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CHAP. 172.—An act to protect Holmead cemetery in the District of Columbia. March 3, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right and title of the United States to and in square number one hundred and nine, in the city of Washington, commonly known as Holmead's cemetery, be, and the same is hereby granted to and vested in the District of Columbia, and shall be used by said District for public school purposes, and for none other. The Commissioners of the District, or their successors in office, may at any time sell any part or the whole of said square; but the proceeds of such sale or sales shall be exclusively invested in sites for public schools or in the erection or purchase of school-buildings, and shall be used for no other purpose whatever. But before making any disposition of the said square, the District of Columbia shall remove all the bodies remaining interred therein to some suitable burial-ground, together with all tombstones or other monuments remaining at the graves from which the bodies are so removed.

District of Columbia.
Holmead cemetery granted to, for school purposes.
May be sold.
Removal of bodies.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

CHAP. 173.—An act to amend the act entitled "An act to provide for furnishing trusses to disabled soldiers", approved May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two. March 3, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of the act entitled "An act to provide for furnishing trusses to disabled soldiers", approved May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy two, be, and the same is hereby, amended so that said section shall read as follows:

1872, ch. 228, 17 Stat., 164.

That every soldier of the Union Army, or petty-officer, seaman, or marine in the naval service, who was ruptured while in the line of duty during the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, or who shall be so ruptured thereafter in any war, shall be entitled to receive a single or double truss of such style as may be designated by the Surgeon-General of the United States Army as best suited for such disability; and whenever the said truss or trusses so furnished shall become useless from wear, destruction, or loss, such soldier, petty-officer, seaman, or marine shall be supplied with another truss on making a like application as provided for in section two of the original act of which this is an amendment: *Provided*, That such application shall not be made more than once in two years and six months: *And provided further*, That sections two and three of the said act of May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, shall be construed so as to apply to petty-officers, seamen, and marines of the naval service, as well as to soldiers of the Army.

Trusses for soldiers and sailors.
Renewals.
Proviso.
Extension of act.

Approved, March 3, 1879.

CHAP. 174.—An act to validate and confirm certain acknowledgments of deeds and other instruments of writing under seal made in a foreign country for lands lying in the District of Columbia, and the records thereof. March 3, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all acknowledgments of deeds and other instruments of writing under seal heretofore made in a foreign country, before any secretary of legation, consul, or consular officer of the United States, for lands lying in the District of Columbia, are hereby validated and confirmed, and the same, and the records of the said deeds and instruments, if the said deeds and instruments have been recorded, are declared to be as good and effectual, in behalf of the grantees therein named, and all persons claiming through or under them, as if the said acknowledgments and records had been respectively made and recorded under the provisions of existing laws: *Provided*, That nothing in this act shall be construed divest just rights already ac-

District of Columbia.
Foreign acknowledgments of deeds.
Proviso.