be subject to such restrictions as the Secretary of War may think necessary to protect the interests of the United States: *And provided further*, That no more than four rods in width of the government land shall be occupied under the provisions of this act. Limit of grant.

APPROVED, May 20, 1868.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act to extend the Charter of Washington City, also to regulate the Selection of Officers, and for other Purposes.* May 28, 1868.

Repealed, except §§ 1 and 6. Vol. xvi. p. 8. Act of 1848, ch. 42, Vol. ix. p. 223, continued in force one year, or, &c. See vol. xvi. p. 8.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled "An act to continue, alter, and amend the charter of the city of Washington," approved May seventeenth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and the several amendments thereof now in force, are hereby continued in force for the term of one year from the date hereof, or until Congress shall by law determine otherwise.

Mayor, aldermen, and council to meet in convention, and elect certain officers by ballot.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the mayor of the city of Washington, District of Columbia, the board of aldermen, and the board of common council thereof, to assemble in joint convention at the city hall in said city on the first Tuesday of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, and proceed to select by ballot all officers whose appointments, upon the nomination of the mayor, are now authorized by the charter, or by any law of the United States, or act or ordinance of said city, or which may hereafter be authorized thereby, who shall hold their offices respectively for one year, and until a successor is appointed; and on the same day of the month in each year thereafter the joint convention shall proceed to a new selection: *Provided*, That no person shall be regarded as incompetent to hold any of said offices, or be disqualified therefor, who is a qualified elector in said District.

Time of meeting; term of office. Future elections. Qualifications for such offices.

Proceedings while in convention.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That in all meetings of the mayor of the city of Washington and of the boards of aldermen and common council for the purposes mentioned in the second section of this act, the mayor or the president of either of said boards shall preside, and the secretaries of said boards shall act as tellers, and keep a record of the proceedings, and the mayor, or any member of either of said boards may nominate one or more persons for the offices required to be filled, and the person having the highest number of votes shall be publicly declared selected, and a certificate of his election shall within five days be made out and be signed by the presiding officer and secretaries, and be transmitted to the person selected, who shall within ten days thereafter enter on the discharge of the duties of his office, which shall be immediately vacated by any person then holding the same.

Certificates of election. Persons elected, when to enter on office.

Questions arising in the convention to be determined by a majority vote. Adjournments. Vacancies.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all questions arising in the joint convention authorized by this act shall be determined by a majority of the votes of the members thereof present at any of its meetings, and it shall have power to adjourn from time to time until all the duties imposed upon it shall be completed, and to require of the persons selected for any office such security as may be deemed necessary. And in the event of any vacancy from disability, death, or resignation, it shall be the duty of the mayor to call a meeting of the joint convention to select a successor for the unexpired term of service.

Bank for the deposit of moneys of the city to be designated in the convention.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That when the mayor, the board of aldermen, and the common council shall be assembled in joint convention, as provided for in this act, they shall, by a majority vote, designate a bank in which the various moneys of the city of Washington shall be deposited, and they shall make such regulations in relation to the mode in which such funds shall be kept and paid out as shall be deemed advisable for the interests of the city; and within five days after such designation a certificate of the bank selected shall be made out and placed in the

Certificate of selection to be given president

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or cashier of bank.

City funds not to be elsewhere unless, &c.

hands of the president or cashier thereof, and thereafter it shall not be lawful to retain or deposit the funds of the city, or any part thereof, in any other bank or place, unless by order of the board.

Amendment of, 1867, ch. 6, § 1. Vol. xiv. p. 375.

