taxes to receive more than the following fees, in addition to their commissions and necessary expenses for advertising real and personal property: for every improved or unimproved lot or part of a lot, advertised and sold for tax belonging to any individual or company, agreeably to the laws of the corporation, if not more than five lots, one dollar each, if more than five and not exceeding ten lots, fifty cents each, and all over ten lots, twenty-five cents each, and in all cases where the owners of a lot or lots, or part of a lot, or their agents shall pay to the collectors the

amount of taxes due, with the necessary expenses incurred for advertising before the day of sale, one half only of the foregoing fees are to be taken, and for every certificate or bill of sale of a lot, or lots, or part of a lot given by a collector, fifty cents each, and no more shall be allowed.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for levying distress on personal property, whether sold or not, two dollars shall be allowed.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That if any collector shall charge or receive more than the fees stipulated in this act, he shall forfeit and pay twenty dollars for every such offence, one half to the informer, and the other half to the corporation.

Approved, December 8, 1815.

CHAP. 45.

AN ACT granting permission to Henry Burford to use or remove the earth from south L street, between south Capitol street, and First street east, and from Half street east, between south K and south M street in the third ward.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That permission be, and is hereby granted to Henry Burford to use and remove the earth from South L street, between south Capitol street, and First street east, and also from Half street east, between south K and M streets, under the direction of the city surveyor and the commissioner of the third ward: *Provided*, he does not go below the graduation, or make any excavation on said streets that will hold or retain water.

Approved, December 8, 1815.

CHAP. 46.

AN ACT for the relief of Henry Allenderffer.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the fine as accrues to the corporation, imposed on Henry Allenderffer, for keeping a dog without paying the tax be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, December 8, 1815.

CHAP. 47.

AN ACT for the improvement of the Washington infirmary and the support of the poor.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for replacing the dormer windows, for finishing the wood work and plastering the garret, for painting the outside work of the Washington infirmary, and to provide a ladder for the said infirmary.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the further sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the support of the poor, aged and infirm, payable out of the funds of each ward in proportion to their taxation.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the sums herein appropriated, be paid to the order of the trustees of the poor.

Approved, February 5, 1816.

CHAP. 48.

AN ACT for the relief of George Moore.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so

much of the fine incurred by George Moore, for suffering gambling in his house on the 29th November last, as accrues to said corporation be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, February 5, 1816.

CHAP. 49.

AN ACT to amend the act, entitled "An act establishing the rates of fare for the conveyance of persons in hackney carriages," passed the twenty-eighth of November, one thousand eight hundred and six.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That it shall be the duty of the register upon his granting a license to the owner or owners of hackney carriages, employed in carrying persons for hire from one place to another, within the city of Washington, agreeably to the several acts, for that purpose made and provided, to furnish the person or persons, to whom he shall grant a license as aforesaid, an abstract of the several acts now in force, relative to the fare and penalties of licensed hackney carriages, which said abstract he shall attest and sign with his sign-manuel.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the owner or owners of every hackney carriage licensed or to be licensed, to run within the city of Washington, before the same shall be run as such, to cause to be put or pasted up permanently on some convenient and conspicuous place, within the inner part of the carriage, the said abstract herein directed to be furnished to him; and if any hackney carriage shall be found running as such, within the limits of this corporation, from and after the first day of March, eighteen hundred and sixteen, without the said abstract being pasted or placed as herein prescribed, the owner or owners thereof shall forfeit and

pay the sum of ten dollars, to be recovered by a warrant before a justice of the peace, one half to the use of the corporation, the other half to the informer; and it shall be the duty of the register, to give ten days public notice, in one or more newspapers to such owners of hacks as are licensed, to call at his office, on or before the said first day of March, to obtain the abstracts aforesaid.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any owner or driver of a hackney carriage, shall demand or receive any greater sum for the conveyance of persons, who shall have not resided twelve months within the city of Washington, than is established by the rates of fare aforesaid, or shall refuse to carry such person or persons at the said rates, he shall forfeit and pay double the penalty prescribed by the second section of the act to which this act is amendatory, any thing contained in the said section to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That this act and every act heretofore passed, and now in force, upon the subject of hackney carriages be applied, and the same are hereby declared to apply to sleighs running for hire within this corporation, and it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to run a sleigh or sleighs for hire, within the city of Washington, unless such person or persons shall have previously obtained a license under the act, imposing duties on hackney carriages, without incurring the penalties prescribed for the running of hackney carriages: *Provided however*, That nothing herein contained, shall be construed to require any person who shall be the owner of a licensed hackney carriage to take out a license to run a sleigh.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That whenever a license shall be granted for the running of a hackney carriage, the owner of which shall reside beyond the jurisdiction of this corporation, the sum of fifty per centum shall be paid in addition, to what is now chargeable by the laws of this corporation for a license to run a hackney carriage; and whenever application is made for a license as aforesaid, satisfactory proof shall be exhibited to the register,

of the place of residence of the owner of the carriage required to be licensed.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the register be authorized to have a sufficient number of the abstracts required by this act printed and distributed gratis to the owners of hackney carriages, at the expense of this corporation.

Approved, February 16, 1816.

CHAP. 50.

AN ACT making an appropriation for paying Joseph Walker for certain articles of blacksmiths work, furnished the commissioner of the second ward.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the payment of Joseph Walker for certain blacksmiths work furnished the commissioner of the second ward, the sum of sixty-four dollars and thirty-eight and a half cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the second ward.

Approved, February 21, 1816.

CHAP. 51.

AN ACT imposing annual taxes, providing for their collection, and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That there be annually imposed according to an assessment and valuation made in pursuance of an act, entitled "An act directing a new assessment, and authorizing the appointment of ward assessors, and for other pur-

poses, passed on the twenty-seventh day of July, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, and on any assessment and valuation made under the authority of this act, a tax of fifty cents on every hundred dollars worth of real and personal property in the city of Washington.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if the assessors appointed under the authority of the act, entitled "An act directing a new assessment, and authorizing the appointment of ward assessors, and for other purposes", have omitted to assess any part of the real or personal property in the city of Washington, that it shall be the duty of the register of the city as soon as the same shall come to his knowledge, to assess such property at its true value, for which he shall receive a reasonable compensation.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be paid for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, on the first day of April next, and for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, and on the same day annually thereafter, the following tax on slaves, the property of residents of the city of Washington by his or her owner, viz: on male slaves, between the age of fifteen and forty-five years, two dollars; and on female slaves, between the age of fifteen and forty-five, the sum of one dollar.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the collector of each ward, to give notice in writing to all persons, assessed, in their respective wards, or their agent if known, residing in the city, of the taxes due by them respectively under this act, for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, on or before the first day of April next, and on or before the first day of December next, for the taxes due for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen; and on or before the same day in each year for every year thereafter, and whenever any person herein taxed, resides out of the city, it shall be the duty of the collector of the ward, wherein the greatest portion of such persons' property may be, to notify such person of the amount of the whole of the tax with

which he is chargeable under this act, through the medium of some newspaper printed within the city of Washington, which notice shall be continued for three issues of said paper.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the fourth, fifth, sixth and eight, sections of the act passed on the seventh of August, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, entitled "An act imposing annual taxes and providing for their collection" be, and the same are hereby declared in full force and operation, and shall be applied in the collection of the taxes by this act laid and imposed.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That the tax hereby imposed on real and personal property, shall become due and payable for the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, on the first day of April next, and for the year one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, on the thirty-first day of December next, and on the same day annually thereafter.

Approved, February 29, 1816.

CHAP. 52.

AN ACT making compensation to James Kearney for certain services.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That there be allowed and paid to James Kearney, in full, for his services as clerk to the board of appeals, constituted by the act directing a new assessment, passed the twenty-seventh of July last, the sum of ninety dollars, out of the general fund.

Approved, February 29, 1816.

CHAP. 53.

AN ACT making an appropriation for repairs to the Tobacco Warehouse.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding thirty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for defraying the expenses for certain repairs done to the tobacco warehouse, to be paid out of the general fund.

Approved, April 20, 1816.

CHAP. 54.

AN ACT for the relief of William Salter.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the payment of William Salter for certain articles of blacksmiths work furnished and done for the commissioner of the second ward, in July, August, September and October, eighteen hundred and fifteen, the sum of forty-four dollars and ninety-eight and one half cents, be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the second ward.

Approved, April 20, 1816.

CHAP. 55.

AN ACT apportioning the debt due from the corporation among the several wards, to apportion the money to be drawn from the funds of the different wards to be applied to the general fund, and to repeal the act of the 20th September, 1813, providing for the revenue arising from taxes due prior to the 4th of May, 1812.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the debt owing by, and from this corporation on the

fourth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, to wit: to the Bank of Columbia, two thousand dollars; and to the Bank of Washington, fifteen thousand dollars; amounting together to the sum of seventeen thousand dollars, be, and the same is hereby apportioned to, and shall be paid out of the funds arising from taxes on real and personal property in the several wards in the proportions following, to wit:....to the First ward, four thousand five hundred and ten dollars; to the Second ward, five thousand nine hundred and fifty-eight dollars; to the Third ward, three thousand six hundred and fifteen dollars; to the Fourth ward; two thousand nine hundred and seventeen dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the interest which shall have been paid on the said debt since the said fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, shall be calculated and apportioned to the several wards upon the sums attached to the said wards respectively, and if a greater proportion of the same shall have been taken from the funds of any ward or wards than shall have been necessary to discharge the interest on the sum hereby apportioned to such ward or wards, it shall be the duty of the mayor, and he is hereby required, forthwith, to cause such excess of interest to be refunded from the debtor ward or wards to the creditor ward or wards.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the interest of the debt herein specified, shall be paid at such times as may be mutually agreed upon between the banks, to whom the same is owing, and the mayor; and shall be paid out of the general fund to be constituted as is hereafter specified.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That all sums to be drawn from the funds of the several wards to meet demands already authorized and now remaining unsatisfied, and which may hereafter be authorized on the general fund of the corporation, shall be in the proportion which the taxes on real and personal property in each ward bear to the whole amount of taxes on real and personal property within the city of Washington.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted,* That the balances remaining uncollected in the statement rendered by the mayor, May one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, to wit: from the first ward, the sum of three hundred and eight dollars and eighty-four cents; from the second ward, four thousand seven hundred and six dollars and ninety-nine cents; from the third ward one thousand and thirty-six dollars and thirty-two cents; and from the fourth ward, one thousand one hundred and thirty-six dollars and ninety-five cents, be, and the same, when collected, are considered as a joint fund for the payment of all general expenses of the city.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted,* That the act passed on the twentieth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act providing for the revenue arising from taxes due prior to the fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve," be and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, May 10, 1816.

CHAP. 56.

AN ACT to pave the footway on the east side of Seventh street west, between Pennsylvania avenue and B street north, and for other purposes.

WHEREAS more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on the west front of square four hundred and sixty-one, have expressed their desire of improving the same, by setting the kerb-stone and laying the foot pavement:

Sec. 1. *BE it therefore enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot of the ground or lots in the said square number four hundred and sixty-one, fronting on the east side of Seventh street west, between Pennsylvania avenue and B street north, be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the

manner as provided by law for the collection of other taxes on real property within said city: *Provided*, That no more of the above tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the commissioner of the second ward ascertain the proper graduation of the said front of Seventh street west, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan thereof with the register of the city; and immediately after the fifteenth day of July next, the said commissioner shall proceed to set the kerb-stone and to lay the foot pavement with good paving brick, according to the graduation and regulation of the said city: *Provided nevertheless*, That each or any of the owners or proprietors may, on or before the said fifteenth day of July next, cause the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby released: *And provided also*, That it shall not be necessary for the pavement opposite to the unimproved part of the said street to extend more than nine feet from the kerb-stone.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding seventy-five dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 10, 1816.

CHAP. 57.

AN ACT for the preservation of trees on the streets and avenues in the city, and appropriating a certain sum for replacing trees in the second ward.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*,

That if any persons shall break, wound, destroy, or in any manner injure, any of the trees now planted and set, or which may hereafter be planted and set, on any of the streets or avenues in the city of Washington, or any of the boxes or stakes or other protection thereof, each and every persons so offending shall, on conviction, forfeit and pay for each offence a sum not exceeding twenty nor less than five dollars, to be recovered with costs, before any magistrate within the county of Washington.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That if any person shall tie, or in any manner fasten a horse or horses to any of the trees, boxes or other protection thereof, on any of the streets or avenues in said city, each and every such offender shall forfeit and pay for each offence the sum of five dollars, to be recovered as aforesaid.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That one half of said penalties shall go to the informer, the other half to the use of the city; and if any offender under this act shall be a minor, the parent or guardian of such minor; and if an apprentice, the master or mistress of such apprentice shall, respectively, be liable to the penalty as aforesaid; and if any slave shall offend under this act, the owner, or person in whose service the said slave may be, shall pay the penalty.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of one hundred dollars, to be expended under the direction of the mayor, be, and hereby is appropriated for the purpose of replacing and preserving trees on the Pennsylvania avenue, within the limits of the second ward, to be paid out of any money to the credit of said ward, not otherwise appropriated; and that there be an annual appropriation of fifty dollars for said objects to be paid as aforesaid, within the said ward.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That so much of the act, entitled "An act for the preservation of the footways and trees on the streets and avenues in the city," passed the twenty-fifth of March, eighteen hundred and three, as relates to trees on streets and avenues, be, and hereby is repealed.

Approved, May 10, 1816.

CHAP. 58.

AN ACT authorizing the Mayor to purchase a fire Engine for the Fourth ward; and for other purposes.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required to procure on the most reasonable terms, a suitable fire engine for the fourth ward of said city, for the accomplishment of which object, a sum not exceeding nine hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of said ward.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the purposes of erecting an engine house on the market square of said ward, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of said ward, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner, and two assistant commissioners to be appointed by the mayor.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That the engine and house (when completed) shall be under the superintendence of the commissioner of the fourth ward, until a fire company shall be formed and organized, agreeably to existing laws of the corporation, when the same shall be delivered to the company, they first giving bond to the mayor, alderman and council, in the amount of the costs of engine for the faithful preservation of the same.

Approved, May 24, 1846.

 CHAP. 59.

AN ACT allowing additional compensation to the late assessors.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That there

be allowed to the assessors in the first, third and fourth wards of this city, appointed in virtue of the act, entitled "An act providing for a new assessment of real and personal property within said city, and for the appointment of ward assessors," passed on the twenty-seventh of July last, in addition to the compensation allowed them by said act, the sum of twenty dollars each, which shall be a full compensation for services rendered under the act aforesaid, and which shall be paid out of the funds of the wards aforesaid.

Approved, May 24, 1816.

CHAP. 60.

AN ACT making an appropriation, for the expenses of the past and ensuing election.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for defraying the expenses attending the last and the ensuing election for members of the corporation of the city of Washington, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars, be and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 24, 1816.

CHAP. 61.

AN ACT to compensate William Keef, for his services as clerk to the Capitol Hill market.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the treasurer be directed to pay to William Keef, in full com-

pensation for his services as clerk to the Capitol Hill market, the sum of nineteen dollars and fifty cents, to be charged to the account of the third ward.

Approved, May 24, 1816.

CHAP. 62.

AN ACT making an appropriation for defraying the expense incurred in removing a nuisance on the east side of Twelfth street west, between Pennsylvania avenue and E street north.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of fifty-one dollars and fifty-eight cents, be, and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose of defraying expenses incurred in removing a nuisance on the east side of Twelfth street west, between Pennsylvania avenue and E street north. And the same shall be paid under the direction of the mayor, out of any money to the credit of the second ward not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 30, 1816.

