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words "eighteen hundred and seventy-seven", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "next succeeding the completion of the assessment"; and by striking out in lines fourth and fifth of said section the words "eighteen hundred and seventy-eight", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "next following"; so that the said section shall read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That one-half the tax levied upon real and personal property shall become due and payable on the first day of November next succeeding the completion of the assessment, and the other half of such tax shall become due and payable on the first day of May next following; and in every case where the tax levied shall be paid by installments, as herein authorized, each of said payments shall be deemed to have been made on the several funds and for the different purposes indicated in the second section of this act; and an equal pro rata proportion of the payments so made shall be carried to the credit of the respective funds. Tax, when payable.

Approved, April 3, 1878.

CHAP. 49.—An act to constitute a commission to consider and report a plan for providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress. April 3, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the two chairmen of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress on the part of the Senate and House, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, the chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and the Librarian of Congress, be, and they are hereby, constituted a commission to consider the whole subject of providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress, and to report a plan for such accommodations, together with an estimate of the cost. Library of Congress. Commission.

SEC 2. That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for procuring such plans as the commission may prescribe, in furtherance of the provisions of this act. Appropriation.

Approved, April 3, 1878.

CHAP. 50.—An act for the relief of John A. Darling. April 8, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to nominate and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate appoint John A. Darling, late captain Second Artillery, a captain of artillery in the Army of the United States, with his former rank and date of commission; and that he, the said John A. Darling, shall be assigned to the first vacancy of his grade occurring in the artillery arm of the service: *Provided*, That said John A. Darling shall receive no further pay for the time he was out of service, so that he shall only receive pay from the date of appointment under this act. John A. Darling restored to Army. *Proviso.*

Approved, April 8, 1878.

CHAP. 51.—An act to amend section five hundred and forty, chapter one, title thirteen, Revised Statutes of the United States. April 8, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five hundred and forty, of chapter one and title thirteen of the Revised Statutes, be amended to read as follows: R. S., 540, p. 90, Amended.

"SEC. 540. The State of Missouri is divided into two districts, which shall be called the eastern and the western district of Missouri. The Missouri, judicial districts of.