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appropriated, may be sufficient to pay all of said judgments. Said bonds shall be payable in gold coin of the United States of America of the present standard weight and fineness, shall bear interest at the rate of four per centum per annum, payable semiannually, and be redeemable in not less than five years and payable in not more than fifteen years from the date of issuance. The principal and interest of all bonds shall be exempt from any and all taxes, and the payment thereof shall constitute a charge on the revenues of the Territory of Hawaii. Saids bonds shall be sold at not less than their face value, and the proceeds thereof shall be applied to the payment of the judgments aforesaid and to no other purpose, and they shall be of such form and denominations and be issued and sold under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Interior shall prescribe.

Bonds exempt from taxation.

SEC. 3. That under no circumstances shall any such judgment claimant, or anyone claiming through him, be required to pay, nor shall any attorney or agent be entitled to charge, demand, or receive, directly or indirectly, more than ten per centum upon the amount recovered as compensation for services or labor of any kind or character in the prosecution or establishment of the claim, and in cases of contracts or agreements providing for payment of less than ten per centum the payment shall not be increased above the percentage so agreed upon. Before any such judgment shall be paid hereunder the governor of said Territory must certify that the same is genuine and was duly rendered in pursuance of the act of the legislative assembly of the Territory; and the payment of said judgments shall be in full satisfaction and discharge of any and all claims or demands against said Territory or the United States on account of any property destroyed in the said suppression of the bubonic plague.

Attorney's fees, etc., limited.

Proof.

Payments.

SEC. 4. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage.

Effect.

Approved, January 26, 1903.

CHAP. 333.—An Act To provide for laying a single electric street-railway track across the Aqueduct Bridge, in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

January 29, 1903.

[Public, No. 36.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon desposit of the amounts hereinafter stated by the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company, a corporation of the State of Virginia, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and directed to change or rebuild, according to such plans as they may approve, the superstructure of the Aqueduct Bridge across the Potomac River so as to permit the placing thereon of a single electric street-railway track for the accommodation of electric street cars operating and to operate across said bridge.

District of Columbia.
Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company.
May use Aqueduct Bridge for electric street railway.
Changes in bridge.

SEC. 2. That within thirty days after the approval of this Act the said Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company shall deposit with the collector of taxes of the District of Columbia the sum of one thousand dollars, and the said company shall, before the work provided for in the first section hereof shall be begun, deposit with said collector the additional sum of twenty-four thousand dollars, the aggregate amount of said sums being the estimated cost of such change or alteration in said bridge necessary for the purpose of accommodating such electric street-railway traffic across same: *Provided*, That if the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars shall not have been deposited by said railroad company within three months after the passage of this Act the said company shall forfeit to the said District of Columbia the said sum of one thousand dollars, hereinbefore required to be deposited, and all rights under this Act: *Provided further*, That if the said Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company shall fail

Deposit for expenditures.

Provisos.
Forfeit.

Forfeiture on failure to deposit.

to make said deposit of one thousand dollars within the said thirty days or the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars within the said ninety days, then that all rights of the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company under this Act shall be forfeited. In which event, the Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company may, within ten days from the default made by the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company, make the said deposit or deposits, and have and enjoy all the rights, privileges and franchises granted by this Act to the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company.

Washington, Arlington and Falls Church Railway Company may obtain rights if forfeited.

Rebuilding bridge.

SEC. 3. That within sixty days after the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars shall have been deposited by said company, as hereinbefore required, the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall, as promptly as possible, proceed with the work of changing or rebuilding the superstructure of the said Aqueduct Bridge, charging the cost of said work to said deposit, and shall continue same until said work is completed: *Provided*, That if said sum is found at any time during the prosecution of said work to be insufficient to complete the same, in the opinion of said Commissioners, the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company shall deposit with the collector of taxes of said District such additional sum or sums, not to exceed ten thousand dollars, as the Commissioners of the District of Columbia may deem necessary.

Proviso. Increase of deposit.

Time limit for track laying.

SEC. 4. That within ninety days after the completion of the work of changing or rebuilding said bridge, or during the progress of said work, as may be directed by the said Commissioners, the Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company is hereby authorized and directed, under such regulations and upon such plans as may be approved by said Commissioners, to lay upon said bridge and across M street and in Thirty-sixth street to such point south of Prospect street, in the city of Washington, as may be approved by said Commissioners, a single electric-railway track, with necessary switches and turn-outs; that the said Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company is hereby authorized to connect its tracks to be constructed over its right of way in Alexandria County, Virginia, with the track hereby authorized to be constructed upon the said Aqueduct Bridge, and to operate its cars thereon.