RESOLUTION respecting the navigation of the river
Potomac.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That Messrs. Elias B. Caldwell, Frederick May, and John P. Van Ness be, and they are hereby appointed a committee on the part of this corporation, to confer with the committee appointed by the corporation of Georgetown upon "the existing state of the navigation of the river Potomac opposite to the city of Washington, and up to Georgetown," and that they report their proceedings, together with the result of their deliberations, to the council.

Approved, November 20, 1815.

RESOLUTION respecting Memorial to Congress.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it would be highly expedient and beneficial to erect the city of Washington into a port of entry.

Resolved, That John P. Van Ness, Elias B. Caldwell, Frederick May, Joseph Gales, jun. and Roger C. Weightman, be a committee on the part of the corporation to memorialize congress on this subject.

Approved, January 19, 1816.

RESOLUTION respecting taxation by the Levy Court.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That Frederick May, Joseph Gales, jun. Roger C. Weightman, Elias B. Caldwell and John P. Van Ness, together with the mayor of this city be, and they are hereby appointed a committee to represent to congress, the grievance

about to be imposed on this corporation, by the bill now pending before them, granting to the levy court of Washington county the power of taxing this corporation, while it enjoys no control over, or voice in said court.

Approved, February 7, 1816.

RESOLUTION to raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it is expedient, to raise by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars (clear of expenses) in addition to the sums heretofore authorized, for the following objects, viz :

"For building, establishing and endowing two public school houses, on the Lancastrian system; for building a penitentiary, and for building a town house or city hall, in the city of Washington,"

Resolved, That the mayor present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States, and respectfully solicit his approbation.

Approved, April 20, 1816.

APPROVED, May 4, 1816.

JAMES MADISON.

RESOLUTION respecting the fire-engines of the second and third wards.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the mayor be, and he is hereby required, to designate two citizens of the second ward and two citizens of the third ward, whose duty it shall be, in conjunction with the commissioners of said wards, to examine the state of

the fire-engines in the said second and third wards, their fitness for actual service, and if unfit, what expense will be requisite to fit them for efficient use ; and that they be directed to report thereon to the two boards on the second Monday in June next ; that if necessary, the said committee be authorized to consult a person skilled in that branch of mechanics ; and that the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to defray any necessary expenses attending said examination in each ward, out of any monies belonging to the fund of said wards, respectively, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 10, 1816.

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THIRTEENTH COUNCIL.

A list of all the officers of the Corporation.

James H. Blake, *Mayor*,
William Hewitt, *Register*,
Henry Whetcroft, *Treasurer*.

Members of the board of Aldermen.

Toppan Webster, } *First Ward.*
Richard S. Briscoe,

Joseph Gales, junr. Pres't. } *Second Ward.*
George Way,

Alexander M'Cormick, } *Third Ward.*
John G. M'Donald,

Mathew Wright, } *Fourth Ward.*
Joseph Cassin,

William Hewitt, *Secretary*.

Members of the board of Common Council.

William Worthington, } *First Ward.*
James Thompson,
Joseph Mecklin,

Roger C. Weightman, Pres't. } *Second Ward.*
Charles Glover,
Christopher Andrews,

Samuel Burch,
James Young,
Thomas Dunn,

}

Third Ward.

Thomas Haliday,
Shadrach Davis,
Israel Little,

}

Fourth Ward.

Pontius D. Stelle, *Secretary.*

Trustees of the Poor.

Peter Lenox,
William Waters,
Henry Ingle,
Thomas Haliday,
John M. Gowan.

City Surveyor.

Benjamin Henry Latrobe.

Collectors.

Joseph Brumley, *for the First Ward,*
George Andrews, *for the Second Ward,*
Zachariah Walker, *for the Third Ward,*
George Adams, *for the Fourth Ward.*

City Commissioners.

William Waters, *for the First Ward,*
John M. Clelland, *for the Second Ward,*
Henry Ingle, *for Third Ward,*
John W. Brashears, *for the Fourth Ward.*

City Constables.

Nathan Moore, *for the First Ward,*
Brooke Edmonston, *for the Second Ward,*
Lancelot Griffin, *for the Third Ward,*
George Adams, *for the Fourth Ward.*

Wood Corders and Coal Measurers.

Thomas Taylor, junr. *for the First Ward,*
 Samuel Speake, *for the Second Ward,*
 George Sandford, *for the Third Ward,*
 Benjamin Bryan, *for the Fourth Ward,*
 Zachariah Mattingly, *for Greenleaf's Point.*

Inspectors and Measurers of Lumber.

Benjamin M. Belt,
 Benjamin Bryan,
 Clotworthy Stephenson.

Clerks of the Markets.

Philip Williams, *for the West Market,*
 James B. Herd, *for the Centre Market,*
 Augustin Serra, *for the Eastern Branch Market.*

James B. Herd, *Scaler of Weights and Measures.*

William Yeates, *Contractor to keep Pumps and Hydrants in repair.*

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OF
THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

CHAP. 1.

An Act concerning the sessions of the city council of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the despatch of business there shall be held four sessions in each year, in addition to the meeting on the second Monday in June, as by law directed; the first session to commence on the fourth Monday in June; the second on the first Monday in October; the third on the second Monday in March; and the fourth on the second Monday in May: each session to commence at three o'clock, P. M. and continue to adjourn to the same hour from day to day, until all the business requiring the attention of both boards is transacted.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall not be lawful for either board to adjourn for more than one day, without the consent of the other; and all adjournments of stated sessions shall be by joint resolution.

Approved, June 21st, 1816.

CHAP. 2.

AN ACT allowing the Mayor a fee for taking acknowledgments.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and hereby is, entitled to receive one dollar for every acknowledgment of a deed, or other instrument of writing by him taken in his official capacity as Mayor, to be paid by the person for whom the said acknowledgment is taken.

Approved, June 21st, 1816.

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CHAP. 3.

AN ACT supplementary to the act for the appointment of ward collectors, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the collector of any ward in the said city, in case of temporary inability to perform his duty, caused by sickness or other casualty, be, and he is hereby authorized, to employ a deputy during the continuance of such temporary inability, and no longer, for whose acts the said collector shall be, in every respect, responsible.

Approved, June 21st, 1816.

CHAP. 4.

AN ACT making appropriations for improvements in the first ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the first ward, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of said ward, and two citizens thereof, to be appointed by the Mayor, to wit:

For widening Twenty-sixth street west, between Pennsylvania avenue and M street north, the sum of three hundred dollars.

For graduating M street north, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth streets west, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For graduating and gravelling Twenty-first street west, from the Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For graduating and improving Seventeenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to E street north, the sum of one hundred dollars.

Approved, June 21st, 1816.

CHAP. 5.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of streets in the third ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following

sums be, and they are hereby appropriated, for the improvement of streets in the third ward, to wit:

For graduating and gravelling First street east, from the north side of north B street to the south side of B street south, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For graduating and gravelling A street south, from the east side of First street east, to New-Jersey avenue, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For graduating and gravelling A street north, from the east side of First street east, to north Capitol street, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.

For graduating and gravelling B street south, from Pennsylvania avenue to Thomas Claxton's house, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the above appropriations be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the third ward, and two citizens, inhabitants of the Capitol Hill, to be appointed by the Mayor.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That to enable the Mayor to have the said improvements immediately made, he is hereby authorized to borrow from some of the banks in this city, a sum not exceeding two thousand eight hundred dollars, for the repayment of which in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, the taxes of the third ward are hereby pledged.

Approved, June 21st, 1816.

CHAP. 6.

AN ACT making an appropriation for removing nuisances, and for the casual repairs of streets, avenues, bridges, and drains.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of one thousand and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the removal of nuisances, and for the casual repairs of streets, avenues, bridges, and drains, to be charged to each of their respective wards, in the following proportions, that is to say: to the first ward, three hundred dollars; to the second ward, three hundred dollars; to the third ward, two hundred and fifty dollars; to the fourth ward, two hundred dollars; and expended in that proportion in each ward, under the direction of the Mayor.

Approved, June 21st, 1816.

CHAP. 7.

AN ACT making further appropriations for the improvement of the market houses in the second and fourth wards.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of paying the outstanding accounts against the commissioner of the second ward for work done on the market house in said ward (the said accounts being first properly audited and examined by the Register) a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the second ward.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the purpose of repairing the scale house, and for adjusting the scales and weights of the Eastern Branch market house, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the fourth ward.

Approved, June 21st, 1816.

CHAP. 8.

AN ACT to amend an act, entitled "An act to establish and endow a permanent institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the city of Washington shall be erected into two school districts; the first district to be composed of the first and second wards, and the second district to be composed of the third and fourth wards, and that each district shall have its separate board of trustees.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the board of trustees of the first district shall be composed of nine members, resident within said district, six of whom shall be annually chosen by the joint ballot of both boards of the city council, of which number three shall be taken from the first and three from the second ward of the city; and the three remaining members shall be, annually, elected by individuals who have contributed, or may contribute ten dollars or upwards to the promotion of said public school, any thing in any law to the contrary notwithstanding. And the board of trustees of the second district shall consist of seven members, resident within said district, who shall be annually chosen by the joint ballot of both boards of the city council.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 9.

AN ACT making appropriations for the support of the Public Schools.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the support of the public schools of the first and second wards of the city of Washington, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated annually, to be paid to the treasurer of the board of trustees of the public schools of the said wards, quarter-yearly, out of any moneys to the credit of the said first and second wards, in proportion to the relative assessment of each ward for the preceding year.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the support of the public schools of the third and fourth wards of the city of Washington, the sum of six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated for one year, to commence from the passage hereof, to be paid to the treasurer of the board of trustees of said wards, quarter-yearly, out of any moneys to the credit of the third and fourth wards, in proportion to the number of pupils educated from each ward.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That so much of the act to establish and endow a permanent institution for the education of youth in the city of Washington, as provides that the annual election of trustees shall take place on the second Monday of July, be, and the same is hereby repealed: and any period within the second session of the council, commencing on the fourth Monday of June, for the said annual election, is hereby substituted.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 10.

AN ACT authorizing the Mayor to purchase a fire engine for the first ward, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required, to procure on the most reasonable terms, a suitable fire engine for the first ward of said city, for the accomplishment of which object, a sum not exceeding twelve hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of the funds of the first ward.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the purpose of erecting an engine house, and procuring a suitable number of ladders and fire hooks, a sum not exceeding three hundred and fifty

dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the first ward, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the said ward, and of two citizens, to be appointed by the Mayor; and that the engine house be erected on the market square, called the "West Market."

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the engine house, ladders, and fire hooks, shall be under the superintendence of the commissioner of the first ward, until a fire company shall be formed and organized agreeably to existing laws of the Corporation, when the same shall be delivered to the said company.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 11.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the fourth ward, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated out of any moneys belonging to the fourth ward, not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of improving L street south, between Fourth and Eighth streets east, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the said ward, and of two citizens, residing in the neighborhood, to be appointed by the Mayor.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of two hundred dollars, appropriated for opening south G street, from Eleventh street east, to Pennsylvania avenue, by an act approved July 15, 1814, be, and the same is hereby transferred for the purpose of opening and repairing the said street, between Eleventh and Fourth streets east, in the said ward.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 12.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of certain streets and avenues in the third ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of graduating and improving certain streets and avenues in the third ward, in the manner hereinafter specified, the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the third ward not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of said ward, and of two citizens from the

neighborhood of said improvements, to be appointed by the Mayor.

For improving south N street, from Third street east, to Second street west, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving New Jersey avenue, from the canal to the Eastern Branch, three hundred dollars.

For improving Georgia avenue, from Fourth street east, to New Jersey avenue, one hundred dollars.

For improving Fourth street east, from Virginia avenue, to the Eastern Branch, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For gravelling Second street east, from Maryland avenue, to the northern boundary of the city, three hundred dollars.

For opening and gravelling First street east, from the canal, to south N street, three hundred dollars.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 13.

AN ACT supplementary to "An act imposing annual taxes and providing for their collection," passed August the seventh, one thousand eight hundred and twelve.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That if, at any sale, by either of the ward collectors, of property for taxes due to the Corporation of said city, the purchaser or purchasers thereof shall fail to pay to the collector on demand the whole amount of the purchase, where said property sells for less than enough to cover the taxes and expenses of sale, or so much thereof, where it does sell for more, as the laws of this Corporation require, the said collector be, and he is hereby authorized, to publicly resell the said property, giving three days' notice thereof; and he is hereby authorized to refuse the bid for said property, at such resale, of any purchaser or purchasers, or person or persons, who shall have previously bid for said, or any other property, and shall not have complied with the terms of sale.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That any person failing to comply with the terms of a sale, as above described, shall be chargeable with the expenses attending any resale as above directed to be made; and the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to prosecute, in the name and for the use of the Corporation, any such person or persons, for such expenses of resale.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 14.

AN ACT regulating the sale of rye meal in the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That all rye meal which shall, after the first day of August next, be sold within the city of Washington, shall be sold by weight, at the rate of forty-eight pounds, avoirdupois, to the bushel, under the penalty of one dollar; for every bushel sold otherwise; and the said penalty shall be recoverable before any justice of the peace for the county of Washington, in the same manner as small debts are by law recoverable; one-half thereof shall go to the person who shall give information and prosecute for the same, the other half to the use of the city.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 15.

AN ACT making an appropriation for filling up the low grounds to Canal street, between Seventh and Twelfth streets west, in the second ward, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for filling up the low grounds between Pennsylvania avenue and Canal street, and Seventh and Twelfth streets west, being streets or public appropriations; which sum the Mayor is hereby authorized and required to borrow from any bank who will loan the same, and which shall be charged to, and be paid out of, the funds of the second ward.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for the purpose of filling up such parts of squares No. 324, 350, 381, and 382, as are overflowed by the tides, a tax of five cents per square foot, be assessed, levied and collected, upon said squares. And it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward to fill in such squares, or parts of squares, the expense of which to be defrayed out of the funds of the said ward: *Provided, nevertheless,* That each or any of the proprietors may cause their proportion of such squares to be filled in and raised to the proper graduation, at his, her or their own expense; and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such parts of squares as aforesaid, shall be, and the same is hereby released: *And provided also,* That the operation of this act shall not take effect until such time as the canal company shall have commenced

and progressed in the work contemplated by the "Resolution authorizing the Washington canal company to make a basin between Tenth and Twelfth streets west, and south of squares No. 324 and 350, as part of the canal," of which the Mayor shall be the judge.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the appropriations hereby made shall be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the second ward, assisted by two respectable citizens, to be appointed by the Mayor, from the neighborhood of the improvement.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That whenever the Washington canal company shall have provided a sufficient extent of wharf front to their canal, west of Seventh street west, and not less than forty feet wide, on the north side thereof, to accommodate the vessels and boats arriving therein, for the purpose of unloading, of which the Mayor shall be the judge, that thereafter it shall not be lawful for any boat or vessel to unload on any of the public streets, avenues, or wharves, without the authority of this Corporation, expressed by a special law; except boats bringing meats, fish, vegetables, and other market stuffs to market.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That if the President of the United States should approve of the resolution passed by this Corporation, entitled "Resolution authorizing the Washington canal company to make a basin between Tenth and Twelfth streets west, and south of squares No. 324 and 350, as part of the canal," the foregoing act shall remain in full force and virtue, otherwise to be null and void.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 16.

