

Issue of twenty-year five per cent. bonds of District of Columbia.

1879, ch. 17, Stat. I, sess. I.

Proviso.

Limit to issue of bonds.

authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to issue twenty-year five per centum bonds of the District of Columbia to redeem certain funded indebtedness of said District", approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, be, and the same is hereby, so amended as to authorize the Commissioners of said District to issue registered bonds as well as coupon bonds upon the terms and conditions and in the manner provided in said act; and the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized to exchange registered bonds for coupon bonds already issued under the authority of the act approved June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and to sell either the registered or coupon bonds, as may be most to the benefit of the said District, at not less than their par value, in the redemption of the said funded indebtedness of said District: *Provided*, That the amount of both the registered and coupon bonds so issued or exchanged, with those already issued under said act, shall not exceed the amount of one million two hundred thousand dollars, as provided in said act of June tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

Approved, June 8, 1880.

June 8, 1880.

CHAP. 135.—An act to authorize the Secretary of War to improve and repair the Mullan wagon-road between Forts Missoula and Cœur d'Alene.

Mullan wagon-road, Idaho.

Appropriation.

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 and empowered to have improved and repaired the military wagon-road, commonly known as the Mullan wagon-road, between Fort Missoula, in Montana Territory, and Fort Cœur d'Alene, in Idaho Territory, and, for the purpose of defraying the expenses of the same, the sum of twenty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

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CHAP. 136.—An act to provide for issuing patents for public lands claimed under the pre-emption and homestead laws in cases where the claimants have become insane.

Patents for public lands in cases of insanity.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in all cases in which parties who regularly initiated claims to public lands as settlers thereon according to the provisions of the pre-emption or homestead laws, have become insane or shall hereafter become insane before the expiration of the time during which their residence, cultivation, or improvement of the land claimed by them is required by law to be continued in order to entitle them to make the proper proof and perfect their claims, it shall be lawful for the required proof and payment to be made for their benefit by any person who may be legally authorized to act for them during their disability, and thereupon their claims shall be confirmed and patented, provided it shall be shown by proof satisfactory to the Commissioner of the General Land Office that the parties complied in good faith with the legal requirements up to the time of their becoming insane, and the requirement in homestead entries of an affidavit of allegiance by the applicant in certain cases as a prerequisite to the issuing of the patents shall be dispensed with so far as regards such insane parties.

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CHAP. 137.—An act to further amend the act entitled "An act to reorganize the courts of the District of Columbia, and for other purposes", approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and to amend section eight hundred and sixty-one of chapter twenty-four of the Revised Statutes of the District of Columbia.

Courts, District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That any justice of the supreme