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CHAP. 134.—An act to relinquish the interest of the United States in a certain parcel of land in the city of Pensacola, Florida, to Escambia Lodge, Numbered Fifteen, Free and Accepted Masons.

Pensacola, Fla.

Lot in, granted to Escambia Lodge of Masons.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the interest of the United States in and to the land in the city of Pensacola and State of Florida occupied and held by Escambia Lodge, Numbered Fifteen, Free and Accepted Masons, is hereby relinquished and released to the said lodge, the said land being described as follows on the plat of the said city of Pensacola: That portion of lot D extending one hundred feet west from Comandancia street, in the Cabiedo plan of V. S. Pintado, and one hundred and six feet ten inches south from Church street, the said land having the same position in the modern plan of the said city of Pensacola.

Approved, June 25, 1892.

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CHAP. 135.—An act to prevent cruelty to children or animals in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

Cruelty to children, etc., D. C.

Police court jurisdiction.

Vol. 23, p. 303.

Appeal.

Vol. 26, p. 848.

Witness fees.

R. S., sec. 848, p. 160.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the police court of the District of Columbia shall have jurisdiction in all cases arising under the act of February thirteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, entitled "An act for the protection of children in the District of Columbia and for other purposes," subject to appeal to the supreme court of the District, according to the provisions of section four of chapter five hundred and thirty-six, Twenty-sixth Statutes at Large, entitled "An act to define the jurisdiction of the police court of the District of Columbia;" and the same witness fees shall be allowed in the prosecution of all cases of cruelty to children or animals in the District of Columbia as are allowed in other cases by section eight hundred and forty-eight of the Revised Statutes of the United States; but no officer or member of the Humane Society shall be entitled to any fee as a witness in any such case.

Police detail to enforce laws against cruelty to animals.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are authorized, in their discretion, to detail from time to time one or more members of the metropolitan police force to aid the Washington Humane Society in the enforcement of laws relating to cruelty to animals as well as of the laws relating to cruelty to children.

Definitions.

SEC. 3. That section twelve of the act of August twenty-third, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, entitled "An act for the prevention of cruelty to animals in the District of Columbia," is amended to read as follows: "That in this act the word 'animals' or 'animal' shall be held to include all living and sentient creatures (human beings excepted), and the words 'owner,' 'persons,' and 'whoever' shall be held to include corporations and incorporated companies as well as individuals."

Punishment for abandoning maimed animals, etc.

SEC. 4. That a person being the owner or possessor or having charge or custody of a maimed, diseased, disabled, or infirm animal who abandons such animal, or leaves it to lie in the street or road, or public place, more than three hours after he receives notice that it is left disabled, is guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars nor more than two hundred and fifty dollars, or by imprisonment in jail not more than one year, or both. Any agent or officer of the Washington Humane Society may lawfully destroy, or cause to be destroyed, any animal found abandoned and not properly cared for, appearing, in the judgment of two reputable citizens called by him to view the same in his presence, to be glandered, injured, or diseased past recovery for any useful purpose. When any person arrested is, at the time of such arrest, in charge of any animal, or of any vehicle drawn by any animal, or containing any animal, any agent of said society may take charge of such animal and such vehicle and its contents and deposit the same in a place of safe custody or deliver the

Destruction of diseased, etc., animals.

Arrests.