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Corporation of District continued for certain purposes.

SEC. 15. That the corporation of the District of Columbia is continued for all the purposes of this act and other acts for the collection of taxes, for suing and being sued, for causes arising prior to June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four, and for acquiring and holding real estate for school and municipal purposes.

Designation of lots by number and letter to be revised.

SEC. 16. That hereafter no two lots or subdivisions of original or other lots in any square of ground in the District of Columbia shall be designated by the same number or by the same letter of the alphabet, and the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, or their successors in office, shall cause the numbers and letters designating lots in all the squares of ground in said District to be revised and changed to conform to this requirement; and they shall make such further changes in the existing numbers or letters designating lots in any of the squares in the cities and villages in said District as may, in their opinion, facilitate and simplify the labor of assessing real estate therein.

Advances by Secretary of Treasury to Commissioners.

SEC. 17. That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to advance to said Commissioners, between the first day of July and the first day of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, such sums as may be from time to time required for the payment of interest on the old funded debt, and for the current expenses of the District government, the aggregate sum so advanced not to exceed four hundred thousand dollars; and the Commissioners shall re-imburse the Treasury the amount so advanced out of the revenues of the District on or before the expiration of the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

This act permanent.

SEC. 18. That this act shall remain in force as the tax law of the District of Columbia for each subsequent year after June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, until repealed.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 118.—An act making an appropriation for the expenses of the Electoral Commission.

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That That the sum of seven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to pay

Expenses of Electoral Commission.

the expenses of the Electoral Commission provided for by the act approved January twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, entitled "An act to provide for and regulate the counting of votes for President and Vice President, and the decision of questions arising thereon, for the term commencing March fourth, anno Domini, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven," said sum to be disbursed upon the certificate of the President of said Commission: *Provided*, That any person employed by said Commission may receive such compensation as may be allowed by said Commission in addition to any other compensation or salary he may be receiving as an officer of the government.

Proviso.

Approved, March 3, 1877.

March 3, 1877.

CHAP. 119.—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to open and re-adjust the settlement made by the United States Government with the Western and Atlantic Railroad of Georgia.

Settlement with Western and Atlantic Railroad of Georgia may be re-adjusted.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to re-open the settlement made by the United States Government with the Western and Atlantic Railroad of the State of Georgia, and to adjust the same upon the basis and the plan of settlement which was adopted in the settlement made by the Secretary of War with the Nashville and Chattanooga Railroad Company, the East

Basis of readjustment.