improvements and repairs in said District by the issuing of four millions of bonds and levying a tax for the payment of the interest as it shall annually accrue thereon, and submitting the act with the question of the issuing of four millions of improvement bonds to a vote of the people at a general election in said District;" and also the act of the legislative assembly, approved August nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act levying a tax for the payment of the interest as it shall annually accrue on four million dollars of bonds authorized to be issued by the District of Columbia to create a debt for special improvements and repairs in said District, by the issuing of four millions of bonds and levying a tax for the payment of the interest as it shall annually accrue thereon, and submitting the act, with the question of the issuing of four millions of improvement bonds, to a vote of the people at a general election in the said District," be, and the same are hereby, disapproved and declared null and void, and the authorities of the District are hereby forbidden to issue any portion of the four millions of bonds named in said acts; and that the act of the said legislative assembly, approved July tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act making appropriations for improvements and repairs in the District of Columbia, and providing for the payment thereof," be, and the same is hereby, approved, ratified, and confirmed.

Certain bonds not to be issued.

Certain act approved.

Debt of the District not to exceed, &c., unless, &c.

SEC. 7. That the debt of the District of Columbia, including the debts of the late corporations, shall at no time exceed the sum of ten millions of dollars, unless an increase over the said amount shall have been previously authorized by act of Congress.

Repealing clause.

SEC. 8. That all laws and parts of laws inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

APPROVED, May 8, 1872.

May 9, 1872.

CHAP. CXLIII.—*An Act to change the Time for holding the Circuit and District Courts of the United States for the western District of Wisconsin, at La Crosse.*

Time of holding circuit and district court at La Crosse, Wis. 1870, ch. 175, § 2. Vol. xvi. p. 171.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the time of holding the circuit and district courts of the United States for the western district of Wisconsin, at La Crosse, be on the third Tuesday of September of each year, instead of the first Monday of December, as now provided by law; and that the December term at La Crosse be, and the same is hereby, abolished, and that all recognizances, indictments, writs, process, and other proceedings, civil and criminal, now pending in either of said courts, may be entered, heard, and tried at the time herein fixed for holding said courts: *Provided, however*, That a term of said court may be held in December, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, for the purpose of taking forfeitures of recognizances and disposing of any and all matters pending in said court, civil or criminal, necessary to be disposed of at said term to prevent discontinuances or any loss of any rights that may have accrued to any party or to the government of the United States.

December term abolished.

Proviso.

Courts at Madison and certain power of judges not interfered with.

SEC. 2. This act shall not interfere with the term of said courts appointed to be holden at Madison, in said district, nor with the power now possessed by the judges of said courts to order special terms of the same, as now provided by law.

APPROVED, May 9, 1872.

May 9, 1872.

CHAP. CXLIV.—*An Act to extend the Time of Payment for their Lands by Persons holding Pre-emptions on the public Lands in the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and Territory of Dakota.*

Persons holding pre-emptions on public lands in certain States to have one year

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all persons holding pre-emptions upon any of the public lands of the United States within the States of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and Territory of Dakota, whose final payment has not been made, shall be allowed the additional

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