AN ACT to provide for the more effectual assessment of property, and to establish a board of appeal.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it shall be the duty of the Mayor, during the present session of the city council, for the present year, or at any time within ten days after the passage of this act, and on or before the last day of June annually thereafter, to appoint, with the consent of the board of aldermen, one discreet citizen from each ward, being a resident and freeholder therein, to act as assessors of real and personal property in said city, each of whom, before he enters on the duties of his office, shall take and subscribe an oath or affirmation before one of the justices of the peace for the coun-

ty of Washington, "diligently, faithfully, and impartially, to perform the several duties enjoined on him by this act, to the best of his ability and judgment;" which oath or affirmation shall be filed in the Register's office; and the said assessors, when so appointed and qualified, shall be, and they are hereby authorized and directed, collectively, to value and assess all the real and personal property in this city, not before entered on the assessment lists, and to revalue any real or personal property previously assessed, which in their opinion may have enhanced or diminished in value subsequently to the preceding assessment: *Provided*, That all valuations and assessments, under and by virtue of this act, shall be rated according to the supposed worth of the property in ready money, and without reference to any former assessment; and the said assessors shall lay before the board of appeal, hereinafter constituted, on or before the third Monday in September next, and annually thereafter, a fair and correct alphabetical list of the owners or supposed owners of the property so valued or revalued, (together with a numerical list of the squares and lots,) stating, separately, the names of those resident within the district of Columbia, those resident in the United States, without the district of Columbia, and those residing without the United States, with the amounts for which they are severally assessed for real and personal property. And they shall, within ten days after completing their whole assessment, deliver, or leave at the usual place of abode of residents of the city, (and of non-residents through the medium of the post office,) notices, in writing, containing the amount of such assessment, distinguishing the real, from the personal property.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said assessors shall be allowed, as a compensation for their services, the sum of three dollars, each, per day, for each day they shall have been actually employed in performing the duties aforesaid: *Provided*, The number of days shall not exceed thirty.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the assessors aforesaid be, and they are hereby authorized, to require from the owners, occupants, or possessors of any property, subject to taxation, such information as may be deemed material or necessary for its just and fair valuation; and if any such person shall refuse to give, or shall withhold, such information, when thereto required by the said assessors, or shall knowingly and wilfully misrepresent or conceal any property, after being informed of the provisions of this act, he, she, or they, so offending, shall forfeit and pay, for every such offence, the sum of five dollars, and shall, moreover, forfeit the right of appeal hereinafter grant-

ed; and in all cases, where accurate information cannot be obtained, the assessors shall value the property to the best of their knowledge.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor shall, on or before the first Monday of September next, and annually thereafter, appoint four discreet freeholders, one of whom shall reside in each ward, who, together, shall constitute a board of appeal, and who shall meet at the council chamber on the third Monday of September next, and annually thereafter, and there remain from day to day, not exceeding ten days, (Sundays excepted,) from nine o'clock in the morning, to three o'clock in the evening, of which meeting the Register shall give public notice in the Washington newspapers, at least ten days previous thereto; each of whom, before entering on the duties of his office, shall take an oath or affirmation, "well and truly to perform the duties imposed on him by this act, to the best of his skill and judgment;" which oath or affirmation shall be filed in the Register's office: And the said board of appeals shall have power to hear and decide on all appeals, to abate, increase, alter, and amend, any assessment previously made, and to equalize the valuation of all assessable property within the said city, whether the same be appealed from or not, so as to place it on a footing with other property of equal value: *Provided*, That they shall give notice of any increase they may make to the person or persons to whom the property may belong, or their agent or agents, before they pass their final decision upon the same; and they shall, immediately after completing their duties, deposite with the Register the assessment lists, with such alterations and amendments as they may have made.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That the members of the said board of appeal shall be allowed and paid, as a compensation for their services, the sum of three dollars per day for each day they shall attend in discharge of the duty hereby imposed. *Provided*, The number of days shall not exceed ten.

Sec. 6. *And be it enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 17.

AN ACT for the preservation of springs, wells, hydrants, and pumps, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it shall not be

lawful for any person to clean fish, water horses, or fill and leave barrels or casks at any of the public springs, pumps, wells, or hydrants, in this city; nor shall any person or persons do any other act in or near the said springs, pumps, wells, or hydrants, whereby the water may be made impure. And any person offending herein, shall be subject to a penalty of five dollars for every offence, one half for the use of the informer, and the other half for the use of this Corporation, recoverable before any justice of the peace for the county of Washington.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to purchase two sites within the second ward, containing a spring or springs, which he may deem of importance to be owned by the Corporation, or otherwise useful for the purpose of providing a good supply of pure water. And the amount of such purchases shall be paid out of the funds of the second ward, and such other ward as may be benefitted thereby, in proportion to the benefit each will likely derive.

Approved, July 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 18.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of streets and avenues in the second ward, and making an appropriation between the first and second wards of the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for the improvement of streets and avenues in the second ward of the city, to wit:

For the purpose of gravelling C street north, between Four and a half and Sixth street west, and paving the gutters on said street, from the hydrant, on the south, and the Bath house, on the north side, to Sixth street west, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For completing Sixth street west, from north E street, to Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For gravelling Seventh street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to F street north, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For graduating and gravelling north E street, from Eighth to Ninth streets west, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For gravelling and paying gutters on Twelfth street west, from the Tiber bridge to F street, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving and gravelling Pennsylvania avenue, from

Ninth to Tenth streets west, one hundred and fifty dollars, and for improving the residue of said avenue, within the second ward, one hundred dollars.

For filling in, paving, and otherwise completing, the Centre market house, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving and gravelling Tenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north C street, fifty dollars.

For the repair of the bridges across the Tiber, at Seventh and Twelfth streets west, two hundred dollars.

For gravelling Twelfth street west, south of the Tiber, to Maryland avenue, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary of the city, two hundred dollars.

For improving F street north, from Tenth street west, to Fourteenth street west, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving E street north, between Ninth and Fourteenth streets west, three hundred dollars.

For improving Thirteenth street west, from the Pennsylvania avenue to F street north, two hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sums hereby appropriated, be paid out of any money in the treasury, to the credit of the second ward, not otherwise appropriated, and expended under the direction of the commissioner of said ward, and two citizens, to be appointed by the Mayor.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That for improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of two hundred dollars be appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the first ward.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

CHAP. 19.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the purchase of bulls.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars be, and hereby is appropriated, for the purchase of four bulls, for the use of this city, one-fourth of said sum to be taken from the funds of each ward: *Provided*, That no ward shall be charged with more than the cost of the bull, and the necessary expenses of procuring the same.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the said appropriation shall be expended by the ward commissioners, whose duty it shall

be to procure one for their respective wards, and take the same into his charge; and that all necessary expenses attending the keeping the same, shall be defrayed under the direction of the Mayor, out of the funds of this Corporation.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.



CHAP. 20.

AN ACT for the relief of John M'Gowan and George Blagden.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any of the funds of the third ward, not heretofore appropriated by law; for refunding to John M'Gowan the sum of two hundred and twenty-seven dollars and ninety-eight cents; and to George Blagden the sum of one hundred dollars, being sums expended by them in repairing and gravelling Third street east, from Virginia avenue to the Eastern Branch, exceeding the appropriation authorized by law for that object.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.



CHAP. 21.

AN ACT for the relief of the Washington Canal Company.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money of the second ward not heretofore appropriated by law, for refunding to the Washington Canal Company that amount, the same having been expended by said company in making abutments and filling up on each side of Twelfth street west, near the bridge on said street.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.



CHAP. 22.

AN ACT to alter the time for the meeting of the first board of appeal, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the board of appeal, which stands adjourned to the twenty-third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen be, and the

same is hereby declared to be adjourned until the third Monday in October next, any thing in the law, entitled "An act to provide for the more effectual assessment of property, and to establish a board of appeal," to the contrary notwithstanding. And on the said third Monday in October next, the members of the board of appeal shall meet at the time and place, and continue to set, as prescribed in the above recited act.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the proviso in the fourth section of the above recited act, which requires the board of appeal to give notice of any increase which they may make to the assessment, as returned by the assessors, before they shall finally decide on the same be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the assessment lists of the wards which have been returned to the board of appeal, be returned to the assessors of the said wards, and that the Mayor be, and he hereby is required, to instruct the several assessors appointed under the act aforesaid, to have a joint meeting, and carefully, jointly to revise their several assessments, so that property of a certain value, lying in any part of the city, shall not be assessed at a greater or less price than property of relative value lying in another part of the city, or in the neighborhood thereof, and to make a joint return of such list, when so revised and corrected, to the board of appeal, on or before the said third Monday in October next.

Approved, September 27th, 1816.

CHAP. 23.

AN ACT making appropriations for the general expenses of the Corporation of the city of Washington, for the year ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of defraying the general expenses of the Corporation of the city of Washington, for the year ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, that is to say :

For compensation to the Mayor, five hundred dollars.

For compensation to the Register, in addition to the fees and emoluments granted by law, eight hundred dollars.

For compensation to the treasurer, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For compensation to the commissioners, being two hundred dollars each, eight hundred dollars.

For compensation to the constables, being two hundred dollars each, subject however to the terms and conditions prescribed by an act passed thirtieth May, one thousand eight hundred and seven, eight hundred dollars, any thing in any act to the contrary notwithstanding.

For compensation to the inspector of tobacco, two hundred dollars.

For compensation to the members of the board of aldermen and board of common council, estimated twenty members, at two dollars per day, for twenty-five days, one thousand dollars.

For compensation to the secretaries of the two boards, being one hundred and fifty dollars each, three hundred dollars.

For compensation to the clerks of markets, being seventy-five cents for each day they shall attend their respective markets, on market days, and estimated for two hundred and eight market days, for four markets, six hundred and twenty-four dollars: *Provided, nevertheless*, that if it shall appear to the Mayor, that either of the markets is not frequented or used, that the compensation of the clerk attached to that market shall thereupon cease.

For support of the poor, aged, and infirm of the city of Washington, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the poor, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For compensation to the trustees of the poor, being two dollars for each trustee, for each day he shall attend any general meeting of the trustees, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

For compensation to the assessors, estimated four assessors, at three dollars per day, for thirty days, three hundred and sixty dollars.

For compensation to the members of the board of appeal, estimated four members, at three dollars per day, for ten days, one hundred and twenty dollars.

For the payment of interest due on the bank debts of the Corporation, or so much as may be necessary for that purpose, one thousand three hundred dollars.

For defraying the expenses of the city council, including house rent, fuel, and stationary, and other incidental expenses, to be expended under the direction of the Register, or so much as may be necessary for that purpose, five hundred and fifty dollars.

For compensation to the constables for killing dogs, or so much as may be necessary for that purpose, fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sums of money hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of the general account (or fund) of the Corporation; and whenever there shall not be a sufficient sum to the credit of the said account, to meet the appropriations made by this act, the Mayor, in that case, is hereby authorized to draw by warrant, from the funds of the several wards, such sum as may be necessary, and in the proportions as by law directed, and place the same to the credit of the said general account; and it shall be the duty of the Mayor not to issue any warrant for a ward expenditure, unless he shall be satisfied, that there are sufficient funds provided for all objects of a general nature.

Approved, October 11th, 1816.

CHAP. 24.

AN ACT supplementary to the act, entitled "An act for the appointment of ward collectors, and for other purposes."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required, on or about the first day of January next, and annually thereafter, and also whenever a vacancy shall happen by death, resignation, or otherwise, to appoint one discreet and prudent citizen in each ward of this city, who shall, at the time of his appointment, reside in the ward for which he shall be appointed, and shall continue to reside therein during such appointment, as collector of the taxes due this Corporation; which appointment shall be submitted to the board of aldermen, at their first session thereafter.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of said collectors, to do and perform all such matters and things, which have, or may be, imposed on them by the laws of this Corporation, to collect all taxes placed in their respective hands by the Register, and deposit all moneys by them received, on or before the first day of every month, in the Bank of Washington, to the credit of the ward for which the same shall be received.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the appointment of the present collectors shall cease and determine from and after the thirty-first day of December next, and all future appointments of collectors shall cease and determine on the thirty-first day of December, annually; and it shall also be the duty of said collectors, within ten days after the expiration of the time they

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shall respectively act as such, to return to the Register the list of taxes for the preceding year, which had been placed in their hands for collection, noting opposite the name of each person on said list, whether the taxes charged to such person, or any part thereof, have been paid, and by whom, and if not paid, the reason why, with such other remarks as may be explanatory of the case. And if any collector shall fail to make return of the lists aforesaid, within the time herein limited for that purpose, he shall forfeit and pay the sum of one hundred dollars to this Corporation; and it shall also be their duty, within the said period of ten days, to settle their respective accounts with the Register.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Register, in making out said lists, to observe the following rule, to wit: All taxes against any person residing in the city of Washington, shall be placed in the hands, or on the list, of the collector of the ward in which such person shall reside, and all taxes against non-residents, shall be placed in the hands, or on the list, of the collector of the ward in which the greatest amount of taxes shall be charged against such non-resident. And in the said list shall be stated, the residence of the person charged, the agent, if any, the amount of taxes due in each ward, and the years for which the same shall be due.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all such acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

CHAP. 25.

AN ACT to prohibit persons from depositing earth on the east side of Rock creek, within the limits of Washington city.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to deposit earth on the east side of Rock creek, within the limits of this Corporation, without having first made a wall sufficiently strong to prevent the same from falling into the water of said creek, and shall keep the said wall in repair.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That a fine of twenty dollars be imposed for every infraction of this act, to be recovered as other fines imposed by this Corporation, one half to the use of the person informing, the other to the use of the Corporation.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

CHAP. 26.

AN ACT for lighting certain public squares and spaces within the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for lighting such of the public squares or spaces within this city, as the Mayor may think necessary, the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be charged to the respective wards in which the same shall be expended.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

CHAP. 27.

AN ACT making an appropriation for repairs done to the tobacco warehouse.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of fourteen dollars and eighty-two cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be applied to the discharge of a debt due for repairs done to the tobacco warehouse.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

CHAP. 28.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the improvement of New-York avenue, from Sixteenth street west, to Twenty-first street west.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the improvement of New-York avenue, from Sixteenth street west, to Twenty-first street west, to be paid out of any money in the treasury, to the credit of the first ward, not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the ward, and two respectable citizens, to be appointed by the Mayor.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

CHAP. 29.

AN ACT making appropriations in the second ward of the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for complet-

ing the graduation and gravelling Thirteenth street west, between F street north and Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for completing the centre market house, including shingling, sheathing, rafters, and plates, brick piers, carpenter's work for shed, stalls on the north and south sides, and filling up on the north and south sides, and railing, the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the sums hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of the moneys to the credit of the second ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

CHAP. 30.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of south L street building a bridge across the canal, on New-Jersey avenue, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of improving south L street, from Fourth to Eighth street east, to be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the fourth ward, not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the fourth ward, and two respectable citizens in the neighborhood of said improvement.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of three thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of erecting a stone or brick bridge across the canal on New-Jersey avenue, to be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the third ward, not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner, together with two respectable citizens, to be appointed by the Mayor.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor be, and he hereby is authorized, to borrow the sum of eight hundred dollars, reimbursable in one year, that sum being an unexpended balance for the improvement of Fourth street east, heretofore appropriated.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

CHAP. 31.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the improvement of the market square in the fourth ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of graduating the ground about the Eastern Branch market house, under the direction of the commissioner of the fourth ward, with two assistants, respectable inhabitants in the neighborhood, to be appointed by the Mayor, and the same to be charged to the funds of the fourth ward.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

CHAP. 32.

AN ACT for the relief of John Coyle, Thomas Claxton, and Francis Pic, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the third ward, not otherwise appropriated, to wit: forty-seven dollars and eighty-three cents, for refunding to John Coyle, Thomas Claxton, and Francis Pic, the amount expended by them, over and above the appropriation made for improving south B street, from New-Jersey avenue to First street east, in eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Twenty dollars and thirty cents, for removing the earth which has fallen from the bank on the brick paved foot-way on the south side of south B street, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the third ward.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

CHAP. 33.

AN ACT to pave the foot-way on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets west, and for other purposes.

