of pre-emption or homestead have attached, or which for any reason were not subject to said grant within the limits designated in said act.

APPROVED, December 26, 1866.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act to regulate the elective Franchise in the District of Columbia.* January 8, 1867.

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, each and every male person, excepting paupers and persons under guardianship, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, who has not been convicted of any infamous crime or offence, and excepting persons who may have voluntarily given aid and comfort to the rebels in the late rebellion, and who shall have been born or naturalized in the United States, and who shall have resided in the said District for the period of one year, and three months in the ward or election precinct in which he shall offer to vote, next preceding any election therein, shall be entitled to the elective franchise, and shall be deemed an elector and entitled to vote at any election in said District, without any distinction on account of color or race.

Who to be deemed electors and entitled to vote in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That any person whose duty it shall be to receive votes at any election within the District of Columbia, who shall wilfully refuse to receive, or who shall wilfully reject, the vote of any person entitled to such right under this act, shall be liable to an action of tort by the person injured, and shall be liable, on indictment and conviction, if such act was done knowingly, to a fine not exceeding five thousand dollars, or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year in the jail of said District, or to both.

Penalty for wilfully refusing to receive, or rejecting the ballot of one entitled to vote;

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully interrupt or disturb any such elector in the exercise of such franchise, he or they shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and, on conviction thereof, shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one thousand dollars, or be imprisoned in the jail in said District for a period not to exceed thirty days, or both, at the discretion of the court.

for wilfully disturbing, &c. an elector in the exercise of his franchise.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the several courts having criminal jurisdiction in said District to give this act in special charge to the grand jury at the commencement of each term of the court next preceding the holding of any general or city election in said District.

Criminal courts in the District to charge Grand Jury.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the mayors and aldermen of the cities of Washington and Georgetown, respectively, on or before the first day of March, in each year, shall prepare a list of the persons they judge to be qualified to vote in the several wards of said cities in any election; and said mayors and aldermen shall be in open session to receive evidence of the qualification of persons claiming the right to vote in any election therein, and for correcting said list, on two days in each year, not exceeding five days prior to the annual election for the choice of city officers, giving previous notice of the time and place of each session in some newspaper printed in said District.

Voting lists to be prepared in Washington and Georgetown;

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That on or before the first day of March the mayors and aldermen of said cities shall post up a list of voters thus prepared in one or more public places in said cities, respectively, at least ten days prior to said annual election.

to be posted in public places ten days before annual election.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the officers presiding at any election, shall keep and use the check-list herein required at the polls during the election of all officers, and no vote shall be received unless delivered by the voter in person, and not until the presiding officer has had opportunity to be satisfied of his identity, and shall find his name on the list, and mark it, and ascertain that his vote is single.

Check-list to be used at all elections, and votes received only, &c.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That it is hereby declared unlawful

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Penalty for offering, &c. money, &c. to any person to influence his vote;

for any person, directly or indirectly, to promise, offer, or give, or procure or cause to be promised, offered, or given, any money, goods, right in action, bribe, present, or reward, or any promise, understanding, obligation, or security for the payment or delivery of any money, goods, right in action, bribe, present, or reward, or any other valuable thing whatever, to any person with intent to influence his vote to be given at any election hereafter to be held within the District of Columbia; and every person so offending shall, on conviction thereof, be fined in any sum not exceeding two thousand dollars, or imprisoned not exceeding two years, or both, at the discretion of the court.

for accepting money, &c. to influence one's vote.

Sec. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That any person who shall accept, directly or indirectly, any money, goods, right in action, bribe, present, or reward, or any promise, understanding, obligation, or security for the payment or delivery of any money, goods, right in action, bribe, present, or reward, or any other valuable thing whatever, to influence his vote at any election hereafter to be held in the District of Columbia, shall, on conviction, be imprisoned not less than one year and be forever disfranchised.

Repealing clause.

Sec. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and parts of acts inconsistent with this act be, and the same are hereby repealed.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
LA FAYETTE S. FOSTER,
President of the Senate, pro tempore.

In Senate of the United States, January 7, 1867.

The President of the United States having returned to the Senate, in which it originated, the bill entitled "An act to regulate the elective franchise in the District of Columbia," with his objections thereto, the Senate proceeded in pursuance of the Constitution to reconsider the same, and

Resolved, That the said bill do pass, two thirds of the Senate agreeing to pass the same.

Attest:

J. W. FORNEY,
Secretary of the Senate.

In the House of Representatives of the United States, January 8, 1867.

The House of Representatives having proceeded, in pursuance of the Constitution to reconsider the bill entitled "An act to regulate the elective franchise in the District of Columbia," returned to the Senate by the President of the United States, with his objections, and sent by the Senate to the House of Representatives, with the message of the President returning the bill:

Resolved, That the bill do pass, two thirds of the House of Representatives agreeing to pass the same.

Attest:

EDWD. McPHERSON,
Clerk.

Jan. 14, 1867.

CHAP. VII. — *An Act suspending the Payment of Moneys from the Treasury as Compensation to Persons claiming the Service or Labor of colored Volunteers or drafted Men, and for other Purposes.*

Final report of commissioners upon claims of loyal persons for

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the final report of the commissioners provided for in the second section of the act of Congress entitled "An act making appropriation for sundry civil expenses of the