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1867, ch. 176, § 33. Vol. xiv. p. 533.

CHAP. CCLXII. — *An Act in Amendment of the Act entitled "An Act establishing an uniform System of Bankruptcy throughout the United States."*

Law refusing discharge to bankrupt, unless assets pay 50 per cent. not to apply to debts contracted prior to Jan. 1, 1869.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the second clause of the thirty-third section of said act, as amended by the first section of an act in amendment thereof, approved July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, shall not apply to those debts from which the bankrupt seeks a discharge which were contracted prior to the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine.

1868, ch. 258. Vol. xv. p. 227. Acts of bankruptcy.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the clause in the thirty-ninth section of said act which now reads "or who, being a banker, merchant, or trader, has fraudulently stopped or suspended and not resumed payment of his commercial paper within a period of fourteen days," shall be amended so as to read as follows: "or who, being a banker, broker, merchant, trader, manufacturer, or miner, has fraudulently stopped payment, or who has stopped or suspended and not resumed payment of his commercial paper within a period of fourteen days."

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CHAP. CCLXIII. — *An Act authorizing the Establishment of Water-Meters for the Potomac Water, the Laying of an additional Water-Main from the distributing Reservoir of the Washington Aqueduct, and for other Purposes.*

Potomac water may be shut off where waste occurs and notice is disregarded;

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in order to prevent unnecessary waste of Potomac water, and in order to more fully enforce the laws of the corporation of Washington and Georgetown, in relation to the distribution of the same, the engineer officer in charge of the Washington aqueduct is hereby authorized and empowered, after giving notice, to shut off the water when such notice shall be disregarded from any places where a waste of water is occurring.

to be allowed for mechanical, &c. purposes and private fountains, &c. only when, &c.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the use of Potomac water for mechanical and manufacturing purposes, or for private fountains, street and pavement washers, shall be allowed only when, in the opinion of said engineer, it will not be detrimental to the general distribution of water in the two cities.

Supply to places requiring a large quantity to be determined by meters; charge for water.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the supply of water to all manufacturing establishments, hotels, livery-stables, and other places requiring a large quantity, shall be determined by meters erected and maintained at the expense of the consumer; and the said corporations of Washington and Georgetown shall charge and collect for the quantity so determined a price not exceeding three cents per hundred gallons.

Iron main from the distributing reservoir to Capitol Hill.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That said engineer officer shall cause to be furnished and laid from the distributing reservoir of the Washington aqueduct to Capitol Hill, in the city of Washington, along such route as he shall determine, an iron main of thirty-six inches in diameter, connected with the present mains at such points as he shall direct,

Expense how to be paid.

and that the entire cost thereof shall be borne proportionately by the corporations of Washington and Georgetown, and in order to provide for such cost, the said corporations are hereby empowered and authorized to increase the present water rates and water taxes to such an amount as may by them be deemed necessary.

Washington and Georgetown may borrow the necessary money, to be paid out of revenue from water rents.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That for the purpose of enabling the corporations aforesaid to carry out the provisions of this act, it shall be competent for them to borrow, in such proportions as they may deem necessary, a sum of money not exceeding two hundred and sixty thousand dollars for the city of Washington, and forty thousand dollars for the city of Georgetown, redeemable within a period of ten years, out of any revenue to be derived from water rents.

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