CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act to extend the provisions of an Act approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and the Act approved the twenty-sixth of February, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, for carrying into effect the existing compacts with the States of Alabama and Mississippi, in relation to the Five per Cent. Fund and School Reservations.*

Jan. 25, 1853.

1847, ch. 64.
1849, ch. 72.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to amend an act to carry into effect, in the States of Alabama and Mississippi, the existing compacts with those States with regard to the five per cent. fund, and school reservations,'" approved March the third, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and the act to extend the provisions of said act, approved February twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, be, and the same are hereby extended, so as to allow the State of Alabama three years from the passage of this act, to complete the selections of land authorized by the said acts to which this is an amendment.

Alabama allowed three years from passage of this act to make selections.

1847, ch. 34.
1849, ch. 72.

APPROVED, January 25, 1853.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act to Erect at the Capital of the Nation an Equestrian Statue of Washington.*

Jan. 25, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of fifty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to enable the President of the United States to employ Clark Mills to erect, at the City of Washington, a colossal equestrian statue of George Washington, at such place on the public grounds in said city, as shall be designated by the President of the United States.

$50,000 appropriated for an equestrian statue of George Washington.

APPROVED, January 25, 1853.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act to prohibit Public Executions in the District of Columbia.*

Jan. 25, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That persons now under sentence of death, or who shall hereafter be adjudged to suffer death, within the District of Columbia, shall be executed within the walls of some prison in the said District, or within a yard or enclosure adjoining such prison, and not elsewere: And it shall be the duty of the Marshal of the District, or one of his deputies, with such officers of the prison, constables, and other peace-officers as such marshal or deputy may deem necessary and proper, to attend at such execution.

Capital punishment in District of Columbia to be private.

Marshal &c. to attend.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Marshal or his deputy shall invite the District Attorney, and the counsel of the prisoner, two or more physicians, and twelve respectable citizens to be present at every such execution; and, at the request of the person to be executed, shall also allow any ministers of the Gospel, not more than three in number, and any of his or her near relatives to be present thereat; but no person or persons other than those in this act mentioned, and no person whatever under the age of twenty-one years, shall be allowed to witness any such execution.

Who to be present.

APPROVED, January 25, 1853.

CHAP. XL. — *An Act concerning Bail in Civil Causes in the District of Columbia.*

Feb. 3, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act, no person shall be held to bail in the District of Columbia, in any action of debt, assumpsit, or other action founded on or arising out of any contract or agreement, or in any suit or proceeding in equity brought or prosecuted for enforcing the payment of any debt, or of any

No person to be held to bail in the District in any action at law or equity founded on debt or contract.

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