

CHAP. 158.—An act to declare the true intent and meaning of "An act to reimburse the State of Kentucky for moneys expended for the United States in enrolling, subsisting, clothing, supplying, arming, equipping, paying and transporting militia forces to aid in suppressing the rebellion," approved June eighth, eighteen hundred and seventy two.

March 3, 1881.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in adjusting the claim of the State of Kentucky the term "equipment" shall be construed to mean and include the arming of said forces, as an essential part of their equipments, and the word "supplying" shall include forage and fuel, and the transportation shall be embraced, as indicated in the title of the act, it being the intention of Congress in the passage of said act to settle and adjust said accounts.

Declaring intent and meaning of act of Congress providing for reimbursement to Kentucky of moneys expended in the war of the rebellion.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 159.—An act to vacate and close an alley in square five hundred and four in Washington, District of Columbia.

March 3, 1881.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, in their discretion, are hereby authorized and empowered to sell and convey to the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company the ground occupied by the alley running north and south in square five hundred and four, between lots eight, nine, and ten, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, and to vacate and close up said alley: *Provided,* That said ground shall not be sold at a price below the average assessed value of the lands in said square: *And provided further,* That the Commissioners aforesaid shall deposit in the Treasury of the United States, to the credit of the general fund of the District of Columbia, the purchase money paid by said Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company

Alley in square 504, Washington, D. C., Commissioners may sell to Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company.

Provisos.

Approved, March 3, 1881.

CHAP. 160.—An act to construe an act entitled "An act to relieve the churches and orphan asylums of the District of Columbia and to clear the title of the trustees of such property."

March 3, 1881.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the payment on or before the first day of October, eighteen hundred and eighty one, of all taxes and assessments levied since the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy four, upon church property used for parsonage purposes in the District of Columbia, all taxes and assessments levied upon said parsonage property prior to said first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy four, together with any and all penalties, costs, and interest that may have accrued thereon, shall be, and hereby are, remitted and released.

Church property of District of Columbia, released from certain taxes.

SEC. 2. That all taxes and assessments heretofore levied upon orphan asylums, and on the grounds actually occupied thereby, together with all penalties, costs, and interest that may have accrued thereon, shall be, and hereby are remitted and released; and said asylums and grounds shall hereafter be exempt from taxation while so occupied: *Provided,* That all other real estate belonging to such institutions shall still be held for assessment and taxation, and for all previous assessments and taxes.

Orphan asylums. Taxes and assessments remitted; hereafter, to be exempt from taxation.

Proviso.

Approved, March 3, 1881.