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nineteen cents; numbered ten thousand nine hundred and eighty-three, for the sum of twenty-two dollars; numbered sixteen thousand four hundred and twenty-three, for the sum of twenty-one dollars and thirty cents; numbered twenty-one thousand and two, for the sum of eighty-one dollars and seventy cents; numbered twenty-one thousand three hundred and twenty-six, for the sum of fourteen dollars and twenty-three cents; numbered four thousand six hundred and sixty-five, for the sum of twenty dollars and ninety cents; numbered four thousand six hundred and sixty-six, for the sum of twenty dollars and ninety cents; numbered four thousand six hundred and sixty-seven, for the sum of sixty-eight dollars and twenty cents; numbered fourteen thousand seven hundred and eighty, for the sum of sixty-four dollars and twenty-five cents; numbered sixteen thousand four hundred and fifty-four, for the sum of forty-three dollars and twenty-two cents; numbered sixteen thousand four hundred and fifty-five, for the sum of thirteen dollars and nineteen cents; numbered sixteen thousand four hundred and fifty-six, for the sum of thirteen dollars and nineteen cents, issued by the board of audit of the District of Columbia; sewer certificate numbered seven hundred and ninety-two, for the sum of fifty dollars, issued by the board of public works of the District of Columbia, for the redemption of which there is no existing law, and to pay to the holders of said certificates the amount due thereon, including interest at the rate of three and sixty-five one-hundredths per centum per annum from the date of their issue to December thirty-first, eighteen hundred and eighty; and to pay to the holders the amount due on drawback certificates numbered, respectively, four thousand two hundred and fifty-nine, four thousand six hundred and sixteen, seven thousand six hundred and thirty-seven, seven thousand six hundred and thirty-nine, nine thousand five hundred and seventy, nine thousand five hundred and seventy-one, nine thousand five hundred and seventy-two, twelve thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine, fifteen thousand nine hundred and seventy-four, sixteen thousand six hundred and eleven, and sixteen thousand seven hundred and seventy-four, amounting in the aggregate to three hundred and twenty-seven dollars and fifty cents; and to redeem tax-lien certificates numbered two hundred and fifty-one, for the sum of nine dollars and ninety-seven cents; numbered three hundred and forty-nine, for the sum of nine dollars and thirty-five cents; numbered twelve hundred and fifty-two, for the sum of ninety-three dollars and thirty-seven cents, and numbered five thousand four hundred and fourteen, for the sum of seventeen dollars and ten cents; and to pay to the holder of tax-sale certificate on lot three, square numbered nine hundred and forty-seven, the sum of one hundred and twelve dollars and ninety cents, with interest at six per centum per annum for two years from its date, and a sufficient amount of money to pay the principal and interest of the aforesaid certificates is hereby appropriated, one-half from the revenues of the District of Columbia and one-half from any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

One-half from District revenues.

Approved, January 31, 1903.

CHAP. 343.—An Act Authorizing the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to extinguish a portion of an alley in square one hundred and eighty-nine.

January 31, 1903.
[Public, No. 45.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to abandon that portion of the public alley, ten feet wide, lying and being in the rear of a portion of lot numbered fifty-four, in Hanford and Heiston's subdivision of lots in square numbered one

District of Columbia. Abandonment of part of public alley, in square 189.

hundred and eighty-nine, lying and being in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, as per plat recorded in book twenty, page ten, one of the records of the surveyor's office of the said District of Columbia; said portion of said alley being described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said alley, and running south on the east line thereof, ten feet; thence west, on the southerly line of said alley, twenty feet; thence north ten feet, and thence east twenty feet to the place of beginning, containing in all two hundred square feet of ground.

Boundaries.

Approved, January 31, 1903.

January 31, 1903.

[Public, No. 46.]

CHAP. 344.—An Act Providing for the compulsory attendance of witnesses before registers and receivers of the land office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That registers and receivers of the land office, or either of them, in all matters requiring a hearing before them, are authorized and empowered to issue subpœnas directing the attendance of witnesses, which subpœnas may be served by any person by delivering a true copy thereof to such witness, and when served, witnesses shall be required to attend in obedience thereto: *Provided*, That if any subpœna be served under the provisions of this Act by any person other than an officer authorized by the laws of the United States, or of the State or Territory in which the depositions are taken, the service thereof shall be proved by the affidavit of the person serving the same: *Provided further*, That said subpœnas shall be served within the county in which attendance is required, and at least five days before attendance is required.

Public lands.
Compulsory attendance of witnesses before registers and receivers.
Issuance and service of subpœnas.

Provisos.
Service by persons other than authorized officers.

Place and time of service.

SEC. 2. That witnesses shall have the right to receive their fee for one day's attendance and mileage in advance. The fees and mileage of witnesses shall be the same as that provided by law in the district courts of the United States in the district in which such land offices are situated; and the witness shall be entitled to receive his fee for attendance in advance from day to day during the hearing.

Fees.

SEC. 3. That any person willfully neglecting or refusing obedience to such subpœna, or neglecting or refusing to appear and testify when subpœnaed, his fees having been paid if demanded, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, for which he shall be punished by indictment in the district court of the United States or in the district courts of the Territories exercising the jurisdiction of circuit or district courts of the United States. The punishment for such offense, upon conviction, shall be a fine of not more than two hundred dollars, or imprisonment not to exceed ninety days, or both, at the discretion of the court: *Provided*, That if such witness has been prevented from obeying such subpœna without fault upon his part he shall not be punished under the provisions of this Act.

Penalty for refusal to appear and testify.

Proviso.
Exception.

SEC. 4. That whenever the witness resides outside the county in which the hearing occurs any party to the proceeding may take the testimony of such witness in the county of such witness's residence in the form of depositions by giving ten days' written notice of the time and place of taking such depositions to the opposite party or parties. The depositions may be taken before any United States commissioner, notary public, judge or clerk of a court of record. Subpœnas for witnesses before the officer taking depositions may issue from the office of the register or receiver, or may be issued by the officer taking the depositions, and disobedience thereof, as defined in this Act, shall also be punished; and the witness shall receive the same fees and mileage and be subject to the same penalties in all respects as in case

Depositions of nonresidents.
Written notice.

Persons empowered to take depositions.
Subpœnas.

Penalty for nonappearance, etc.