Electors to reside in ward fifteen days before offering to vote.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the first section of the act entitled "An act to regulate the elective franchise in the District of Columbia," passed January eight, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, be, and the same is hereby, amended so as to require electors in the city of Washington to reside in the ward or election precinct in which they shall offer to vote fifteen days prior to the day of any election, instead of three months: *Provided*, That said section shall not be construed as conferring the elective franchise in said city on non-commissioned officers, soldiers, sailors, or marines in the regular service of the United States, stationed or on duty in said city, except such as may have become actual residents with their families in said city for one year previous to any election: *Provided further*, That no person claiming to be a naturalized citizen shall be registered as an elector, nor shall the name of any such person be retained on the list of voters, without the production of his naturalization papers or duly certified copies thereof, or satisfactory proof of the loss of the same; and for the purpose of correcting said list as regards the aforesaid classes of persons, and in all other respects, the judges of election shall meet in some proper place in said city between the hours of nine o'clock, A. M., and seven o'clock, P. M., on three days instead of two days, as now required: *Provided further*, That all the original lists of voters both before and after their correction shall remain in the custody of the member of the board of judges first named in their appointment by the supreme court of the District of Columbia; and, in the event of his removal or resignation, in the custody of his regularly appointed successor, except when being copied for publication and for the use of the commissioners of elections, and said original lists shall at all times be open for the use and inspection of either of said judges: *Provided further*, That no property qualification shall be required for any of the officers of said city, and that three days prior to any election each board of commissioners of election shall appoint two clerks to assist them in registering the names of voters in their respective election precincts, and in making returns of the elections, who shall be sworn before the clerk of the supreme court of said District truly and faithfully to perform their duties, and for any misconduct in office be subject to the same penalties to which said commissioners are now subject: *And provided further*, That it shall be the duty of the judges of election to make any regulations and give any notice which may be proper or necessary to carry out any of the provisions of this section.

Persons claiming to be naturalized not to be registered, &c. unless papers are produced, &c.

Correction of voting lists.

Original voting lists to remain in whose custody.

This section continued in force one year. Vol. xvi. p. 8.

No property qualification required for officers.

Clerks to board of commissioners of elections.

Judges of election to make regulations.

Repeal of inconsistent laws.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That all acts and ordinances, or parts thereof, or parts of the charter of the city of Washington inconsistent herewith, be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
B. F. WADE,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Indorsed by the President: "Received May 16, 1868.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. — The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. XLIX. — *An Act making Appropriations to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Execution of the Reconstruction Laws in the third military District for the fiscal Year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.* May 30, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of carrying out the reconstruction laws in the third military district for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, viz. To provide for the expenses of carrying into effect the "Act to provide for the more efficient government of the rebel States," for the third military district, the sum of eighty-seven thousand seven hundred and one dollars and fifty-five cents.

Appropriation for deficiency in carrying into effect the reconstruction laws in the third military district. 1867, ch. 153. Vol. xiv. p. 428.

SCHUYLER COLFAX,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.
B. F. WADE,
President of the Senate pro tempore.

Indorsed by the President: "Received May 19, 1868."

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. — The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the House of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. L. — *An Act declaring Saint George, Boothbay, Bucksport, Vinalhaven, and North Haven, in the State of Maine, and San Antonio, in the State of Texas, Ports of Delivery.* June 5, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Saint George and Boothbay, in the State of Maine, in the collection districts of Waldoboro' and Wiscassett, respectively, and San Antonio, Texas, in the collection district of Saluria, and Bucksport and Vinalhaven and North Haven, in the State of Maine, in the districts of Castine and Belfast, respectively, be, and the same are hereby, declared ports of delivery: *Provided*, That nothing in this act contained shall occasion additional expense to the government of the United States.

Ports of delivery established in Maine and Texas.

APPROVED, June 5, 1868.

CHAP. LI. — *An Act to partially supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of the fiscal Year ending on the thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight.* June 8, 1868.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the fiscal year ending on the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, viz.

Deficiency appropriation for 1868.

For compensation of the officers, clerks, messengers, and others, receiving an annual salary in the service of the House of Representatives, twelve thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars.

House of Representatives.

For folding documents, including materials, twenty-five thousand dollars.

For miscellaneous items, ten thousand dollars.

To supply a deficiency in the appropriation for the expenses of collecting the revenue from customs, for the half year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, one million eight hundred thousand dollars.

Collecting revenue from customs.