Location.

Use by other roads. Compensation.

SEC. 5. That any other electric street-railway company desiring to use said track for the purpose of crossing said bridge and securing connection into the city of Washington may be permitted to do so by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia upon satisfying said Commissioners that it has refunded to said Great Falls and Old Dominion Railroad Company such proportional part of the sum deposited by said company, as herein required, as may be agreed upon between said companies as a fair and equitable compensation for said privilege, and in the event that the said companies shall fail to agree upon the amount to be so refunded, either or any of them may apply by petition to the supreme court of the District of Columbia, which shall immediately provide for proper notice to and hearing of all parties interested, and shall have power to determine the amount to be so refunded for the use of said track.

Repairs.

SEC. 6. That the company or companies using said track shall at all times keep the bridge floor and the pavement between the rails of said track and for a distance of two feet outside thereof in repair to the satisfaction of said Commissioners of the District of Columbia, and in the event that the said railway company or companies neglect or refuse to keep said floor and pavement in repair to the satisfaction of said Commissioners, the Commissioners are hereby authorized to make such repairs and collect the cost of the same from such railroad company or companies in such manner as is now provided by law in cases where street pavements adjacent to street-railway tracks are repaired by said District; and if the cost of said repairs is not paid by said

railroad company or companies within ninety days from the rendition of bills for the same, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized to prevent the operation of said cars by the exercise of their police authority until such time as said bills are paid.

Steam power prohibited.

SEC. 7. That no car shall be operated upon said bridge by steam power, nor shall any company operating steam cars within such distance from the south end of the said bridge as to interfere with vehicle traffic thereon be permitted to operate electric street cars upon said bridge.

Underground or overhead trolly optional.

SEC. 8. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized to permit the cars of said railroad company or companies using said track across said bridge and in M and Thirty-sixth streets to be operated by the underground electric system or by overhead trolly, as they may deem desirable; and in case the overhead trolly is used each car shall be equipped with a double trolly, and a return wire shall be provided for the electric current equal in capacity to the feed system upon this portion of the line and similarly situated, and no pole of any dynamo furnishing power for the operation of said cars shall be in any manner connected with the earth.

Restrictions.

Regulations.

SEC. 9. That the operation of the cars upon the track herein authorized shall be under the direction and control of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who are hereby authorized to make such regulations in regard to speed, character, and weight of cars, time of operation, and fare to be charged as they may deem necessary or desirable; and any company violating any regulations of said Commissioners made under the authority of this section shall be subject to a fine of not less than twenty-five dollars for each and every offense, to be recovered in any court of competent jurisdiction at the suit of said Commissioners, and in default of the payment of such fine the Commissioners are hereby authorized to exercise their police authority to prevent the operation of the cars of the company so defaulting.

Penalty.

Amendment.

SEC. 10. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Approved, January 29, 1903.

CHAP. 334.—An Act To promote the efficiency of the Philippine constabulary, to establish the rank and pay of its commanding officers, and for other purposes.

January 30, 1903.
[Public, No. 37.]

Philippine constabulary.

Detail of Army officers for.

Rank, etc.

Proviso.
Philippine treasury to pay difference in allowance, etc.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That officers of the Army of the United States may be detailed for service as chief and assistant chiefs, the said assistant chiefs not to exceed in number four, of the Philippine constabulary, and that during the continuance of such details the officer serving as chief shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of brigadier-general, and the officers serving as assistant chiefs shall have the rank, pay, and allowances of colonel: *Provided*, That the difference between the pay and allowances of brigadier-general and colonel, as herein provided, and the pay and allowances of the officers so detailed in the grades from which they are detailed shall be paid out of the Philippine treasury.

Assistance of Philippine scouts.

SEC. 2. That any companies of Philippine scouts ordered to assist the Philippine constabulary in the maintenance of order in the Philippine Islands may be placed under the command of officers serving as chief or assistant chiefs of the Philippine constabulary, as herein provided: *Provided*, That when the Philippine scouts shall be ordered to assist the Philippine constabulary, said scouts shall not at any time be placed under the command of inspectors or other officers of the constabulary below the grade of assistant chief of constabulary.

Proviso.
Rank of commanding officers.

Approved, January 30, 1903.