Whereas more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses, on square three hundred and forty-nine, on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same, by setting the curb stone, and laying the foot-pavement, agreeably to the graduation of said street, and the regulations of the city of Washington; therefore,

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot of the ground or lots in the said square, number three hundred and forty-nine, fronting on the south side of Pennsylvania avenue, between Tenth and Eleventh streets west be, and the same is hereby laid, for the purpose hereinafter mentioned; to be collected in the manner prescribed by law, for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided*, That no more of the said tax be collected than will be necessary for the purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of Pennsylvania avenue, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan of the same with the Register of the said city; and immediately after the twelfth day of May next, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the curb stone, and to lay the foot-pavement, with good paving brick, according to the graduation of said avenue: *Provided, nevertheless*, that each, or any of the proprietors may, on or before the said twelfth day of May, cause their proportion of the same to be done, at his, her, or their own expense, and, if approved by the Mayor, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act, without delay, the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to advance to the said commissioner, such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding four hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the second ward not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of one hundred dollars is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of paving the gutter of the said part of Pennsylvania avenue.

Approved, March 15th, 1817.

CHAP. 34.

AN ACT to pave the footway and gutter on the north side of I street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets west.

Whereas more than two thirds of the inhabitants of occupied houses on square number seventy-eight, fronting on the north side of I street north, between Twentieth and Twenty-first street west, having expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the curb stone, and laying the foot-pavement,

agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington; therefore,

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a tax of two dollars per front foot of the ground or lots in the said square, numbered seventy-eight, fronting on the north side of I street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets west be, and the same is hereby laid for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, to be collected in the manner provided by law for the collection of other taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided,* That no more of the tax be collected than will be necessary for the purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the first ward to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of I street north, the number of front feet and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan of the same with the Register of the city; and immediately after the first day of June next, the commissioner of the first ward shall proceed to set the curb stone, and to lay the foot-pavement with good paving brick, according to the graduation and regulation of the said city: *Provided nevertheless,* That each of the owners or proprietors may, on or before the said first day of June next, cause the same to be done at his, her, or their expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property, shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in order to carry into effect the object of this act, without delay, the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding two hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the first ward not otherwise appropriated. And the sum of seventy-five dollars is hereby appropriated for paving the gutter on the north side of I street north, and between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets west, out of any money to the credit of the first ward, not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the commissioner of the first ward.

Approved, March 15th, 1817.

CHAP. 35.

AN ACT in addition to the "Act making an appropriation for filling up the low grounds to Canal street, between Seventh and Twelfth streets west, in the second ward, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of com-

mon council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to pledge and to appropriate so much of the taxes of the second ward for the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, as will be necessary to repay the sum of two thousand dollars, heretofore authorized to be borrowed by the above recited act.

Approved, March 15th, 1817.

CHAP. 36.

AN ACT requiring annual licenses to be taken out by the owners of carts, wagons and drays.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the first Monday in April next, and annually thereafter, it shall be the duty of the owner or agents of all carts, wagons and drays, hired for gain within this Corporation, to take out a license, the number of which to have painted in large legible figures, on each side of said cart, wagon and dray, together with the capital letters W C corresponding with the number of the licenses, which the Register of said Corporation shall issue on application being made to him, beginning with the lowest number for each description of carriages, and so on progressively, upon the terms following, to wit: for each license for a wagon five dollars, and for each and every cart or dray, two dollars, for the use of this Corporation.

Sec. 2. And be it enacted, That all licenses granted under this act shall be entered in a book, kept by the Register for that purpose, who shall issue his receipt, in the form of a permit or license to the person or persons so applying, and shall receive for each and every permit or license, the sum of fifty cents; and in all cases of issuing to non-residents, three times the abovementioned sum, as well for the license as for issuing.

Sec. 3. And be it enacted, That for all infractions or violations of the foregoing sections, the following fines or penalties are hereby imposed; that is to say: for each wagon, a sum not exceeding twenty, nor less than five dollars, and for each and every cart and dray, a sum not exceeding ten, nor less than two dollars, to be recovered of the owner or agent of said wagons, carts and drays, as other fines and penalties are for violations of any of the city regulations.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

CHAP. 37.

AN ACT to regulate party fences.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the passage of this act, all partition or party fences shall be made and kept in good and sufficient repair, by the proprietors of the ground on each side, at their joint expense: *Provided,* The ground on each side shall be enclosed, used, or occupied.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That if any person, whose duty it shall be to make or keep in good repair, any fence, or part of a fence, shall refuse or neglect so to do, for five days after request being made by the other party interested, or his agent, then it shall be lawful for the party so making request, as aforesaid, to make or repair the whole fence; or part of a fence, and to recover one half of the expense thereof, from the person so refusing or neglecting, in the manner as provided by law: *Provided,* That no fence erected under the authority of this act, shall be less than five or more than seven feet in height, except by the consent of the parties interested on both sides of such fence: *And provided also,* That the expense of making such fence, shall not exceed six cents per square foot, except by the consent of the parties aforesaid.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That if any person shall enclose ground adjoining to that already enclosed, whereby he, she, or they shall be benefitted by any fence before erected, the person so benefitted shall pay therefor a just and reasonable compensation; regard being had to the condition of the fence at the time.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted,* That all party fences shall be erected and placed on, or as near the division line as possible; and if any difference shall arise concerning the line or lines on which a fence shall or may have been erected, or on which a fence may be about being erected, either party is hereby authorized to cause such line or lines to be laid off by the city surveyor, on giving at least twelve hours notice to the other party or parties interested, or to his or their agent or agents; and the said surveyor shall measure and lay off the said line or lines so in dispute, and mark the same by a ground mark, the expenses whereof shall be equally defrayed by the parties interested: *Provided,* That the provisions of this section shall extend only to cases where the ground on each side is enclosed, used or occupied.

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CHAP. 38.

AN ACT amendatory to the act, entitled "An act to prevent Swine from going at large, and for other purposes," passed October the twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and nine.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not only be lawful, but the duty of the police constables of said city, to seize and carry any animal of the hog kind, that may be found going or remaining at large in this city, south of Massachusetts avenue, which may come to their sight or knowledge, to the keeper of the poor house, for the use of the poor, who shall receive and keep the same until the next meeting of the trustees of the poor, by whom the said animal shall be valued, and they shall thereupon pay the officer or other person delivering the same, half of such valuation.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That for every neglect or refusal, by any constable as aforesaid, to comply with the provisions of the foregoing section, he shall incur a penalty of a sum not exceeding twenty, nor less than five dollars, to be recovered as other fines or penalties are, for violations of any of the city regulations.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That all parts of former acts, which are inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

CHAP. 39.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of streets and avenues in the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of improving the streets and avenues of the said city, the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated, that is to say:

IN THE FIRST WARD.

For opening and improving north M street, from Twenty-fourth to Twenty-sixth streets, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For contingent improvements, three hundred dollars.

IN THE SECOND WARD.

For opening and improving Delaware avenue, from the centre of Second street west, to south O street, three hundred dollars.

For opening and improving Four and a half street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to O street south, the sum of five hundred dollars.

For paving the gutters on the east and west side of Ninth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to D street north, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

For improving Eleventh street west, and arching the drain on the east side of said street, from north F street to north E street, the sum of eight hundred dollars.

IN THE THIRD WARD.

For opening and improving Delaware avenue, from the Capitol to the centre of Second street west, the sum of eight hundred dollars.

For opening and improving north Capitol street, from New York avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of three hundred dollars.

For opening and improving B street south, from Second to Third streets east, the sum of two hundred dollars.

IN THE FOURTH WARD.

For improving Georgia avenue, from Eighth to Ninth streets east, the sum of one hundred dollars; and that the appropriation made the fifteenth July, eighteen hundred and fourteen, "For opening south G street, from Eleventh street east, to Pennsylvania avenue, two hundred dollars" be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sums herein before appropriated, be paid out of any money in the treasury, to the credit of the respective wards not otherwise appropriated, and shall be expended under the direction of the city commissioner of each ward respectively, and of two citizens, whom the Mayor shall appoint from the neighborhood of such improvement: *Provided, however*, That no part of the sums hereby appropriated shall be drawn from the treasury, unless by the order or draft of at least two of the three persons under whose superintendence the same is to be expended, of which one shall be the city commissioner; nor unless the said order or draft specifies the appropriation and ward to which the same is to be charged.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to obtain a loan of the sums, or any of them,

hereinbefore appropriated, from any person or persons disposed to make the same without interest, to be reimbursed to such person or persons at a period of not less than three years.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

CHAP. 40.

AN ACT supplementary to the act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the Corporation of the city of Washington, for the year ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of defraying the judicial expenses that may arise in certain cases, the sum of two hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury, to the credit of the general fund, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

CHAP. 41.

AN ACT to purchase a fire engine for the second ward, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to purchase as soon as may be, for the use of the second ward, of William C. Hunneman, of Boston, one of his best improved fire engines, and that a sum not exceeding six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the said ward, for the purchase of the said engine, and the freight and other expenses in bringing it from Boston. And that the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to borrow the money to pay for the same from any of the banks of the city of Washington.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the sum of twenty-five dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, annually, for the keeping in repair the several engines in this city, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner in each ward, together with the president or other officer of the fire company to which the engine may belong; and to be paid out of the funds of the ward to which each engine may belong.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

CHAP. 42.

AN ACT authorizing an advance of money to Cornelius F. de Krafft, for certain services.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be authorized to advance to Cornelius F. de Krafft, out of any money in the treasury, to the credit of the general fund, not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred dollars, being part of the compensation allowed by a resolution of the council passed the twelfth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, for the purpose of making a copy of the squares in the city, and the graduation of the streets.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Mayor be, and he hereby is also authorized and directed, to pay to the said Cornelius F. de Krafft, the sum of ninety dollars, as a full compensation for his services, as clerk to the board of appeals, from the twenty-first day of October, to the twenty-first day of November, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

CHAP. 43.

AN ACT granting permission to Nicholas L. Queen to use or remove the earth from south M street, between south Capitol street and Half street east.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That permission be, and is hereby granted, to Nicholas L. Queen to use and remove the earth from M street south, between south Capitol street and Half street east, under the direction of the city surveyor: *Provided,* he does not go below the graduation, or make any excavation on said street, that will hold or retain water.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the act, entitled "An act authorizing the city commissioners to permit excavations and filling up of streets," passed on the twenty-ninth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eight be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

CHAP. 44.

AN ACT for the relief of Charles S. Ashworth.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of

the fine incurred by Charles S. Ashworth, for an obstruction on Virginia avenue, as accrues to the Corporation be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

CHAP. 45.

AN ACT for the relief of James Middleton.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of paying James Middleton for extra work done on the wharf on Seventeenth street west, as awarded to him by Henry Smith and William Knowles, the sum of one hundred and seventy-three dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any funds to the credit of the first ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

CHAP. 46.

AN ACT making an appropriation for opening and improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to Canal street.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for opening and improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to Canal street, the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid in equal proportions out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the first and second wards, and expended under the direction of the commissioners of said wards, and two assistant commissioners, to be approved by the Mayor, from the neighborhood of said improvements.

Approved, May 26th, 1817.

CHAP. 47.

AN ACT granting permission to Adam Mayne and Michael Kreger, to make brick in square eighty-one, as well as to use and remove the earth in Twenty-fourth street west, between H and I streets north.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That permission be, and is hereby granted, to Adam Mayne and Michael Kreger,

to make brick in square eighty-one, on their own ground, as well as to use and remove a high ridge or bank of earth in Twenty-fourth street west, between H and I streets north, under the direction of the commissioner of the first ward, and the surveyor of the city: *Provided*, They do not go below the graduation, or make an excavation that will hold water.

Approved, May 26th, 1817.

CHAP. 48.

AN ACT supplementary to "An act making appropriations for the general expenses of the Corporation of the city of Washington, for the year ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for compensation to the members of the board of aldermen and board of common council, estimating for twenty members, at two dollars per day for four days, the additional sum of one hundred and sixty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the general fund of the Corporation.

Approved, May 26th, 1817.

CHAP. 49.

AN ACT making a further appropriation for Frederick Cornelius de Krafft, for copying the squares and graduations of the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for compensating Frederick Cornelius de Krafft, for copying the squares and graduations of the city of Washington, the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the general account, on completing and delivering of the copies hereinbefore mentioned, to the Mayor of this city.

Approved, May 26th, 1817.

CHAP. 50.

AN ACT for the relief of Samuel Speake.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of

six dollars and fifty cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid to Samuel Speake, for the services of his servant, in cleaning out and removing obstructions to the passage of the water from the fountain or spring on F street.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum above appropriated, be paid out of the funds of the second ward, and not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 26th, 1817.

CHAP. 51.

AN ACT for the relief of William M'Caffray.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the fines incurred by William M'Caffray, for retailing spirituous liquors on the Sabbath, as accrues to the Corporation be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, May 26th, 1817.

CHAP. 52.

AN ACT for the relief of Benjamin H. Latrobe.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the general fund, for the purpose of compensating Benjamin H. Latrobe, for services rendered as surveyor of this city, from the third of June to the third of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Approved, May 26th, 1817.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Washington Canal Company to make a basin between Tenth and Twelfth streets west, and south of squares 324 and 350, as part of the canal.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Washington Canal Company be, and are hereby authorized, to make a basin on the north side of the canal, front of squares No. 324 and 350, and between Tenth and Twelfth streets west: *Provided*, That a street of at least one hundred feet wide be left around the basin, eighty feet of which shall be made by the Washington Canal Company: *And provided, also*, That the

depth of the water in the basin shall, at no time, be less than three feet at low tide. And the basin, hereby authorized, shall be considered as a part of the canal; and the Washington Canal Company shall be entitled to all the privileges and advantages of wharfage possessed by them in any other part of the canal.

Resolved, That the Mayor present the foregoing resolution to the president of the United States, and respectfully solicit his approbation thereof.

Approved, June 28th, 1816.

Approved, July 22d, 1816,

JAMES MADISON.

RESOLUTION granting permission to certain persons to fit up the market house on East Capitol street, for the accommodation of the Circuit and Supreme courts.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, authorized and required, to grant to the marshal of the district of Columbia, or to any association of the citizens of this city, who may apply for the same, permission to fit up the market house erected on East Capitol street, in such manner as they may deem proper as a court house, for the temporary accommodation of such of the courts of the United States as hold their sessions at the seat of the general government: *Provided however*, That before such permission is given, the person or persons applying therefor, shall give to the Mayor satisfactory security, that when the said house shall be no longer necessary for the purpose aforesaid, or when this Corporation shall think proper to appropriate it to the use for which it was originally designed, which privilege is hereby reserved, it shall be restored without injury.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

RESOLUTION respecting the graduation of streets.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby directed, to employ some skilful and competent person to make a copy of the book of squares and lots of this city, with their dimensions and contents, including the graduations of streets, as also of such books as he shall deem indispensable in the execution of the duties of the office of the
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surveyor of the city of Washington: *Provided*, That the expense thereof shall not exceed three hundred dollars.

Approved, October 12th, 1816.

RESOLUTION to license George Miller, senior, and William Digges, to make bricks.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the commissioner of the first ward be, and he is hereby directed, to license George Millers, enior, and William Digges, to erect and establish two brick yardson square 199; subject, however, to all the fines and penalties provided by law against nuisances, and such regulations as may hereafter be provided: *Provided however*, That nothing herein contained shall be so constructed as to justify enroachments or trespasses on private rights.

Approved, March 20th, 1817.

RESOLUTION requiring the Register to allow George Adams the sum of thirty dollars in the settlement of his account.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorized, to allow in the settlement of the account of George Adams, collector of the taxes for the fourth ward, the sum of thirty dollars, which was by him received in the paper of the Merchants' Bank of Alexandria in payment of taxes of said ward, which is now below the nominal value, he first depositing the said notes in the Bank of Washington, to the credit of the fourth ward, as a special deposit.

Approved, March 21st, 1817.

