

CHAP. CXXXI.—*An Act exempting from Taxes certain Property in the District of Columbia, and to amend the "Act to provide for the Creation of Corporations in the District of Columbia by general Law."*

June 17, 1870.

*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 all churches and school-houses, and all buildings, grounds, and property appurtenant thereto, and used in connection therewith in the District of Columbia, shall be exempt from any and all taxes or assessments, national, municipal, or county.

Churches and school-houses in the District of Columbia exempt from taxation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That savings banks may be organized within the District of Columbia under the provisions of section four of an act "to provide for the creation of corporations in the District of Columbia by general law," and the limitation of twenty years provided for in said section for the existence of corporations created under and by virtue of the provisions of said section shall not apply to corporations formed only for the purpose of life insurance.

Savings banks may be organized in the District of Columbia, under act of 1870, ch. 80, § 4. *Ante*, p. 102. Life insurance.

APPROVED, June 17, 1870.

CHAP. CXXXII.—*An Act to provide for furnishing artificial Limbs to disabled Soldiers.*

June 17, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That every soldier who was disabled during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, and who was furnished by the War Department with an artificial limb, or apparatus for resection, shall be entitled to receive a new limb or apparatus as soon after the passage of this act as the same can be *practically* [practicably] furnished, and at the expiration of every five years thereafter, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the surgeon-general of the army: *Provided*, That the soldier may, if he so elect, receive, instead of said limb or apparatus, the money value thereof, at the following rates, viz.: For artificial legs, seventy-five dollars; for arms, fifty dollars; for feet, fifty dollars; for apparatus for resection, fifty dollars.

See *Post*, pp. 174, 222.

Disabled soldiers heretofore furnished with artificial limbs, &c. to be supplied anew now, and every five years hereafter;

or may receive money value thereof.

Commutation rates.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the surgeon-general shall certify to the commissioner of pensions a list of all soldiers who have elected to receive money commutation instead of limbs or apparatus, with the amount due to each, and the commissioner of pensions shall cause the same to be paid to such soldiers in the same manner as pensions are now or hereafter may be paid.

Money commutation how to be paid.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That every soldier who lost a limb during the late war, but from the nature of his injury was not able to use an artificial limb, and consequently received none from the government, shall be entitled to the benefits of this act and shall receive money commutation as hereinbefore provided.

Disabled soldiers who cannot use an artificial limb, to receive money value.

APPROVED, June 17, 1870.

CHAP. CXXXIII.—*An Act to establish a Police Court for the District of Columbia, and for other Purposes.*

June 17, 1870.

See *Post*, p. 188.

*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 a court to be called the Police Court of the District of Columbia, which shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction of all offences against the United States committed in the District of Columbia, not deemed capital or otherwise infamous crimes, that is to say, of all simple assaults and batteries, and all other misdemeanors not punishable by imprisonment in the penitentiary; and of all offences against any of the ordinances of the city of Washington, or of the city of Georgetown, or laws of the levy court of the county of Washington. It

Police court of the District of Columbia established. Jurisdiction.