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April 2, 1878.

CHAP. 47.—An act to provide for deficiencies in the miscellaneous fund of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

Appropriation. Miscellaneous funds of Senate and House.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet the miscellaneous expenses of the House of Representatives, to be disbursed by the Clerk of the House.

That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet the contingent expenses of the Senate, namely:

For miscellaneous items, twenty thousand dollars.

For folding books, speeches, and pamphlets, at the prices specified in the legislative act for the current fiscal year, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Approved, April 2, 1878.

April 3, 1878.

CHAP. 48.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for other purposes."

District of Columbia; assessment of property in.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the twelfth section of the act of Congress entitled "An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, shall be, and is hereby, so amended that the assessors appointed under said act, or their successors in office, shall, before the first day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, under the direction of the superintendent of assessments and taxes of said District, assess the value of all the real and personal property in said District liable to taxation thereunder, and shall state the same in seperate books, to be kept in a systematic manner, and such value for taxation shall be the true value in the lawful money of the United States of the property so assessed. The assessed value shall have reference to the date of the first day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, except as to stock in trade, which shall be the average value of the stock of merchandise or other articles kept on hand during the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight. Said assessors shall, between the first day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and the twentieth day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, hold daily sessions for the purpose of equalizing the assessments theretofore made by them, and for the purpose of hearing and determining any and all appeals from the valuations theretofore made by them. Each assessor shall, at the meetings of the assessors as aforesaid, make full and detailed reports of his act as such assessor. And during said period they shall have power to revise assessments theretofore made by them, or any of them, by either justly increasing or justly diminishing any particular assessment.

1877, ch. 117, 19 Stat., 400, Amended.

Date of values.

Stock in trade.

Equalizations.

In section eight strike out the word "domiciled", and insert in lieu thereof the words "temporarily residing".

Census.

SEC. 2. That said assessors, while engaged in making the assessment as required in the first section of this act, shall also take an accurate census of the inhabitants of said District of Columbia, and return the same to the Commissioners of said District. For this purpose, the Commissioners of said District shall prepare the proper books, so arranged as to show, under proper heads, the name, sex, birth-place, race, age, and occupation of such inhabitants, and such other information as they shall prescribe.

1877, ch. 117, 19 Stat., 396, Amended.

SEC. 3. That section third of the act aforesaid be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out in the first line of said section the words "by this act", and in line third of same section striking out the