RESOLUTION to authorize a lottery to raise ten thousand dollars, for the purpose therein mentioned.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it is expedient to raise by lottery the sum of ten thousand dollars, (clear of expenses,) in addition to the sums heretofore authorized, for the following objects, to wit: "For building, eastablishing and enowing public schools; for building a penitentiary; and for building a town house or city hall, in the city of Washington.

Resolved, That the Mayor present the foregoing resolution to the President of the United States, and respectfully solicit his approbation.

Approved, April 5th, 1817.

Approved, April 5th, 1817,

JAMES MONROE.

FOURTEENTH COUNCIL.

A List of the Officers of the Corporation.

James H. Blake, *Mayor*,
William Hewitt, *Register*,
Henry Whetcroft, *Treasurer*.

Members of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council.

FIRST WARD.—ALDERMEN.

Toppan Webster, *Pres't.* | Richard S. Briscoe.

COMMON COUNCIL.

William Worthington, | William O'Neale.
John D. Barclay, |

SECOND WARD.—ALDERMEN.

George Way, | John A. Wilson.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Charles Glover, | James M. Varnum.
Christopher Andrews, |

THIRD WARD.—ALDERMEN.

Alexander M'Cormick, | John G. Macdonald.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Samuel Burch, *Pres't.* | Thomas Dunn.
James Young, |

FOURTH WARD.—ALDERMEN.

Matthew Wright, | Joseph Cassin.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Thomas Haliday, | Daniel Kealey.
Israel Little, |

William Hewitt, *secretary to the board of aldermen*,
Pontius D. Stelle, *sec'y to the board of common council*.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR.

Peter Lenox, | Henry Ingle,
William Waters, | Thomas Haliday.
Alexander M'Cormick, |

CITY SURVEYOR.

Joseph Elgar.

COLLECTORS.

Joseph Brumley, *for the first ward,*
 Harvey Bestor, *for the second ward,*
 William Ingle, *for the third ward,*
 George Adams, *for the fourth ward.*

CITY COMMISSIONERS.

William Waters, *for the first ward,*
 John Sessford, *for the second ward,*
 Henry Ingle, *for the third ward,*
 John W. Brashears, *for the fourth ward.*

CITY CONSTABLES.

Nathan Moore, *for the first ward,*
 Brooke Edmondston, *for the second ward,*
 Lancelot Griffin, *for the third ward,*
 George Adams, *for the fourth ward.*

WOOD CORDERS AND COAL MEASURERS.

Thomas Taylor, jun'r. *for the first ward,*
 Samuel Speake, *for the second ward,*
 George Sanford, *for the third ward,*
 Benjamin Bryan, *for the fourth ward.*

INSPECTORS AND MEASURERS OF LUMBER.

Benjamin Bryan,
 Clotworthy Stevenson.
 Joseph Harbaugh.

CLERKS OF THE MARKETS.

James B. Herd, *for the centre market,*
 Joseph Wilson, *for the eastern branch market.*

William Yeates, *contractor to keep pumps and hydrants
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PASSED BY
THE FIFTEENTH COUNCIL
OF
THE CITY OF WASHINGTON.

CHAP. 1.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor to borrow money for the general improvement of streets and avenues, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered, to borrow from any of the banks within the district of Columbia, the sum of twenty-six thousand five hundred and thirty-five dollars, to carry into effect the objects of the following appropriations for improvements of streets, avenues, and other purposes, to wit:

FOR THE FIRST WARD.

For improving Twenty-first street, from Pennsylvania avenue, to the northern boundary, six hundred dollars.

For improving Twenty-first street, from Pennsylvania avenue to New-York avenue, fifty dollars.

For paving a gutter on the west side of Seventeenth street, two hundred dollars.

For graduating and improving Seventeenth street from Pennsylvania avenue to north E street, one hundred dollars.

For the purchase of an engine, and erecting a house for the same, one thousand five hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Fourteenth street from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary, two hundred dollars.

For opening and improving Fourteenth street from Pennsylvania avenue to Canal street, five hundred dollars.

For improving Eighteenth street, from Pennsylvania avenue, to north I street, seventy-five dollars.

For improving New York avenue, from Sixteenth to Twenty-first street west, two hundred dollars.

For improving F street, from Twenty-first to Seventeenth street, one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For improving Nineteenth street west, from I street north to the north side of K street north, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving K street north, from Twentieth to Twenty-first street west, fifty dollars.

For improving Twentieth street, from F street to Pennsylvania avenue, fifty dollars.

For making a footway from Seventeenth street (south of the wall round the President's square) to Fifteenth street, one hundred dollars.

FOR THE SECOND WARD.

For Four and a half street, one hundred and Twenty-five dollars.

For Sixth street, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For Seventh street, three hundred dollars.

For Eighth street, two hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For Ninth street, one hundred and seventy-five dollars.

For Tenth street, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For Eleventh street, eight hundred dollars.

For Twelfth street, five hundred and fifty dollars.

For Thirteenth street, five hundred and fifty dollars.

For Fourteenth street, seven hundred dollars.

For B street, three hundred dollars.

For C street, five hundred and fifty dollars.

For E street, nine hundred and eighty dollars.

For F street, six hundred and fifty dollars.

For G street, forty dollars.

For Pennsylvania avenue, one thousand three hundred and ten dollars.

For New York avenue, three hundred dollars.

For bridges on Seventh and Twelfth streets, one hundred dollars.

For the market house, six hundred and fifty dollars.

For fire engines, six hundred dollars.

For filling up the low ground near the canal, between Seventh and Twelfth streets west, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For relief of the Washington canal company, one hundred and fifty dollars.

FOR THE THIRD WARD.

For draining and making a culvert in Second street east, between East Capitol street and Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of fifty dollars. Approved, August 15, 1812.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from the Capitol to Fourth street east, the sum of two hundred dollars. Approved, October 6, 1813.

For improving Second street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to Maryland avenue, the sum of one hundred dollars. Approved, October 6, 1813.

For improving South Capitol street, from south N street to the Eastern Branch, the sum of one hundred dollars. Approved, October 6, 1813.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from the Capitol to Fourth street east, the sum of one hundred dollars. Approved, July 15, 1814.

For improving New Jersey avenue, from the Capitol to E street north, including the expense of erecting a wooden bridge over the gutter at the intersection of New Jersey avenue with A street north, the sum of one hundred and twenty-five dollars. Approved, July 26, 1815.

For improving First street east, from N street south to O street south, the sum of thirty dollars.

For opening and improving Q street south, from South Capitol street to the street crossing north and south through square numbered seven hundred and eight; and also for opening and improving the street through square numbered seven hundred and eight, the sum of two hundred dollars. Approved, September 21, 1815.

For opening and improving Half street east, from south Q street to south N street, the sum of five hundred dollars. Approved, November 11, 1815.

For improving Georgia avenue from Fourth street east to New Jersey avenue, the sum of one hundred dollars. Approved, June 28, 1816.

For opening and gravelling First street east, from the canal to south N street, the sum of three hundred dollars. Approved, June 28, 1816.

For improving south N street, from Third street east to Second street west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. Approved, June 28, 1816.

For erecting a stone or brick bridge across the canal on New Jersey avenue, the sum of three thousand dollars. Approved, October 12, 1816.

For four hundred dollars, being a moiety of the appropriation made by the act of July, one thousand eight hundred and

seventeen, for making certain gravel footways in the third and fourth wards.

For opening and improving M street south from Third to Fourth streets east the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving and graduating Fourth street east, from the Virginia avenue to the Eastern Branch, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars, being a moiety of the joint appropriation of the third and fourth wards for that object, made by the act of July, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

For graduating and gravelling East Capitol street, from First street east to Third street east, the sum of three hundred dollars. Approved, July, 1817.

For improving and gravelling north B street, from Delaware avenue to Second street east, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. Approved, July, 1817.

For gravelling N street south, from Third street east to Second street west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. Approved, July, 1817.

For repairing the market house on the Capitol hill, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars. Approved, July, 1817.

FOR THE FOURTH WARD.

For improving Fifth street east, from south L street to the Eastern Branch, fifty dollars.

For improving Eleventh street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Eastern Branch, fifty dollars.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from Fourth street east to the Eastern Branch bridge, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving and gravelling south K street, from Eighth street east to the Pennsylvania avenue, fifty dollars.

For improving the road within the city, leading from East Capitol street to the upper bridge over the Eastern Branch, fifty dollars.

For improving Fifth street east, from south L street to the Eastern Branch, fifty dollars.

For opening Eleventh street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Eastern Branch, twenty-five dollars.

For improving Pennsylvania avenue, from Fourth street east to the Eastern Branch bridge, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving G street south, from Sixth to Eleventh street east, to the Pennsylvania avenue, two hundred dollars, (transferred from the opening of said street from Eleventh to Fourth street.

For opening and improving south H street, from Eighth street east to the Pennsylvania avenue, five hundred dollars.

For improving south K street, from Eighth street east to the Pennsylvania avenue, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Virginia avenue, from Fourth street east to Eleventh street east, fifty dollars.

For improving Maryland avenue, from Fourth street east to the boundary of the city north-east of the Capitol, two hundred dollars.

For procuring a fire engine for the Fourth ward, nine hundred dollars.

For erecting an engine house on the market square of the fourth ward, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For the purchase of a bull for the fourth ward, fifty dollars.

For improving south L street, from Fourth to Eighth streets east, five hundred dollars.

For graduating the ground about the Eastern Branch market house, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Georgia avenue, from Eighth to Ninth streets east, one hundred dollars.

For improving Fourth street east, from Virginia avenue to the Eastern Branch, (five hundred dollars, half to each ward) two hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Sixth street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to Virginia avenue, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For making a gravel walk from the Navy-yard to Fourth street east, four hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for the redemption of the debt hereby created, the taxes of the city be, and the same are hereby pledged.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 2.

AN ACT authorizing the Mayor to borrow money to pay the debt due the bank of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to borrow money from any of the banks of the city of Washington, sufficient to pay the debt due by this Corporation to the bank of Columbia, to be re-paid in the same manner as is provided for by the act, entitled "An act apportioning the debt due from the Corporation among the several wards, to apportion the money to be

drawn from the funds of the different wards, to be applied to the general fund, and to repeal the act of the twentieth September, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, providing for the revenue arising from taxes due prior to the fourth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve," passed on the tenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen."

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 3.

AN ACT supplementary to the act, entitled "An act further regulating the granting of licenses to ordinary or tavern keepers, retailers of wines and spirituous liquors, hawkers and pedlars, and owners of hackney carriages."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall not be lawful for the Mayor to issue a license to any person other than a tavern or ordinary keeper, to sell spirituous liquors in smaller quantities than a pint.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That from and after the first day of November next, every person to whom a license shall be granted for keeping a tavern or ordinary in the city of Washington, shall pay for the same the sum of thirty dollars, for the use of this Corporation.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That every person who shall, after the first day of November next, apply for a tavern or ordinary license, shall produce to the Mayor a certificate signed by the commissioner and six respectable freeholders of the ward in which such person resides, that he or she hath provided suitable and proper accommodations for travellers or guests, with at least three good bed chambers, exclusive of those used by him or herself, or by any member of his or her family or domestics, with two good feather beds and bedsteads, and suitable bedding therefor, in each of such chambers; and that such applicant hath provided a good and sufficient stable, containing four stalls over and above those necessary for the accommodation of his or her own horse or horses, with a loft sufficient to contain at least one ton of hay. And before the license shall be granted, the Mayor shall require and receive from the person so applying his or her bond, with two sureties to be approved of by the Mayor, in the penal sum of three hundred dollars each, conditioned for the keeping of such accommodations, bedding and stabling for persons travelling or guests, and

for keeping an orderly, quiet and peaceable house. And it shall be the duty of every person so obtaining a license, to have his ordinary or tavern designated by a sign, descriptive of its being a tavern or ordinary, painted in large legible characters, to be fixed in a conspicuous place in front thereof, under the penalty of twenty dollars, for each and every week he shall neglect to have the same.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of each of the ward commissioners, upon application being made to him, by any person wishing to keep a tavern or ordinary, for a certificate as required by the third section of this act, to examine the house and accommodations of such applicant, before he grants such certificate. And if any ward commissioner shall refuse or neglect to examine the house and accommodations of any person wishing to keep a tavern or ordinary when required so to do, or if any ward commissioner shall falsely certify that any applicant for a tavern or ordinary license hath the accommodations required by the third section of this act, such applicant not having provided the same, he shall, upon conviction thereof, be fined in the sum of twenty dollars, one half thereof to be for the use of this Corporation, and the other to go to the informer.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all acts or parts of acts of this Corporation, inconsistent with the provisions of this act be, and are hereby repealed.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 4.

AN ACT supplementary to the act, entitled "An act to suspend the use and occupation of the temporary work house, and making provision to connect it with the poor house establishment."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the general account, for the purpose, and in addition to the sum heretofore appropriated by the sixth section of the act to which this is a supplement, passed on the sixth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor is hereby authorized to borrow the sums appropriated by this act, and the act to which this is a supplement, on such terms as he may deem expedient, not exceeding the usual bank discount, on a

credit of not less than two years; for the payment of which the taxes of this Corporation are hereby pledged.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 5.

AN ACT in addition to the act, entitled "An act to provide for the more effectual assessment of property, and to establish a board of appeal."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the act, entitled "An act to provide for the more effectual assessment of property, and to establish a board of appeal," as requires the assessors to be freeholders, and to re-value any real or personal property, previously assessed, which, in their opinion, may have enhanced or diminished in value subsequently to the preceding assessment, and that requires the said assessors, collectively, to value and assess the real and personal property of this city be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the said assessors are hereby authorized, each in his respective ward, to value and assess any property not previously assessed, or which may have obviously increased or diminished in value since the last assessment: *Provided,* the number of days for which they shall be paid shall not exceed six, any other law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 6.

AN ACT providing for the enumeration of carriages and slaves.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it shall be the duty of the assessors, appointed in virtue of the act, entitled "An act to provide for the more effectual assessment of property and to establish a board of appeal," passed on the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen, in their respective wards, to make out and return to the Register a list of the owners of all hackney or other carriages for the conveyance of persons, whether kept for hire or not, distinguishing the kind of carriage, whether of four or of two wheels, and whether on iron, or steel, or wooden springs. And it shall also be the duty of the assessors aforesaid, to make out a list of the owners or proprietors of slaves, enumera-

ting the number belonging to each person, with a description of their age and sex, distinguishing those belonging to residents from those belonging to non-residents; which said list it shall be the duty of the said assessors to return to the Register at the time of making their return of the assessments of real and personal property.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 7.

AN ACT authorizing the appointment of three additional inspectors of lumber for the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That three additional inspectors of lumber be, and are hereby authorized to be appointed by the Mayor, with the consent of the board of aldermen.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 8.

AN ACT authorizing the appointment of one additional constable.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it shall be the duty of the Mayor forthwith to appoint, with the consent of the board of aldermen, and annually on or about the fourth Monday in June thereafter, one additional constable for that part of the city lying south of E street south, and west of Fourth street east, who shall perform the duties and be subject to all the rules, regulations, fines, and penalties, heretofore imposed, or which hereafter may be imposed, on the city constables by any act of this Corporation; and such constable, so appointed, shall receive the same compensation as the constables already appointed.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 9.

AN ACT authorizing the Register to employ a clerk.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Register be, and he hereby is authorized and empowered, to employ a
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clerk to assist him in the discharge of his official duties, and that a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars be, and the same hereby is appropriated, for the compensation of such clerk, to be paid out of the general fund.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 10.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the support of the poor, aged, and infirm of the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the support of the poor, aged, and infirm of the city of Washington, from the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, to the first day of November following, a sum not exceeding eight hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the poor.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 11.

AN ACT making appropriations for improvements in the first, second, and third wards.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for improvements in the first, second, and third wards, to be paid out of any money to the credit of the said wards, not otherwise appropriated, to wit:

IN THE FIRST WARD.

