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colonels of artillery shall not exceed thirteen; and the provisions of the foregoing sections of this Act shall take effect on August fifteenth, nineteen hundred and three."

Approved, March 3, 1903.

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March 3, 1903.
[Public, No. 146.]

**CHAP. 996.**—An Act To authorize the promotion of Major William Crawford Gorgas, surgeon in the Army of the United States.

Surg. William Crawford Gorgas.
May be appointed assistant surgeon-general, Army.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the President be, and he is hereby, authorized to nominate and, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint Major William Crawford Gorgas, surgeon, United States Army, to the grade of assistant surgeon-general, United States Army, with the rank of colonel, the number in that grade of the Medical Department to be temporarily increased for that purpose during the time that he may hold that office.

Approved, March 3, 1903.

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March 3, 1903.
[Public, No. 147.]

**CHAP. 997.**—An Act To amend an Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Height of buildings.
Vol. 30, p. 922, amended.
*Proviso.*
Churches excepted.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That section three of the Act entitled "An Act to regulate the height of buildings in the District of Columbia," approved March first, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine, be amended by adding thereto the following: "*Provided*, That this requirement shall not apply to churches erected outside of the fire limits as now or hereafter established within the District of Columbia, and in case of additions to existing structures the restrictions contained herein shall apply only to such additions."

Additions.

Vol. 30, p. 922, amended.
Maximum height.

SEC. 2. That section four of said Act be amended to read as follows:

Allowance for public space.

"SEC. 4. That no building shall be erected or altered on any street or avenue or highway in the District of Columbia to exceed in height above the sidewalk the width of the street in its front; but where the site of a proposed building confronts a public space or reservation formed at the intersection of two or more streets or avenues and the course of said streets or avenues is not interrupted by said public space or reservation, the allowable height of the building will be determined by the width of the widest street or avenue. Where a building is to be erected removed from all points within the bounding lines of its own lots as recorded by a distance at least equal to its proposed height above grade, the extreme limits of height permitted for fireproof or nonfireproof buildings in residence sections may be allowed, the measurements to be taken from the natural grades at the building as determined by the Commissioners. On business streets and avenues, as the same are now or may hereafter be designated by the Commissioners of said District, no building shall be erected or altered to exceed the height of one hundred and ten feet, except on business streets or avenues one hundred and sixty feet wide, where a height not exceeding one hundred and thirty feet may be allowed. On residence streets and avenues no building shall be erected or altered so as to be over eighty feet in height, nor shall it exceed ten feet less than the width of the street or avenue upon which it abuts, except on streets sixty to sixty-five feet wide, where a height of sixty feet will be allowed, and on streets sixty feet wide and less, where a height equal to the full width of the street will be allowed. The

Business streets.

Residence streets.

Corner lots.