

safe and more productive securities, for the purchase from time to time, and the redemption at maturity, of the first mortgage construction bonds of the company, on the road depots, stations, side tracks, and wood yards, not exceeding thirty thousand dollars per mile of road, payable in gold coin not longer than thirty years from date, with interest payable semiannually in coin not exceeding the [rate] of seven per centum per annum; and no part of the principal or interest of the said fund shall be applied to any other use until all the said bonds shall have been purchased or redeemed and cancelled; and each of the said first mortgage bonds shall bear the certificate of the trustees, setting forth the manner in which the same is secured and its payment provided for. And the district court of the United States, concurrently with the State courts, shall have original jurisdiction, subject to appeal and writ of error, to enforce the provisions of this section.

the purchase, &c. of certain bonds.
Bonds and interest how payable.

Sinking fund to be used only for, &c.

Bonds to bear certificate of trustees.

What courts may enforce this provision.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company shall file with the Secretary of the Interior its assent to this act within one year from the time of its passage; and the foregoing grant is upon condition that said company shall complete a section of twenty or more miles of said railroad and telegraph within two years, and the entire railroad and telegraph within six years, from the same date.

Company to file assent within, &c.

Conditions of this grant.

APPROVED, May 4, 1870.

CHAP. LXX. — *An Act to authorize the corporate Authorities of the City of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, to pave and improve the Streets thereof.* May 4, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the corporation of the city of Georgetown shall have full power and authority to lay taxes on particular wards, parts, or sections of the city, for their particular local improvements, and to cause the curbstones to be set, the foot and carriage ways, or so much thereof as they may deem best, to be graded, paved, gravelled, or otherwise improved; to introduce the necessary sewerage and drainage facilities, under and upon the whole or any portion of any avenue, street, or alley; to cause the same to be suitably graded, paved, gravelled, or otherwise improved and repaired, and at all times properly cleaned and watered; to cause lamps to be erected therein, and to light the same; and to pay the cost thereof, the said corporation of Georgetown is hereby authorized for the purposes of grading, paving, gravelled, or otherwise improving or repairing any street, avenue, or alley, or any part thereof, to lay and collect a general tax for the same, or any part of the cost thereof, upon all the property of said city, or upon all property bordering upon such avenue, street, or alley, or any part thereof that may be graded, gravelled, paved, or otherwise improved or repaired; and that, for the purpose of sewerage, the said corporation shall have power to lay and collect a tax equal to the expense, or any part thereof, upon all property bordering upon such avenue, street, or alley that may be so sewered, or any property benefited thereby, in accordance with the provisions of this act; and also to be laid, or cause to be laid, simultaneously with the grading, gravelled, paving, or otherwise improving any avenue, street, or alley, or at any other time in which a main water-pipe, main gas-pipe, or main sewer may have been or shall be laid, water or gas service-pipes or lateral house-drains from such water or gas main, or main sewer, to one foot within the curb line in front of every lot, or subdivisional part of a lot, which may bound on such avenue, street, or alley, and to which a gas or water service-pipe or house-drain may not have been already laid; and to pay the cost thereof, shall have full power and authority to lay and collect a special tax on every such lot or part of lot.

Georgetown may lay local taxes for local improvements. Streets.

Sewerage and drainage.

Lighting streets.

Taxes for grading, &c.;

sewerage;

water and gas pipes.

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