For making a foot-way from Seventeenth street (south of the wall round the president's square) to Fifteenth street, one hundred dollars.

IN THE SECOND WARD.

For the improvement of C street north, from Thirteenth street west to the Pennsylvania avenue, two hundred dollars.

From Pennsylvania avenue to Four and a half street, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For making a gutter on the east side of Eighth street west, from D street north to Pennsylvania avenue, seventy-five dollars.

For making and gravelling a foot-way on the north side of F street north, from the east side of Tenth street west to the west side of Twelfth street west, one hundred dollars.

For extending the arch on the north side of Pennsylvania avenue, opposite square four hundred and ninety-one, and filling up the low ground, thirty dollars.

For gravelling Twelfth street west, and paving the gutters on both sides of said street, from Pennsylvania avenue to D street north, two hundred dollars.

For gravelling Twelfth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the canal, one hundred dollars.

For filling up, graduating, and gravelling Seventh street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to F street north, two hundred dollars.

For gravelling Ninth street west, from E to F streets north, one hundred dollars.

For graduating Sixth street west, from E to D streets north, one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Eighth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to F street north, two hundred dollars.

IN THE THIRD WARD.

For graduating and gravelling East Capitol street, from First street east to Third street east, three hundred dollars.

For improving and gravelling north B. street, from Delaware avenue to Second street east, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For gravelling N street south, from Third street east to Second street west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For repairing the market house of the Capitol Hill, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the foregoing appropriations shall be expended by the commissioners of the respective wards, and two assistants, to be appointed from the neighbourhood of such improvements, by the Mayor.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 12.

AN ACT making appropriations for improvements in the first ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds in the treasury, to the credit of the first ward,

not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the first ward and two citizens resident near the improvements, to be appointed by the Mayor, to wit: for graduating and gravelling Twenty-first street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary, the sum of two hundred dollars; for improving F street north, from Seventeenth street west to Twenty-first street west, the sum of one hundred dollars; for improving Twentieth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to F street north, the sum of fifty dollars; for improving Nineteenth street west, from I street north to the north side of K street north, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars; for improving H street north, from Twentieth to Twenty-first streets west, the sum of fifty dollars.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 13.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of M street south and Fourth street east.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for opening and improving M street south, from Third street to Fourth street east; to be expended under the direction of the commissioner and two inhabitants of the third ward, out of any moneys to the credit of said ward not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for improving and graduating Fourth street east, from Virginia avenue to the Eastern Branch, to be expended out of any moneys arising from the sales made or to be made, of the sand belonging to said streets, by the commissioners of the third and fourth wards, and the balance in equal proportions out of any moneys to the credit of said wards, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 14.

AN ACT making an appropriation for a gravel foot-way between the Capitol Hill and the Navy Yard.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common-council of the city of Washington, That a sum not ex-

ceeding eight hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of making a gravel foot-way between the Capitol Hill and Navy Yard, on the following streets and avenues, to wit: on Pennsylvania avenue from First street to Second street east, on Second street from East Capitol to D street south, on D street from Second street to Fourth street east, on Fourth street from D street to F street south, on F street from Fourth street to Sixth street east, on Sixth street from F street to Virginia avenue, and on G street south, from Sixth street to Eighth street east.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the foregoing appropriation shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, one half of said appropriation to be charged to the third ward, and the other half to be charged to the fourth ward, and the same shall be expended in each ward under the direction of their respective commissioners, with two assistant commissioners to be appointed by the Mayor.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 15.

AN ACT making appropriations for removing nuisances, and for the incidental repairs of streets, avenues, bridges, and drains.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the removal of nuisances, the incidental repairs of streets, avenues, bridges, and drains in the several wards, the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to wit: for the first ward, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars; for the second ward, a sum not exceeding four hundred dollars; for the third ward, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars; for the fourth ward, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the foregoing sums be charged to the wards for which they are respectively appropriated, and expended by the city commissioner under the direction of the Mayor.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 16.

AN ACT making an appropriation for opening and improving New-York avenue, from Seventh street west, to New Jersey avenue.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for opening

and improving New York avenue, from Seventh street west to New Jersey avenue, the sum of three hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to the credit of the second ward, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of said ward, and two assistant commissioners to be appointed by the Mayor.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to obtain a loan of the sum herein before appropriated, from any person or persons disposed to make the same, without interest, to be reimbursed to such person or persons at a period of not less than three years.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 17.

AN ACT making an appropriation in the fourth ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for opening and improving Sixth street east, from Pennsylvania avenue to Virginia avenue, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the fourth ward, not otherwise appropriated, and to be expended under the direction of the commissioner and two assistant commissioners, to be appointed by the Mayor from the neighborhood of the said improvement.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 18.

AN ACT for the relief Thomas Williams.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for paying Thomas Williams for certain blacksmiths work furnished Henry Herford, late commissioner of the second ward, the sum of fourteen dollars and sixty-six cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any funds to the credit of the second ward not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 19.

AN ACT for repairing the injury sustained by the several wards in consequence of the late freshet.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of com-

mon council of the city of Washington, That for repairing the injury sustained by the respective wards in consequence of the late fresh, the following sums be, and they are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the respective wards:

IN THE FIRST WARD.

For repairing G street north, from Seventeenth street to Davidson's wharf, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

For repairing Twentieth street, from L to M street north, fifty dollars.

IN THE SECOND WARD.

For building a strong and substantial bridge on Pennsylvania avenue over the Tiber with stone abutments and brick arch, a sum not exceeding one thousand dollars.

For repairing Pennsylvania avenue and the footway, from the Tiber to the centre of Second street west, a sum not exceeding seventy-five dollars.

For re-building the bridge over the Canal on Twelfth street west, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

IN THE THIRD WARD.

For repairing Pennsylvania avenue and footways from the centre of Second street west to the Capitol square, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

For re-building a culvert in Second street east, north of north D street, a sum not exceeding fifty dollars.

IN THE FOURTH WARD.

For repairing streets and avenues in the fourth ward, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sums hereby appropriated, be paid forthwith out of any money to the credit of the respective wards, any law to the contrary notwithstanding, to be expended under the direction of the commissioners of the respective wards, and of two citizens whom the Mayor shall appoint from the neighbourhood of the intended repairs.

Approved, August 13th, 1817.

CHAP. 20.

AN ACT directing the issue of due bills.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to issue, or cause to be issued

due bills or notes, in the name of this Corporation, to be signed by the Mayor, and countersigned by the Register, to be numbered and dated, for the sum of one dollar each, and to an amount not exceeding ten thousand dollars, which shall, when so signed, be received and redeemed in like manner as those issued by an act passed the eighteenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, entitled "An act directing the issuing of due bills in the name of the Corporation."

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for signing and counting the said due bills, the Mayor be allowed thirty cents, and the Register fifty cents, for every hundred bills.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That for defraying the expense of paper, printing and other contingent expense attending the preparing and issuing the said bills, there be, and hereby is appropriated, a sum not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid out of the general account.

Approved, August 13th, 1817.

CHAP. 21.

AN ACT making appropriations for defraying the general expenses of the Corporation of the city of Washington for the year ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for defraying the general expenses of the Corporation of the city of Washington, for the year ending on the second Monday in June, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby appropriated, for the purposes hereinafter mentioned, that is to say:

For compensation to the Mayor, five hundred dollars.

For compensation to the Register, in addition to the fees and emoluments granted by law, eight hundred dollars.

For compensation to the treasurer, two hundred and fifty dollars.

For compensation to the surveyor, three hundred dollars.

For compensation to the members of the board of aldermen and board of common council, estimated twenty members, at two dollars per day, for twenty-five days, one thousand dollars.

For compensation to the secretaries of the two boards, being one hundred and fifty dollars each, three hundred dollars.

For compensation to the commissioners, being two hundred dollars each, eight hundred dollars.

For compensation to the constables, being one hundred dol-

lars each, five hundred dollars, subject however, to the terms and conditions prescribed by an act passed thirtieth May, one thousand eight hundred and seven.

For compensation to the inspector of tobacco, two hundred dollars.

For compensation to the clerks of markets, being seventy-five cents for each day they shall attend their respective markets, on market days, and estimated at two hundred and eight market days, for four markets, six hundred and twenty-four dollars: *Provided nevertheless*, that if it shall appear to the Mayor that either of the markets is not frequented or used that the compensation of the clerk attached to that market shall thereupon cease.

For support of the poor, aged and infirm of the city of Washington, to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the poor, one thousand five hundred dollars.

For compensation to the trustees of the poor, being two dollars for each trustee for each day he shall attend any general meeting of the trustees, a sum not exceeding one hundred and fifty dollars.

For compensation to the four assessors, at three dollars per day, for six days, seventy-two dollars.

For compensation to the members of the board of appeal, four members, at three dollars per day, for ten days, one hundred and twenty dollars.

For the payment of interest due on the bank debts of the Corporation, or so much as may be necessary for that purpose, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

For defraying the expenses of the city council, including house rent, fuel, stationery, and other incidental expenses, to be expended under the direction of the Register, or so much as may be necessary for that purpose, five hundred and fifty dollars.

For expenses incurred by the Register in completing the assessment of eighteen hundred and fifteen, one hundred and ten dollars.

For compensation to the Register for completing the assessment of eighteen hundred and fifteen, ninety dollars.

For a prize pole and two forks for the tobacco ware-house, and for the repairs of said house, to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of the third ward, forty dollars.

For compensation to the constables for killing dogs, or so much as may be necessary for that purpose, fifty dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sums of money hereby appropriated, shall be paid out of the general account (or fund)

of the Corporation; and whenever there shall not be a sufficient sum to the credit of the said account, to meet the appropriations made by this act, the Mayor in that case, is hereby authorized to draw, by warrant, from the funds of the several wards, such sum as may be necessary, and in the proportions as by law directed, and place the same to the credit of the said general account; and it shall be the duty of the Mayor not to issue any warrant for a ward expenditure, unless he shall be satisfied that there are sufficient funds for all objects of a general nature.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 22.

AN ACT in addition to the act supplementary to the act, entitled "An act further regulating the granting of licenses to ordinary or tavern keepers, retailers of wines and spirituous liquors, hawkers, and pedlars, and owners of hackney carriages."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That in addition to the provisions contained in the first section of the act, supplementary to the act, entitled "An act further regulating the granting of licenses to ordinary or tavern keepers, retailers of wines and spirituous liquors, hawkers and pedlars, and owners of hackney carriages," it shall be necessary for the person applying for a license, to produce a certificate from six respectable freeholders of the ward, in which such person resides, that the public convenience requires a tavern or ordinary to be established in the neighbourhood contemplated.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner, from time to time, and whenever he may suspect that the accommodations required in the first section of the above recited act, are not kept by the persons having a license to keep a tavern or ordinary, to visit in company with the police officer of the ward, or with some other citizen, the tavern or ordinary, and ascertain whether the accommodations required, continue to be kept. And if he finds that the said accommodations are not kept, he shall forthwith, report the same to the Register, who shall proceed in the recovery of the penalty of the bond given by the keeper of such tavern or ordinary. And if any person or persons keeping such tavern or ordinary, shall refuse to permit the commissioner to make the examination aforesaid, he, she or they shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit and pay a fine of twenty dollars, one half of which shall go to the commissioner, and the other half to the

Corporation, and his, her or their license shall cease and determine, and the party be subject to all penalties for want of license, if he, she or they, shall sell spirituous liquors thereafter.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 23.

AN ACT to prevent dogs going at large in certain cases.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That whenever it shall be made appear to the full satisfaction of the Mayor, that any dog or dogs, within the city, shall have been bitten by a dog, which shall be generally deemed and considered to be mad, it shall be the duty of the said Mayor, and he is hereby authorized and required to issue his proclamation, requiring that all animals of the dog kind, shall be kept confined, and not suffered to run at large, unaccompanied by its owner, within this city, for such number of days as he shall deem expedient and proper to state in the said proclamation, not exceeding ninety days, and it shall be lawful for the city constables, or other persons, to kill, destroy and bury all and every dog, going at large, contrary to the provisions of the said proclamation; and it shall also be the duty of the Mayor to enjoin it on the said constables to enforce the execution of the said proclamation in such manner as he may order and direct.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the constables are hereby allowed the sum of one dollar, in lieu of the compensation heretofore allowed, for every animal of the dog kind, that they shall kill, destroy, and bury, in some remote place, on proof being made to the satisfaction of the Register, to be paid out of the general fund.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 24.

AN ACT authorizing a shop license to be granted for the accommodation of the marines stationed in the city of Washington.

Whereas it hath been represented to this Corporation, that it hath been customary for the marines stationed in the city of Washington, to have liberty to visit one particular house or shop for refreshment, which hath been sanctioned by the

officers of the said marine corps; that no other persons visit the said house or shop, for the purpose of refreshment, except the marines; and that the peace and quiet of the neighbourhood is greatly promoted by such arrangement: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to license such person as the commanding officer of the marine corps shall from time to time recommend as a shop keeper, to retail liquors to the marines stationed in the city of Washington; that the said license shall expire on the last day of every October; and there shall be paid therefor the same tax as is imposed on ordinary keepers, by an act passed the second day of July, eighteen hundred and seventeen, entitled "An act supplementary to the act, entitled an act further regulating the granting of licenses to ordinary or tavern keepers, retailers of wines and spirituous liquors, and owners of hackney carriages," subject to the same penalties for keeping a disorderly house, or selling to other than marines, as is provided and imposed by the acts to which the above recited act is supplementary.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 25.

AN ACT to set the curb stone and to gravel the footway on the north side of E street north, between Eleventh and Twelfth street west.

Whereas more than two-thirds of the proprietors of occupied houses on square three hundred and twenty-one, fronting on the north side of E street north, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets west, have expressed their desire of improving the same by setting the curb stone, and gravelling the footway agreeably to the graduation of the city: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a tax of one dollar and twenty-five cents per front foot of the ground or lots in the said square numbered three hundred and twenty-one, fronting on the north side of E street north, between Eleventh and Twelfth streets west be, and the same is hereby laid, for the purpose of setting the curb stone and gravelling the footway on the north side of said street in front of said square, to be collected in the same manner prescribed by law, for the collection of other taxes on real property in the city: *Provided,* that no more of the said tax be collected than will be necessary for that purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the second ward to ascertain the graduation of the said part of E street, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan of the same with the Register, and immediately after the twentieth day of October instant, the commissioner of the second ward shall proceed to set the curb stone and to gravel the foot-way: *Provided, nevertheless*, that each or any of the proprietors may, on or before the said twentieth day of October, cause their proportion of the same to be done at his, her, or their own expense, and in that case, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the said property shall be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to advance to the said commissioner such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding two hundred and fifty dollars, out of any money to the credit of the second ward; and the sum of fifty dollars is hereby appropriated, for paving the gutter on the said part of a street, to be paid out of the funds of said ward.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 26.

AN ACT making appropriations for the improvement of streets and avenues in the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to wit:

IN THE FIRST WARD.

For opening and improving Seventeenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to I street north, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For graduating and improving Nineteenth street west, from I street north to K street north, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For widening, graduating, and gravelling M street north, between Twenty-fourth and Twenty-sixth streets west, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For improving Twenty-first street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For opening and improving Twenty-sixth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to K street north, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving and gravelling Twenty-fourth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north M street, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For completing Eighteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to north I street, the sum of sixty-five dollars.

For graduating and improving Eighteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to New-York avenue, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For opening and improving Connecticut avenue, from Pennsylvania avenue to I street north, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For further improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to Canal street, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For further improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of three hundred dollars.

For graduating and gravelling G street north, from Fourteenth to Fifteenth streets west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For lighting the lamps in the first ward, the ensuing season, the sum of fifty dollars.

