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the upper line of the Parish of Orleans, left bank, and a line running parallel thereto, commencing at the Mississippi River at a point two miles above the upper line of the said Parish of Orleans, and extending to Lake Ponchartrain.

Approved, July 23, 1888.

July 23, 1888.

CHAP. 693.—An act relating to certain acts of the twenty-seventh legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico.

Issue of bonds by New Mexico legislature ratified.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the twenty-seventh legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, entitled "An act to create a funded indebtedness of the Territory of New Mexico to pay and discharge certain claims for carpets, furniture, gas fixtures, gas, and water, and fuel, and for shelving the vaults and library room, and for insurance and other incidental and contingent expenses, now accrued and to accrue during the ensuing two years," and approved February fourteenth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-seven; and the act of the said legislative assembly, entitled "An act to provide for the payment of current expenses of the Territory until the tax income shall meet the same," approved February twenty-fourth, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, be, and they are hereby, approved and declared valid acts of the said legislative assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, and the said Territory is and shall be bound by the terms of the said several acts, and shall be held to the payment of the respective sums stipulated to be paid in the bonds, the issuance of which is provided in the said acts respectively, and in the manner and form therein prescribed.

Sinking fund.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the Territorial auditor to make an estimate of the amount of taxes required to be levied in each county in the Territory, in order to raise a sufficient fund to pay all interest, together with a sinking fund for the payment of the principal, of all bonds issued under the provisions of the "Act to provide for the payment of current expenses of the Territory until the tax income will meet the same," hereinbefore recited, when the same shall become due and payable.

Approved, July 23, 1888.

July 23, 1888.

CHAP. 694.—An act providing for the appointment of police matrons for the District of Columbia, defining their duties, and for other purposes.

Police matrons to be appointed, District of Columbia.

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 be, and they are hereby, authorized to appoint three matrons for the police department of said District, at a salary of six hundred dollars per annum, as soon as the necessary accommodations may be authorized and provided by Congress, and the work completed.

Duties.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of said police matrons to search, when necessary, examine, and care for the female prisoners who may be taken into custody by the police, and to take charge of lost or abandoned children while detained at a station-house to which a matron may be assigned, under such rules and regulations as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may from time to time make.

Qualifications.

SEC. 3. That no woman shall be appointed a police matron unless suitable for the position, and recommended therefor in writing by at least ten women of good standing, residents of the District.

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