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or in equity, the amount found to be due and payable as damages sustained by reason of the opening, extension, widening, or straightening of said alley or minor street under the provisions hereof shall be paid as hereinbefore provided.

Disposal of proceeds of sales.
Vol. 31, p. 1430, amended.

"SEC. 1611. That all money derived from the sale of land in which the United States is interested, under the provisions of this Act, shall be paid into the Treasury of the United States by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to the credit of the United States.

Plats.
Vol. 31, p. 1430, amended.

"SEC. 1612. That in all cases where plats are required to be made under the provisions of this Act, or where the said Commissioners shall deem it necessary that they shall be made in order to more effectually carry out any provision hereof, such plats shall be made by the surveyor of the District of Columbia, who shall require the person or persons desiring the same to deposit in advance a sum to defray the cost of preparing the same; any amount of such deposit remaining after the cost of such plats has been paid shall be refunded to the party so depositing: *Provided*, That plats ordered by the said Commissioners shall be prepared by said surveyor free of cost.

Proviso.
Free of cost.

Previous proceedings.
Effect of failure to notify.
Vol. 27, p. 257
Vol. 28, p. 501.

"SEC. 1613. That the validity of any condemnation proceeding under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to provide for the opening of alleys in the District of Columbia," approved July twenty-second, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, or under the Act of Congress entitled "An Act to open, widen, and extend alleys in the District of Columbia," approved August twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and ninety four, or under the sections of the code of law for the District of Columbia hereby repealed, shall not be affected by the want of proper notice to any proprietor of land in the square, except as to such proprietor; and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Commissioners of the District of Columbia that any such proprietor was not notified as required by said Acts the said Commissioners may proceed under this Act to condemn the land affected by the want of such notice."

Approved, February 23, 1905.

CHAP. 735.—An Act To designate parcels of land in the District of Columbia for the purposes of assessment and taxation, and for other purposes.

February 23, 1905.
[S. 3456.]
[Public, No. 89.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of facilitating the assessment and taxation of real property in the territory within the limits of the District of Columbia lying outside of the city of Washington the following system of designating the several subdivisions, blocks, lots, and parcels of land is hereby prescribed, and each and every designation made or given in conformity with said system shall be deemed a sufficient description of the property to which it relates for all purposes of assessment and the collection of taxes and assessments of every kind.

District of Columbia.
Real estate assessments, etc., outside city limits.

Blocks, etc., formed by highway-extension plan, to be numbered.

SEC. 2. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and directed to cause to be given numbers to all of said blocks or squares, lots or parcels of land as said blocks, squares, lots, or parcels of land have been formed by the highway-extension plan, now of record in the office of surveyor of the District of Columbia, and existing subdivisions, and to place the numbers so given upon the said highway-extension plan: *Provided*, That in all cases where two or more blocks or parts of contiguous existing subdivisions are surrounded as a group by existing streets or roads, or by proposed streets of the highway-extension plan, such group shall be numbered as a block or square upon the recorded plats of the highway-extension plan: *Provided further*, That where lots are numbered in duplicate in any block

Provisos.
Parts of subdivisions.

Duplicate numbers.

New lot numbers.

or square which includes parts of two or more existing subdivisions, new lot numbers shall be given said lots numbered in duplicate, and new lot numbers shall also be given to all parts of lots remaining after the extension of streets or alleys by dedication, condemnation, or purchase, whereby parts of lots have become public property: *Provided further*, That new lot numbers shall also be given to all parts of original and subdivided lots now existing on the records of the assessor and the surveyor of the District of Columbia.

On existing records.

Plat books, etc.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia shall cause to be prepared a series of volumes of plats, on a scale of one hundred feet to the inch, embracing all the land in said District outside the city of Washington, these plats to show at all times the separate parcels of land created by subdivisions, sales, wills, condemnations, dedications, decrees of court, or otherwise, each with its distinctive number. Said books shall be kept in the office of the surveyor of said District, and shall be numbered according to the first and last page numbers of each volume, the pages being numbered continuously, and indefinitely rising in numbers as new books are opened to record changes in the outlines of parcels from any cause.

Deposited in office of surveyor.

Daily transcripts of all deeds, etc., changing boundaries.

SEC. 4. That for the purpose of keeping said books constantly current and up to date, the said Commissioners shall cause an employee of the surveyor's office to make daily transcripts of all deeds of conveyance, wills, condemnations, decrees, and other instruments or proceedings by which boundaries are changed; for which purpose, such employee of the surveyor's office shall at all times during business hours have full and free access to all records of the recorder of deeds, register of wills, clerk of the supreme court, marshal, and other officials; and the surveyor shall daily furnish to the assessor a copy of such transcript, from which a duplicate set of taxation and assessment plat books shall be maintained by the said assessor: *Provided*, That the current series of taxation and assessment plat books in the surveyor's office shall be the standard book of reference for all purposes of assessment and taxation by all departments of the government of the District of Columbia.

Copies of transcript.

Proviso.
Current series of plat books.

Platted blocks, etc., sufficient description for tax sales, etc.

SEC. 5. That the designation given as hereinbefore prescribed to each block or square, lot or parcel of land, respectively appearing on the records of the assessor of the District of Columbia at the time any assessment or tax is levied for which such property may become subject to sale, shall be a complete and official designation of said block or square, lot or parcel of land, for the purpose of the collection of taxes or assessments of any kind, and the designations so given shall be considered good and sufficient descriptions in any advertisements of such property for sale for delinquent taxes or assessments.

Appropriation.

SEC. 6. That in order to enable the said Commissioners to carry out the provisions of this Act, the sum of fifteen thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, one-half from the revenues of the District of Columbia and one-half from any moneys in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated; said sum to be expended by contract or by per diem services, in the discretion of the Commissioners.

Half from District revenue.

Repeal.

SEC. 7. That all Acts or parts of Acts inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, February 23, 1905.

February 23, 1905.
[S. 5771.]

[Public, No. 90.]

CHAP. 736.—An Act To reinstate Francis S. Nash as a surgeon in the Navy.

Francis S. Nash.
Appointment of, surgeon in Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to appoint, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, Francis S. Nash a surgeon in the