IN THE SECOND WARD.

For improving C street north, from Third to Seventh streets west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Four and a Half street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to D street north, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving Sixth street west, from C to E streets north, the sum of three hundred dollars.

For improving Tenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to C street north, the sum of two hundred dollars.

For further improving Seventh street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to F street north, the sum of three hundred dollars.

For improving Seventh street west, from F street north, to New-York avenue, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Tenth street west, from F to G streets north, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For extending the arch on B street north, between Sixth and Seventh streets west, and covering the same with earth, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For completing the arch of the bridge on the north side of E street north, between Ninth and Tenth streets west, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

For graduating and gravelling E street north, from Sixth to Fourteenth street west, the sum of six hundred dollars.

For graduating and gravelling G street north, from Tenth to Fourteenth street west, the sum of three hundred dollars.

For lighting the lamps in the second ward, the ensuing season, the sum of fifty dollars.

For improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to Canal street, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the northern boundary of the city, the sum of three hundred dollars.

IN THE THIRD WARD.

For graduating New-Jersey avenue, between H and K streets north, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars.

For erecting an arched brick or stone bridge over the canal, on New-Jersey avenue, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, in addition to that already appropriated.

For further improving Half street east, from N street north to the Eastern Branch, the appropriation of two hundred dollars for opening Q street south, made by the act of the twenty-first September, eighteen hundred and fifteen be, and the same is hereby transferred to that object.

For further improving and gravelling Fourth street east, from Virginia avenue to the Eastern Branch, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For the support of a bull, for the years eighteen hundred and seventeen, and eighteen hundred and eighteen, the sum of fifty dollars.

IN THE FOURTH WARD.

For the further improvement of Sixth street east, from Virginia avenue to Pennsylvania avenue, the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars.

For further improving and gravelling Fourth street east, from Virginia avenue to the Eastern Branch, the sum of one hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and requested, to borrow from any bank or person disposed to lend the same, the additional sum hereinbefore appropriated, for erecting an arched brick or stone bridge over the canal on New-Jersey avenue, reimbursable out of the

taxes accruing to the third ward for the year eighteen hundred and nineteen; which taxes are hereby pledged for that purpose.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the sums hereby appropriated, be paid out of any money in the treasury, to the credit of the respective wards, not otherwise appropriated, and shall be expended under the direction of the city commissioner of each ward respectively, and of two citizens, whom the Mayor shall appoint from the neighbourhood of the intended improvement: *Provided*, that no part of the sums hereby appropriated, shall be drawn from the treasury, unless by the order or draft of at least two of the three persons under whose superintendence the same is to be expended, of which one shall be the city commissioner; nor unless the said order or draft specifies the appropriation and ward to which the same is to be charged.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 27.

AN ACT making an appropriation for completing the temporary work-house.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of the general fund, for finishing the temporary work-house on the Infirmary square, and the same to be expended by the trustees of the poor, under the direction of the Mayor.

Approved, October 9th, 1818.

CHAP. 28.

AN ACT supplementary to an act, entitled "An act for repairing the injury sustained by the several wards, in consequence of the late freshet."

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the act passed the thirteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and seventeen, entitled "An act for repairing the injury sustained by the several wards in consequence of the late freshet," as appropriates one thousand dollars, "for building a strong and substantial bridge on Pennsylvania avenue, over the Tiber, with stone abutments and brick arch" be, and the same is hereby repealed.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for erecting a bridge over the Tiber, on Pennsylvania avenue, with good substantial stone abutments, placed twenty-eight feet apart in the clear,

on piles, and raised two feet higher than the top of the former arch, with strong timbers reaching from abutment to abutment, and floored with good three inch plank, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the second ward. That for completing the bridge over the canal on Twelfth street west, the sum of four hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the second ward, to be paid and expended in the manner as directed by the second section of the act to which this is supplementary.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 29.

AN ACT making appropriations in the first ward for improving streets and bridges.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums are hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the first ward, not otherwise appropriated :

For opening and gravelling H street north, from Fourteenth to Fifteenth street west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For building a bridge over a branch on L street north, and Twenty-first street west, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars.

For improving Twentieth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to E street north, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

For improving H street north, from Twentieth to Twenty-first street west, the sum of seventy-five dollars.

For improving Twenty-eighth street west, from K street north to Virginia avenue, the sum of one hundred dollars.

For improving Fifteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to H street north, the sum of one hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the several sums aforesaid, be laid out and expended under the direction of the commissioner of the first ward, and two assistants, to be appointed by the Mayor.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 30.

AN ACT relative to the improvement of Four and a Half street west.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the appropriation of 15th C.

ation for opening and improving Four and a Half street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to O street south, made by the act of the twenty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, making appropriations for the improvement of streets and avenues in the city of Washington, and for other purposes be, and the same is hereby directed to be expended on the said street, from Maryland avenue to R street south, in the manner directed by said act, so soon as the amount shall be raised agreeably to the provisions of the third section of the same act.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 31.

AN ACT for the relief of Michael Lowe.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of forty-three dollars and ninety-six cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the general fund, for the purpose of refunding to Michael Lowe, the amount paid by him to Griffith Coombe, for lumber furnished the said Lowe, in making repairs to the tobacco warehouse, together with the amount of costs incurred by a suit instituted against Griffith Coombe, for the recovery of money due by him, for the storage of tobacco, in which suit the said Michael Lowe was non ~~prossed~~.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 32.

AN ACT for the relief of Peter Morte.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That Peter Morte be, and he is hereby authorized, to dig or excavate the earth on Sixth street west, between E and F streets north, provided he shall ascertain the proper graduation of said street from the city surveyor, at his own expense, and not go below the same in digging, and that he give the said street, from E to F streets north, the proper formation, and that the commissioner of the second ward shall be the judge of said formation.

Approved, October 9th, 1816.

CHAP. 33.

AN ACT for the relief of Philip Hottee.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That so much of the fine as accrues to this Corporation, from Philip Hottee, for selling bread contrary to law, in July last be, and the same is hereby remitted.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 34.

AN ACT making appropriations for re-building and repairing the bridges over Rock creek.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to wit :

For one moiety of the expense of re-building the upper bridge, opposite Bridge street, in Georgetown, over Rock creek, three thousand eight hundred dollars.

For one moiety of the expense of repairing the lower bridge over Rock creek, two thousand two hundred and fifty dollars, to be paid to the treasurer of the county of Washington, out of the general fund.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Mayor shall not pay over the money herein appropriated, until he shall have been satisfied by the levy court, that the bridges built, or to be built, under the contracts lately entered into by them for that purpose, have been, or shall be built in conformity with the twelfth section of the act of congress of the first day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, conferring certain powers on the levy court.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That on the Mayor's being satisfied as herein required, that the said bridges have been, or shall be built in conformity with the said twelfth section of the act of congress aforesaid, he is then authorized and empowered, to borrow the aforesaid sum of money, and to pledge the taxes of this Corporation for the payment thereof, on the terms and conditions that he may deem proper.

Approved, December 15th, 1817.

CHAP. 35.

AN ACT making appropriations for improvements in the third ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of com-

mon council of the city of Washington, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby appropriated, to wit :

For opening and improving North Capitol street, from the Capitol square to the northern boundary of the city, a sum not exceeding two thousand dollars.

For opening and improving Boundary street, from North Capitol street to Second street east, a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars.

For opening and improving Second street east, from M street north to the northern boundary of the city, a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars.

For improving New-York avenue, from North Capitol street to New-Jersey avenue, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the foregoing sums be expended under the direction of the Mayor, and be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the third ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to borrow the several sums herein mentioned, or so much thereof as will be necessary for that purpose, from any of the banks in this city, or from any individual or individuals, and the taxes accruing to the third ward, after the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen, are hereby pledged for the redemption of the same.

Approved, December 15th, 1817.

CHAP. 36.

AN ACT making appropriations in the second ward.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, in addition to the sums heretofore appropriated, to defray the expense of building the bridge over Tiber creek, on Pennsylvania avenue.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the sum of one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to complete the gravelling of C street, between Sixth and Four and a Half streets.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That the sums herein appropriated, be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the second ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, December 15th, 1817.

CHAP. 37.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the support of the school in the second district.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the support of the school for the second district for one year from the twenty-eighth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventeen, to the twenty-eighth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, the sum of six hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the third and fourth wards, not otherwise appropriated, in proportion to the number of poor scholars sent from each ward.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the sum of one hundred and sixteen dollars and sixty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the general fund, for the purpose of making good to Edward D. Tippet, teacher of the said school, the amount of his salary from October, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, to June, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

Approved, March 12th, 1818.

CHAP. 38.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the support of the poor, aged, and infirm of the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of one thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the general fund, for the support of the poor, aged, and infirm of the city of Washington.

Approved, March 13th, 1818.

CHAP. 39.

AN ACT making an appropriation for the completion of Fourteenth street west from Pennsylvania avenue to Canal street.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of completing Fourteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to Canal street, the sum of five hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the first and second wards, not

otherwise appropriated, in equal proportions, and to be expended under the direction of the commissioners of said wards, and the assistant commissioners heretofore appointed.

Approved, March 13th, 1818.

CHAP. 40.

AN ACT for improving an alley in square eight hundred and eighty-one.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding one hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to improve the alley in square eight hundred and eighty-one leading from L to K street, the same to be paid out of any money to the credit of the fourth ward, not otherwise appropriated, and to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of said ward and two assistant commissioners appointed by the Mayor, from the neighbourhood of said square.

Approved, March 13th, 1818.

CHAP. 41.

AN ACT making an appropriation for opening Thirteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Tiber creek.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for the purpose of opening Thirteenth street west, from Pennsylvania avenue to the Tiber creek, not exceeding thirty-five feet wide in the centre, the sum of four hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any moneys to the credit of the second ward not otherwise appropriated, and to be expended under the direction of the commissioner of said ward, and two assistant commissioners resident in the neighbourhood of said street, to be appointed by the Mayor.

Approved, March 13th, 1818.

CHAP. 42.

AN ACT making an appropriation for paying a balance due for the erection of the work house, and other improvements.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of eight hundred and twenty-one dollars and eighty-one cents be,

and the same is hereby appropriated, to pay a balance due for the erection of the work house, and inclosing the yard attached to the same, to be paid out of the general fund, and to be expended under the direction of the trustees of the poor.

Approved, May 11th, 1818.

CHAP. 43.

AN ACT to authorize the Mayor to dispose of the surplus earth on the streets and avenues, and to repeal certain acts therein mentioned.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That from and after the passage of this act, it shall and may be lawful for the Mayor, upon the application, in writing, of any person or persons, for permission to use the surplus earth on the streets and avenues of the said city, for the purpose of making bricks, to grant a permit therefor, upon the terms, conditions, limitations and restrictions, hereinafter mentioned.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Mayor, immediately upon application as aforesaid, to direct the surveyor of the said city to proceed to ascertain, in conjunction with the commissioner of the ward in which the same may be situated, the true elevation of that part of the street or avenue; named in such application, over its proper graduation, and to report the same to the Mayor, with their opinion, as to the expediency or policy of so disposing of such surplusage; and upon receiving said report, if such be favourable to the application, the Mayor may determine as he, in his discretion, may think proper; but should the surveyor and commissioner report, that it is inexpedient to grant such permission, then the same shall not be granted.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in case the Mayor shall consider it expedient to appropriate the surplus earth, ascertained as aforesaid, to the purpose aforesaid, he shall grant to the applicant a permit to use the said earth for the purpose of making and burning bricks, for one year, (renewable at his pleasure) upon receiving from said applicant, a bond with a sufficient penalty and satisfactory security, conditioned that the said applicant will, at the expiration of the permit, pay to the treasurer eight cents for every cubic yard, which he, his heirs, or assigns, shall dig from said streets or avenues; and that the excavations which he or they may make, in any street or avenue, named in the permit granted under authority of this act, shall not descend below the proper graduation of such street or avenue, nor be left in a state to retain water.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That from and after the first day of June next, all acts heretofore passed granting permission to any person or persons, to use the surplus earth on any of the streets or avenues, of this city, for the purpose of making bricks be, and they are hereby repealed: *Provided*, That the said acts shall so far remain in operation as to enforce the fulfilment of their conditions on the part of those persons in whose favor they may have been enacted.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

CHAP. 44.

AN ACT to extend the time prescribed for the owners of real improved property sold for taxes, to redeem the same in certain cases.

Whereas, it appears that the notice required by law to be given to the owners of real improved property sold for taxes due this Corporation, has, in some cases, been omitted by the Mayor—

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized and required, to notify, in writing, as also by public advertisement, in the National Intelligencer, those persons whose real improved property may have been sold to satisfy the Corporation for taxes due thereon, between the first day of June, eighteen hundred and seventeen, and the fifteenth day of August of the same year, to whom notices may not have been given according to law, that such sales have been made, and the notices so given shall be as effectual as if the same had been given within the regular time prescribed by the sixth section of the act, entitled "An act imposing annual taxes, and providing for their collection."

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That the persons to be notified as directed in the preceding section, shall be, and they are hereby allowed and permitted, to redeem their property sold as aforesaid, at any time within one year from the dates of the notifications respectively to be given them by the Mayor, in as full and perfect a manner as if such redemption were to be made within the time heretofore prescribed by law, any thing in any act or acts of this Corporation to the contrary notwithstanding.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Register to keep a record of all notices given by the Mayor under this act.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

CHAP. 45.

AN ACT to pave the foot-way on the south side of A street south, between First street east, and New-Jersey avenue.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a tax of two dollars and fifty cents per front foot of the ground, or lots, in square numbered six hundred and eighty-eight, on the south side of south A street, between First street east and New-Jersey avenue be, and the same is hereby laid, for the purpose of improving the same by setting the curb stone, and laying the foot pavement agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington, to be collected in the manner provided by law, for the collection of other taxes, on real property, in the said city: *Provided,* That no more of the tax be collected, than will be necessary for the purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the third ward, to ascertain the proper graduation of the said part of A street south, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan of the same with the Register of the city; and immediately after the first day of July next, the commissioner of the third ward shall proceed to set the curb stone, and to lay the foot pavement of good paving bricks, according to the graduation and regulation of the said city: *Provided, nevertheless,* That each of the owners or proprietors may, on or before the said first day of July next, cause the same to be done at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the property, shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted,* That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to advance to the commissioner of the third ward, such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding five hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the third ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

CHAP. 46.

AN ACT to pave the foot-way on the west side of square numbered six hundred and eighty-eight.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a tax of two 15th C.

dollars and fifty cents per front foot of the ground or lots in square numbered six hundred and eighty-eight, on the west side of said square, be, and the same is hereby laid, for the purpose of improving the foot-way thereof, by setting the curb stone and laying the foot pavement, agreeably to the graduation of the city of Washington, to be collected in the manner provided by law for the collection of the taxes on real property in the said city: *Provided*, That no more of the tax be collected than will be necessary for the purpose.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the third ward, to ascertain the proper graduation of that part of the street on which the said west side of the said square fronts, the number of front feet, and the proportion belonging to each of the several proprietors, and deposit a certified plan of the same with the Register of the city; and immediately after the first day of July next, the commissioner for the third ward shall proceed to set the curb stone, and to lay the foot pavement, of good paving bricks, according to the graduation and regulation of the said city: *Provided*, That each of the owners or proprietors, on or before the said first day of July next, cause the same to be done at his, her, or their own expense, and if approved by the said commissioner, the tax hereby laid on such part or portion of the property, shall be, and the same is hereby released.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That in order to carry into effect the object of this act without delay, the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to advance to the commissioner of the third ward such sum as he may deem sufficient for that purpose, not exceeding four hundred dollars, out of any money belonging to the third ward, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

CHAP. 47.

