in the act or acts authorizing such levy to be made, and that no change whatsoever shall be made by transfer of one fund to another, or by paying out any sum or sums of money on account of any object or purpose for which it was not levied or collected.

No transfer from one fund to another.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That in no case shall the sum levied for the "general fund," or miscellaneous purposes, exceed twenty-five cents on the hundred dollars of valuation.

Limit to levy for the "general fund."

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the mayor of the city of Washington, by and with the consent of the board of aldermen thereof, shall appoint an auditor and a comptroller for said city, each to receive such annual compensation as shall be fixed by an act of the corporation of Washington, and whose offices shall be adjacent to that occupied by the mayor. It shall be the duty of the auditor to audit all accounts against the said corporation; to certify the same, when found correct, to the comptroller; and to retain the originals of all contracts made and orders given for all descriptions of work or improvements by the corporation aforesaid. It shall be the duty of the comptroller to keep an exact account of all warrants issued in the manner hereinafter provided for, and of all taxes levied by the corporation, under their respective heads; to countersign and keep an accurate record for all receipts for taxes or other revenue of any description whatever, given by the collector and register, such receipts not to be valid unless so countersigned, and to compare the same daily with the books of said collector and register. Each and every account against the corporation of Washington, when audited and certified by the auditor, shall be paid by a warrant of the comptroller, countersigned by the mayor; and in no case shall payments be made in any other manner than provided for in this act. But no account shall be paid, by warrant or otherwise, unless there is a fund to the credit of that particular account. The money received from any and all sources, for and on account of the corporation, shall, on the day of its receipt, be deposited by the collector and register to the credit of the city of Washington, in such place as may be designated as a depository for the funds of the corporation by an act of the board of aldermen and board of common council, approved by the mayor; and such depository shall, each day that deposits are made, furnish a statement of the same to the comptroller, to be by him filed in his office.

An auditor and a comptroller to be appointed.

Pay.

Business offices.

Duties of auditor;

of comptroller.

Accounts certified by auditor to be paid by comptroller;

but not unless there is a fund to credit of such accounts.

Moneys to be deposited the day of their receipt.

Depository to make statement to comptroller.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation of Washington shall have power to issue certificates of indebtedness, not to exceed in amount six hundred thousand dollars, and to bear interest at the rate of seven and three tenths per centum per annum, and to be redeemable within three years from the date of issue; the said certificates not to be of a less denomination than fifty dollars, and to be receivable for taxes due said corporation to such amount yearly as said corporation may designate by law, not, however, to exceed fifty per centum of the amount due by any tax-payer. And said certificates shall be used for no [other] purpose than the payment of the ascertained indebtedness of the corporation of Washington to the sixth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy.

City of Washington may issue certificates of indebtedness.

Amount, rate of interest, when redeemable, denominations, and for what receivable.

To be used only for what purpose.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That any person who shall violate the provisions of this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor in office, and be dismissed therefrom.

Penalty for violating this act.

APPROVED, July 7, 1870.

CHAP. CCXIII. — *An Act to construe certain Acts therein cited, in Relation to Pensions.* July 7, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That neither the act of July twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act increasing the pensions of widows and orphans, and for other purposes," nor the act

Amounts fixed by special acts granting pensions not to be

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increased, or reduced by acts 1866, ch. 235, Vol. xiv. p. 230. 1868, ch. 264. Vol. xv p. 235.

of July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, entitled "An act relating to pensions," shall be so construed as to increase the amount directed to be paid in any special act of Congress granting a pension; nor shall said acts be construed so as to reduce the same whenever such act fixes definitely the amount of pension to which the person therein named shall be entitled, in excess of the rate fixed by general law for the rank in respect to which such special pensions may have been or may hereafter be granted.

Sums heretofore withheld to be paid over.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall have the effect to restore to the persons affected hereby any sums heretofore withheld from them by the construction hereinbefore prohibited.

APPROVED, July 7, 1870.

July 7, 1870.

CHAP. CCXIV. — *An Act to change the Times of holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States in the northern District of Ohio.*

Terms of circuit and district courts in Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, instead of the times now fixed by law, the circuit and district courts of the United States for the northern district of Ohio shall hereafter be held as follows: at Cleveland, Ohio, on the first Tuesdays in the months of January, April, and October, in each year; and all recognizances, indictments, or other proceedings, civil and criminal, now pending in either of said courts, shall be entered and have day in court, and be heard and tried according to the times of holding said courts as herein provided.

APPROVED, July 7, 1870.

July 8, 1870.

CHAP. CCXXIV. — *An Act to incorporate the United States Freehold Land and Emigration Company, and to confirm certain Legislation in Colorado Territory.*

United States Freehold Land and Emigration Company incorporated in Colorado and New Mexico.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William Gilpin, Ambrose E. Burnside, S. L. M. Barlow, Charles A. Lambard, William H. Reynolds, Hiram Hitchcock, Henry W. Gray, Morton C. Fisher, and such other persons as may be associated with them and their successors, are hereby created a body politic and corporate, in the Territories of Colorado and New Mexico, by the name, style, and title of the "United States Freehold Land and Emigration Company," and by that name shall have succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all proper courts of law and equity, and may make and have a common seal.

Powers.

Seal.

Capital stock.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of the said corporation shall be two and one half millions of dollars, divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and the same shall be deemed to be personal property and transferable on the books of the company only, and such capital stock may be increased from time to time to the extent necessary to carry out the objects for which said company is formed, not exceeding in the whole the sum of ten million dollars, upon a vote of two thirds in amount of the stock for the time being in favor of such increase.

Shares, and how transferable.

By-laws.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company shall have power to make such by-laws as it deems proper for the disposition of its property and estate, and for the management of its business and affairs, for the regulation of the term of office of its officers and their duties, and to carry out the general objects of the corporation, and the same to amend or repeal at pleasure: *Provided*, That such by-laws shall not conflict with any law of the United States, or of the Territories of Colorado and New Mexico, or the States which may be formed therein.

Proviso.

Corporators to be first directors.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporators named in this act shall be the directors for the first year from the organization of the company, and until others are elected; and thereafter annual elections of