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**CHAP. 294.**—An act to confirm the sale of the marine-hospital building and grounds at Natchez in the State of Mississippi.

Preamble.

Whereas the marine-hospital building and grounds at Natchez, Mississippi, are not required for the service of the United States; and whereas the said building has been for many years in a process of dilapidation and decay; and whereas the said building and grounds have been offered for sale at different times by auction under and in pursuance of law: Therefore,

Sale of Natchez marine-hospital building may be confirmed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to confirm to the highest bidder the sale made under his direction and in pursuance of law, February fifteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-six; it being satisfactorily shown to him that the said building is to be reconstructed and devoted, under responsible auspices, to purposes of instruction for the benefit of the colored people of the United States.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

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**CHAP. 295.**—An act fixing the limit of expenditure for the erection of a public building at Little Rock, Arkansas.

1872, ch. 324, 17 Stat., 280.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the act of Congress, approved June seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, entitled "An act to provide for a building for the use of the Federal courts, post-office, internal revenue, and other civil offices in the city of Little Rock, Arkansas," be, and hereby is, amended by fixing the limit of expenditure authorized for the site and full completion of said building at two hundred thousand dollars.

Limit of cost of public building at Little Rock, Ark.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

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**CHAP. 296.**—An act to provide means to defray the expenses of the District of Columbia until December first, eighteen hundred and seventy six.

Commissioners of District of Columbia may anticipate revenues.

*Ante*, p. 83.
*Post*, p. 396.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That to enable the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to defray the expenses of said District to December first, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, they are hereby authorized to anticipate by loans or otherwise, the taxes for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, a sum not to exceed four hundred and eighteen thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars and ninety-six cents, the interest on which shall not exceed six per centum per annum.

Approved, August 15, 1876.

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Aug. 15, 1876.

**CHAP. 297.**—An act relating to partition of real estate in the District of Columbia.

Partition by tenants in common in District of Columbia.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all tenants in common and coparceners of any estate in lands tenements, or hereditaments, equitable as well as legal, within the District of Columbia, may, in the discretion of the Court, be compelled in any court of competent jurisdiction, to make, or suffer partition of such estate or estates. In proceedings for partition all persons in interest shall be made parties in the same manner as in cases of equity jurisdiction. And in proceedings for partition under this act, the court may in addition to the powers herein conferred,

Parties to suit. Jurisdiction.