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for a period of more than three years prior to such assessment, except in the case of property involved in litigation.

Administering oaths.

SEC. 13. That the assessor of the District of Columbia and each member of said board of assistant assessors in the discharge of any of the duties devolved upon him or them, or the board of equalization and review, may administer all necessary oaths or affirmations. The assessor of the District of Columbia, or in his absence the temporary chairman of said board, shall have power to summon the attendance of any person before said board to be examined under oath touching such matters and things as the board of assistant assessors or the said board of equalization and review may deem advisable in the discharge of their duties; and any member of the Metropolitan police force of the District of Columbia may serve subpœnas in this behalf. Such fees shall be allowed witnesses so examined, to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Commissioners, as are allowed in civil actions before the supreme court of the District of Columbia. Any person summoned and examined as aforesaid who shall knowingly make false oath or affirmation shall be guilty of perjury, and upon conviction thereof be punished according to the laws in force for the punishment of perjury.

Examinations.

Subpœnas.

Witness fees.

Punishment for false swearing.

Appropriation for salaries, etc.

SEC. 14. That a sum sufficient to pay the difference in the salary salaries of the assessor and the board of assistant assessors and the clerk herein provided for up to and including the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, is hereby appropriated, payable in equal proportions out of the Treasury of the United States and the revenues of the District of Columbia, and the Commissioners of said District shall hereafter in their annual estimates include all necessary provision to carry out the purposes of this Act, to be immediately available.

Assistant assessors to be excise board.

SEC. 15. That said board of assistant assessors shall hereafter constitute the excise board of the District of Columbia, and shall perform all the duties of said board according to law, and that so much of the Act entitled "An Act regulating the sale of intoxicating liquor in the District of Columbia," approved March third, eighteen hundred and ninety-three, as imposes that duty upon the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and the same is hereby, repealed.

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Duties of Commissioners repealed.

Effect.

SEC. 16. That this Act shall be in force from and after its passage, and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved, August 14, 1894.

CHAP. 288.—An Act To further amend section twenty-three hundred and ninety-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

August 15, 1894.

Public lands.

R. S., sec. 2399, p. 440, amended.

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section twenty-three hundred and ninety-nine of the Revised Statutes of the United States, as amended by Act of Congress of October first, eighteen hundred and ninety, Statutes at Large, volume twenty-six, page six hundred and fifty, be further amended so as to read as follows, namely:

Manual of surveying instructions, 1894, etc., made part of surveying contracts.

"SEC. 2399. The printed manual of surveying instructions for the survey of the public lands of the United States and private land claims, prepared at the General Land Office, and bearing date June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, the instructions of the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and the special instructions of the Surveyor-General, when not in conflict with said printed manual or the instructions of said Commissioner, shall be taken and deemed to be a part of every contract for surveying the public lands of the United States and private land claims."

Approved, August 15, 1894.