

appointed under the act entitled "An act to annex a part of the State of New Jersey to the collection district of New York, and to appoint an assistant collector to reside at Jersey City," approved February twenty-one, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, be, and he hereby is, authorized to enrol and license, according to the laws of the United States, all vessels engaged in the coasting-trade and fisheries, owned in whole or in part by residents of the counties of Hudson and Bergen, in the State of New Jersey; and all such enrolments and licenses shall be as valid and effectual as if the same had been effected in any other port of the United States; and the said assistant collector, in the enrolment and licensing of vessels, shall be subject to the laws of the United States, and liable to all the penalties and responsibilities imposed upon collectors in like cases.

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Enrolment and license of certain vessels owned in Hudson and Bergen Counties, New Jersey.

CHAP. LVI. — *An Act to authorize the Corporation of Georgetown to levy certain Taxes.*

Feb. 25, 1865.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the corporation of Georgetown be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to levy and collect, in the same manner in which other taxes are levied and collected in said town, an annual tax, not to exceed in any year fifteen-hundredths of one per centum of the assessed value of the taxable property in said town, to be applied to the payment of the interest and the extinction of the principal of the debt recently contracted by said corporation in filling its quota under the several drafts for troops made during the present war.

Corporation of Georgetown may levy certain taxes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said corporation are hereby further authorized and empowered to levy and collect, in manner aforesaid, a sum sufficient to pay the said town's proportion of the direct tax imposed on the District of Columbia by the act of congress approved August fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the cost and expenses of collecting the same.

Direct tax of 1861.
1861, ch. 45,
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CHAP. LVII. — *An Act authorizing and requiring the Opening of Sixth Street West.*

Feb. 25, 1865.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the corporate authorities of the city of Washington be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to open Sixth Street west, from the canal to Maine Avenue, under the direction of the commissioner of public buildings, in accordance with the plan approved in May, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, by James Monroe, then President of the United States: *Provided, however,* That Sixth Street through the public grounds known as Armory Square shall not be opened until after the removal of the army hospital from such public ground, or until the consent of the surgeon-general of the United States army shall be first had and obtained.

Sixth Street west in Washington, D. C., to be opened.

APPROVED, February 25, 1865.

CHAP. LVIII. — *An Act in Reference to Prosecutions for Libel in the District of Columbia.*

Feb. 25, 1865.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all prosecutions or indictments for libel instituted, or which may hereafter be instituted, in the District of Columbia, the truth thereof may be given in evidence under the general issue as a justification of the alleged libel; and if it appear that the matter charged as libel[ous] was true, and was written or published with good motives and for justifiable ends, the defendant shall be acquitted.

In libel suits, &c., in the District of Columbia, the truth may be given in evidence.

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