AN ACT to compensate the Register for preparing a digest of the general laws of the Corporation of the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, as a full compensation to the Register, for preparing and superintending the printing of a digest of the general laws of this Corporation, in pursuance of the resolutions passed on the second day of July, and ninth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen; and that the same be paid by the

warrant of the Mayor, out of any money in the treasury to the credit of the general fund, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

CHAP. 48.

AN ACT making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of printing a digest of the laws of this Corporation.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That a sum not exceeding two hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the purpose of compensating Jacob Gideon, junior, for printing the digest of the laws of this Corporation, to be paid out of the general fund.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted,* That the Register of the city be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to furnish the Mayor and each member of this Corporation, together with the officers thereof, with a copy of the said digest.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

CHAP. 49.

AN ACT making appropriations for contingent expenses in repairing streets, avenues, and bridges.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, for the casual repair of streets, avenues, and bridges in the city of Washington, to be charged to, and expended in the several wards, in equal proportions, under the direction of the Mayor.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

CHAP. 50.

AN ACT making an appropriation for defraying the expenses of the ensuing election, and for an election held in the third ward, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That for defraying the expenses attending the ensuing election for members of the Corporation of the city of Washington, a sum not exceeding

thirty dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for paying the expenses of an election held in the third ward, in the year eighteen hundred and fifteen, the sum of seven dollars and fifty cents be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury to the credit of the general fund, not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

CHAP. 51.

AN ACT to remunerate Rufus Elliott for expenses incurred by him in the sinking of a well in the first ward, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby authorized, to cause the expense incurred by Rufus Elliott, in the sinking of a well in Twenty-sixth street west, in front of square numbered sixteen, to be ascertained, and direct a moiety of the said expense to be apportioned amongst the proprietors of such property in the vicinity, as may appear to be benefitted thereby, and the amount thereof to be collected in such manner as is provided by law for the collection of other taxes.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That for re-imbursing Rufus Elliott the amount of expense ascertained in conformity to the preceding section, a sum not exceeding one hundred and ten dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of the funds of the first ward.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

CHAP. 52.

AN ACT for the relief of William R. Maddox.

Be it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be authorized to examine the claim of William R. Maddox, on account of subsistence for and attendance on a free black woman named Airy Mason, and her three children, who have been sick at his house, afflicted with the small-pox, and if he shall be of opinion that the said woman and children are objects

which ought to have been supported and taken care of at the expense of the Corporation, that he be, and hereby is authorized, to allow said Maddox any sum which he may think just and reasonable, not exceeding forty-two dollars, and that the same be paid out of the general fund.

Approved, May 20th, 1818.

RESOLUTIONS.

CHAP. 53.

RESOLUTION directing the Mayor to advertise for proposals for the digging of wells, erecting pumps, and hydrants, and keeping the same in repair.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby directed, forthwith to cause to be advertised in the National Intelligencer, for one month, for written proposals for the digging of wells, erecting pumps and hydrants, and keeping the same in repair, for a term not exceeding three years; and the proposals which the Mayor shall deem most advantageous for the Corporation, shall be accepted: *Provided,* the person offering the same shall enter into bond, with surety in the penalty of one thousand dollars, for the faithful execution of his contract.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 54.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Register to prepare and cause to be printed, a complete digest of all the general laws of the Corporation.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorized and directed, to prepare, on the principles of Gradon's or Herty's digest of the laws of the United States, with as little delay as possible, a complete digest of all the general laws of this Corporation, and to cause the same to be printed; for which a reasonable compensation shall be allowed him.

Approved, July 2d, 1817.

CHAP. 55.

RESOLUTION to authorize a lottery to raise ten thousand dollars for the purposes therein mentioned.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That it is expedient to

raise, by lottery, the sum of ten thousand dollars (clear of expenses) in addition to the sums heretofore authorized, for the following objects, to wit: for building, establishing, and endowing public schools, for building a penitentiary, and for building a town house or city hall in the city of Washington.

Resolved, That the Mayor present the foregoing resolution to the president of the United States, and respectfully solicit his approbation.

Approved, October 7th, 1817.

JAMES MONROE.

CHAP. 56.

RESOLUTION concerning obstructions in the Eastern Branch and Potomac river.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Mayor of the city of Washington be authorized to employ a person qualified for the purpose, to make a survey of that part of the Eastern Branch which extends from its junction with the Potomac, to the Navy Yard of this place, in order to ascertain if any, and what obstructions exist in the channel of that river; also to make a survey of the channel on the Eastern shore of the Potomac river, from the mouth of Rock creek to the mouth of the Eastern Branch, and ascertain if any, and what obstructions there are in said channel, and to make report to the two boards of the most eligible mode and probable expense of removing the same.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 57.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Register to have two hundred copies printed and bound, of the digest of the general laws of the Corporation.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Register be authorized and directed, to cause two hundred copies to be printed of the digest of the general laws of this Corporation, ordered to be prepared by him by resolution of the last session of the city council: *Provided* the expense of each copy shall not exceed one dollar when bound.

Approved, October 9th, 1817.

CHAP. 58.

RESOLUTION authorizing the Register to allow Joseph Brumley six dollars and twenty-five cents in the settlement of his accounts.

Resolved by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the Register be, and he is hereby authorized to allow, in the settlement of the account of Joseph Brumley, collector of taxes for the first ward, the sum of six dollars and twenty-five cents, being for a loss sustained by him in receiving the paper of the Merchants' bank of Alexandria in payment for taxes in said ward, chargeable to the first ward.

Approved, March 13th, 1818.

FIFTEENTH COUNCIL.

A List of the Officers of the Corporation.

Benjamin G. Orr, *Mayor*,
William Hewitt, *Register*,
Henry Whetcroft, *Treasurer*.

Members of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council.

FIRST WARD.—ALDERMEN.

Toppan Webster, *Pres't.* | Joseph Forrest.

COMMON COUNCIL.

John N. Moulder, | Thomas Sandiford, jun.
William O'Neale, |

SECOND WARD.—ALDERMEN.

Christopher Andrews, | Thomas H. Gilliss.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Charles Glover, | George Sweeney.
James M. Varnum, |

THIRD WARD.—ALDERMEN.

Alexander M'Cormick, | John G. Macdonald.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Samuel Burch, *Pres't.* | George Watterston.
James Young, |

FOURTH WARD.—ALDERMEN.

Joseph Cassin, | Matthew Wright.

COMMON COUNCIL.

Israel Little, | Thomas Haliday.
John Crabb, |

William Hewitt, *secretary to the board of aldermen*,
Pontius D. Stelle, *sec'y to the board of common council*.

CITY SURVEYOR.

Joseph Elgar.

TRUSTEES OF THE POOR.

Thomas Barclay, *for the first ward*,
Enoch Reynolds, *for the second ward*,
Alexander M'Cormick, *for the third ward*,
Adam Lindsay, *for the fourth ward*,
John Chalmers, *for Greenleaf's Point.* *

COLLECTORS.

Joseph Brumley, *for the first ward,*
 Harvey Bestor, *for the second ward,*
 William Ingle, *for the third ward,*
 George Adams, *for the fourth ward.*

ASSESSORS.

John D. Barclay, *for the first ward,*
 Enoch Reynolds, *for the second ward,*
 John T. Frost, *for the third ward,*
 Adam Lindsay, *for the fourth ward.*

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF APPEAL.

William Worthington, *for the first ward,*
 Thomas Hughes, *for the second ward,*
 William Emack, *for the third ward,*
 John W. Brashears, *for the fourth ward.*

CITY COMMISSIONERS.

William Waters, *for the first ward,*
 John Sessford, *for the second ward,*
 Henry Ingle, *for the third ward,*
 John W. Brashears, *for the fourth ward.*

CITY CONSTABLES.

Nathan Moore, *for the first ward,*
 Brooke Edmondston, *for the second ward,*
 Lancelot Griffin, *for the third ward,*
 George Adams, *for the fourth ward.*

WOOD CORDERS AND COAL MEASURERS.

Thomas Taylor, jun'r. *for the first ward,*
 Thomas Burch, *for the second ward,*
 George Sanford, *for the third ward,*
 Joseph Wilson, *for the fourth ward,*
 William Wise, *for Greenleaf's Point.*

INSPECTORS AND MEASURERS OF LUMBER.

Benjamin Bryan,		James Middleton,
Clotworthy Stevenson,		Richard Skinner.
Joseph Harbaugh,		

CLERKS OF THE MARKETS.

Philip Williams, *for the west market,*
 James B. Herd, *for the centre market,*
 Walter Queen, *for the Capitol hill market,*
 Joseph Wilson, *for the eastern branch market.*
 Amon Woodward, *contractor to keep pumps and hy
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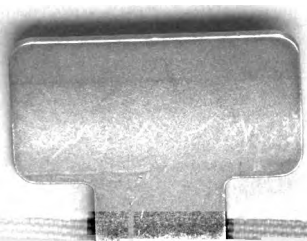
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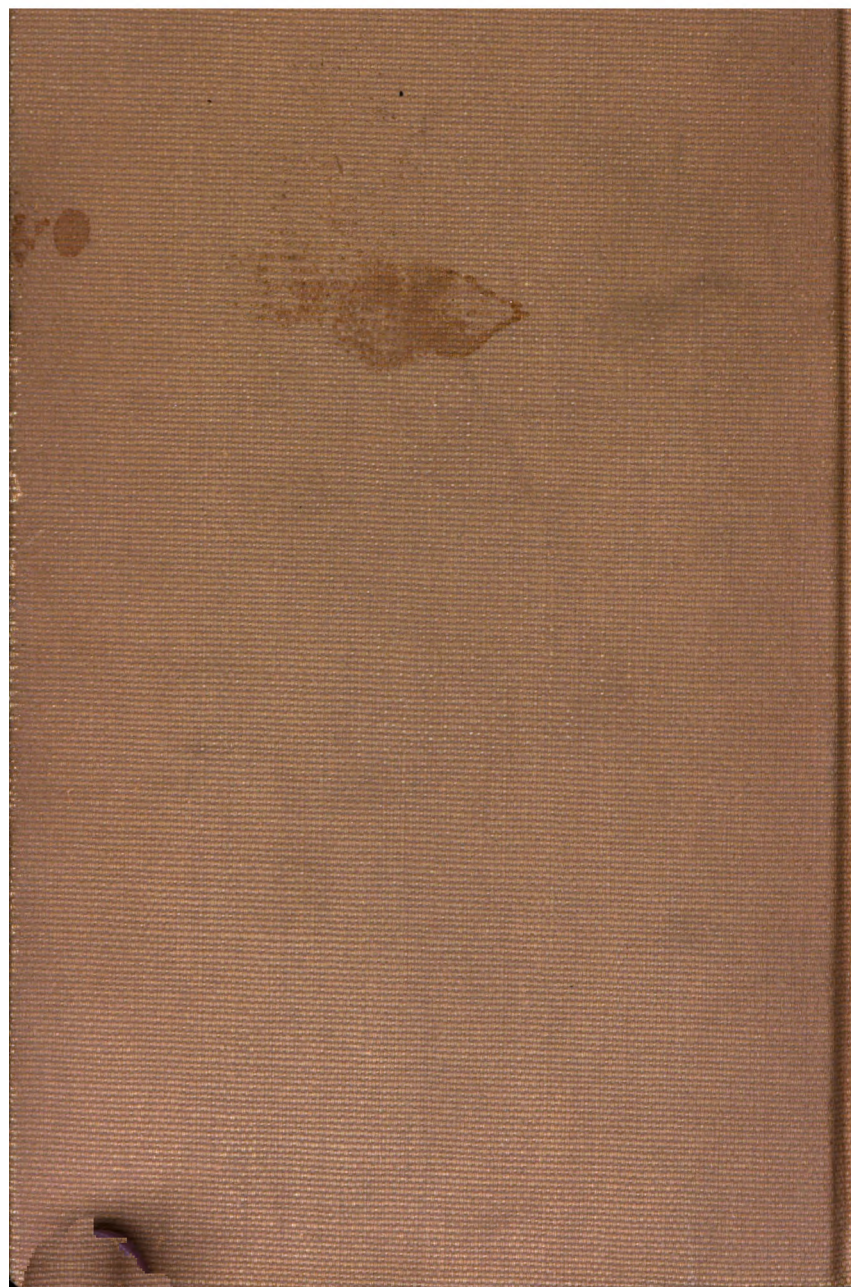
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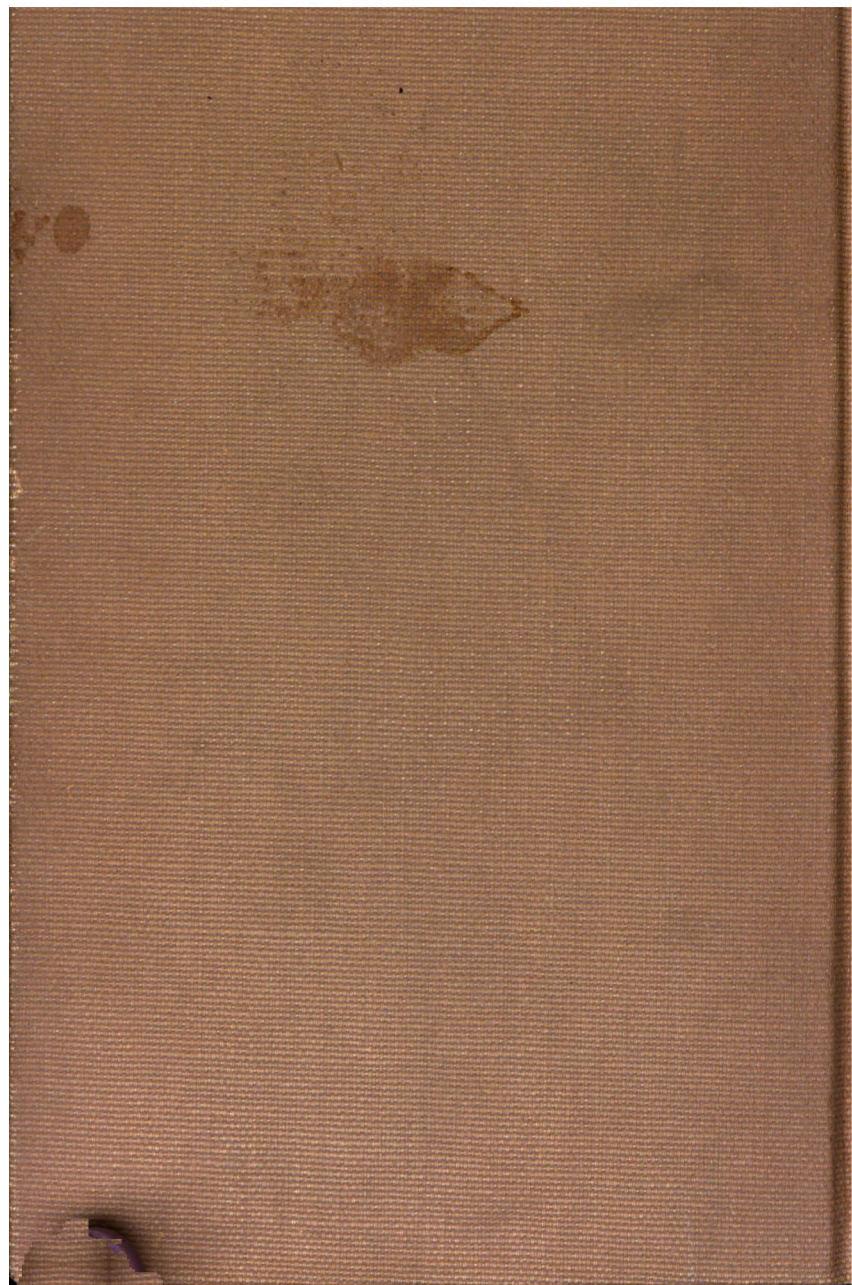
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