SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in the fourth section of an act entitled "An act supplementary to the several acts relating to pensions," approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, or in any other supplementary or amendatory act relating to pensions, shall be so construed so as to impair the right of a widow whose claim for a pension was pending at the date of her re-marriage, to the pension to which she would otherwise be entitled, had her deceased husband left no minor child or children under the age of sixteen years.

Widows having claim for pension pending at date of re-marriage not affected by provisions of act 1865, ch. 84, § 4. Vol. xiii. p. 490.

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CHAP. CCXXXVI. — *An Act authorizing the Construction of a Jail in and for the District of Columbia.*

July 25, 1866.

See Joint Resolution No. 60. *Post*, p. 575.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized to select a suitable place on some of the public grounds belonging to the government in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, for and construct thereon, upon such plan as he may select, a jail of sufficient capacity to provide for not less than three hundred prisoners, with suitable yards, hospitals, and so forth, the entire cost of which shall not exceed the sum of two hundred thousand dollars.

Secretary of the Interior to select suitable place and construct a jail thereon.

Capacity.

Cost.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as said site, and the plan of a jail shall be so selected and agreed upon, the said Secretary of the Interior shall employ an architect and have prepared a design for said building, and plans descriptive thereof, with complete specifications of the work required and the materials to be used, and shall publish notice of a public letting of the contract for the building of the same, at least thirty days before the letting, in the principal newspapers in New York city, Boston, Philadelphia, Cincinnati, Baltimore, and Washington, which notice shall direct a place where such specifications can be seen, and a time at which the contract is to be let; and the said Secretary shall let said contract to the lowest responsible bidder, and the contractor therefor shall enter into sufficient bond for the faithful completion of the said contract to the approval of the Secretary.

Architect to be employed;

to prepare designs and specifications, and publish notice of letting contract for building.

Contract to be let to lowest responsible bidder.

Contractor to give bond.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said Secretary shall pay to the contractor or contractors instalments on the contract price as the work progresses, to be certified to by the architect having the direction thereof, but twenty per centum of the estimates shall be retained until the completion of the contract.

Contractor to be paid by instalments, twenty per cent being retained.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That there be, and is hereby, *appointed*, [appropriated,] for the purposes aforesaid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, to be drawn on the order of said Secretary of the Interior.

Appropriation.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized to sell at public sale, on proper notice thereof, the materials of the old jail, now located in Judiciary Square, and the proceeds thereof to be paid into the treasury of the United States.

Materials of old jail to be sold at auction.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of reimbursing the United States for a part of the cost of said jail, it shall be the duty of the proper authorities of the city of Washington, and they are hereby required, to raise, by tax or otherwise, and pay into the treasury of the United States, at or before the time of the completion of said jail, the sum of seventy thousand dollars. And it shall be the like duty of the proper authorities of the city of Georgetown, and they are hereby required, to raise, by tax or otherwise, and pay into the treasury of the United States, at or before the completion of said jail, the sum of twenty thousand dollars. And it shall be the like duty of the proper authorities of the county of Washington or said District, and they are hereby required,

City of Washington to pay $70,000 in part for jail.

[Amended. See 1867, ch. 152. *Post*, p. 428.]

Georgetown to pay $20,000.

County of Washington to pay $10,000.

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to raise, by tax or otherwise, and pay into the treasury of the United States at or before the period aforesaid, the sum of ten thousand dollars, which said several sums shall be deemed the fair proportion of the cost of said jail of each of said cities and said county of Washington; and the said cities and county authorities, respectively, are hereby authorized and required to assess and levy upon the taxable property of said cities and said county of Washington a tax sufficient to raise the amount so by each city and said county required to be paid as aforesaid.

A tax to be assessed and levied sufficient to raise said amounts.

Proceedings if either city or the county is in default of payment of tax;

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That upon the default of payment of the sums aforesaid into the treasury of the United States at the time before stated, made by either of said cities or by said county of Washington, the said Secretary of the Interior shall appoint a collector for any such delinquent city or county as shall have failed to make its payments as aforesaid, and it shall be the duty of said collector to proceed with the collection of the taxes as assessed, in such manner and form as shall be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior; or if either of said cities or said county of Washington shall neglect, fail, or refuse to assess such tax, the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and empowered to make such levy and proceed to its collection as aforesaid.

if tax is not assessed.

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CHAP. CCXXXVII. — *An Act to annul the thirty-fourth Section of the Declaration of Rights of the State of Maryland, so far as it applies to the District of Columbia.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the thirty-fourth section of the Declaration [of] Rights of the State of Maryland, adopted seventeen hundred and seventy-six, so far as the same has been recognized and adopted in the District of Columbia, be, and the same is hereby, repealed and annulled, and that all sales, gifts, and devises prohibited by the said section, or by any law passed in accordance therewith, shall be, when hereafter made, valid and effectual: *Provided*, That, in case of gifts and devises, the same shall be made at least one calendar month before the death of the donor or testator.

The 34th section of the Declaration of Rights of State of Maryland, prohibiting certain sales, gifts, and devices, annulled.

Such gifts and devices to be made at least one month before death of donor.

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CHAP. CCXXXVIII. — *An Act to establish in the District of Columbia a House of Correction for Boys.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established in the District of Columbia, on the tract of land known as the government farm, a fit and convenient house of correction, suitably and efficiently ventilated, with convenient yards, workshops, and other suitable accommodations adjoining or appurtenant thereto, for the safe keeping, correction, governing, and employing of offenders legally committed thereto by authority of the courts and magistrates of the District of Columbia: *Provided*, That the building already erected on that land for the purpose of establishing a similar institution, together with all the other property there collected for the same purpose, shall be transferred to the trustees appointed according to the provisions of this act, at a cost not exceeding one thousand five hundred dollars.

House of correction for boys established in Washington.

Building already erected to be transferred to trustees under this act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the government of said institution shall be vested in a board of seven trustees, to be appointed and commissioned by the President of the United States, one of whom shall be nominated for appointment by the mayor of Washington, one by the mayor of Georgetown, one by the levy court of the county of Washington, and four by the Secretary of the Interior; and no trustee shall receive compensation for his services, but each trustee shall be allowed the

Government of the institution to be vested in seven trustees.

Trustees, how appointed;

to be paid ex-