

Clerks. Maine, New Haven, Connecticut, and San Francisco, California, at one thousand eight hundred dollars per year each; and for all other districts at a salary not exceeding one thousand six hundred dollars a year each; and he may appoint a clerk to any such board at a compensation not exceeding one thousand two hundred dollars a year to each person so appointed. Every inspector provided for in this or the preceding sections of this title shall be paid for his actual and reasonable traveling expenses at the rate of eight cents per mile, incurred in the performance of his duty, together with his actual and reasonable expenses for transportation of instruments, which shall be certified and sworn to under such instructions as shall be given by the Secretary of the Treasury."

Expenses.

Repeal. SEC. 3. That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, March 1, 1895.

March 1, 1895.

CHAP. 147.—An Act For the relief of the bona fide purchasers of land in section thirty-six, township one north, range nine west (San Bernardino meridian), in the State of California.

Public lands. Title of certain lands in California released to bona fide purchasers.

Payment.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest that the Government of the United States had, or may have had, in and to section thirty-six, in township one north and range nine west (San Bernardino meridian), in the State of California, prior to or after the first day of March, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, be, and the same is hereby, released, relinquished, and forever quitclaimed to the bona fide purchasers of the same holding under Richard Eads or John J. Bodkin, who purchased the same from the State of California as school lands, and to the heirs and assigns of such purchasers, and that upon payment to the United States of the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre by each of them for the land so owned by them, respectively, such purchasers and holders shall be entitled to receive patents therefor.

Approved, March 1, 1895.

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CHAP. 148.—An Act Relative to Rock Creek Railway Company of the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia. Rock Creek Railway Company may lease, etc., connecting lines.

Increase of stock.

Provisos. Fare.

Power to contract. Rights not impaired.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Rock Creek Railway Company of the District of Columbia, being authorized thereto by a vote of the owners of a majority of its capital stock, may contract with any street railway company owning or operating a connecting or intersecting line for the joint management, lease, or purchase of such connecting or intersecting line or lines, and operate the same in connection with its original line; and in case of such contract may provide the means necessary by an increase of its capital stock, not to exceed the actual consideration paid or the actual cost of the necessary equipment: *Provided,* That only one fare, not exceeding the rate now authorized by law, shall be charged for a single continuous ride in the District of Columbia over all the lines affected by such contract or any part thereof; and any such company owning connecting or intersecting line is hereby empowered, when authorized by a vote of a majority of its stockholders, to enter into such contract: *Provided further,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed to impair or abridge the right of Congress at any time to regulate the operation of such line or lines, or to release any railway company or companies thus contracting, in whole or in part,

from any obligation or restriction imposed by its original charter or by any law of Congress subsequently enacted, except as provided herein; and Congress hereby reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act. In the event of the said company entering into such contract as is contemplated by this Act, it is hereby authorized, if deemed advisable by its directors, to change its name from the Rock Creek Railway Company of the District of Columbia to that of "The Capital Traction Company."

Change of name authorized.

Approved, March 1, 1895.

CHAP. 149.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Biloxi and Back Bay Bridge Company to construct and maintain a bridge over that portion of the bay of Biloxi, in the State of Mississippi, known as Back Bay."

March 1, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled "An Act to authorize the Biloxi and Back Bay Bridge Company to construct and maintain a bridge over that portion of the bay of Biloxi, in the State of Mississippi, known as Back Bay," approved August twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and ninety-four, be, and the same is hereby, amended as follows: In section six, line two, strike out "one year" and insert instead thereof the words "two years."

Time extended for bridging Back Bay, Biloxi, Miss.
Ante, p. 571.

Approved, March 1, 1895.

CHAP. 150.—An Act Granting the Mount Vernon Barracks Military Reservation to the State of Alabama for public uses.

March 1, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby granted to the State of Alabama, for public uses, all the lands belonging to the Mount Vernon Barracks Military Reservation, and now the property of the United States, together with all the improvements thereon, and that the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to convey to said State all right, title, and interest of the United States in said lands and improvements, to be held and used by said State for public purposes.

Mount Vernon Barracks.
Reservation granted to Alabama.

Approved, March 1, 1895.

CHAP. 159.—An Act To amend an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the erection of a Government building at Chicago, Illinois," approved February thirteenth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five.

March 2, 1895.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the word "lowest" in line eleven of the Act to which this Act is amendatory be stricken out so that the original Act shall provide as follows:

Chicago, Ill.
Public building.
Ante, p. 664.

"And the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to contract with the best bidder after reasonable notice by advertisement in two or more newspapers published in the city of Chicago for the sale of the present building as hereinbefore described and the removal of the same from the site where it is now located."

Sale to be to best bidder.

Approved, March 2, 1895.