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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*

On existing records.

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.

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 distinc-

Deposited in office of surveyor.

tive 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.

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

Copies of transcript.

officials; and the surveyor shall daily furnish to the assessor a copy of such transcript, from which a duplicate set of taxation and assessment

Proviso. Current series of plat books.

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.

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

Half from District revenue.

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.

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

Navy, to take rank next after Surgeon Henry B. Fitts, said Nash having resigned from the Medical Corps of the Navy after fourteen years' service.

SEC. 2. That said Nash shall receive no pay or emoluments except from the date of his appointment, and that he shall be additional to the number of officers prescribed by law for the grade of surgeon in the Navy and to any grade to which he may hereafter be advanced: *Provided*, That he pass successfully the physical examination required for entrance into the service, and the professional examinations he would have had to pass had he remained on the active list of the Navy.

No pay, etc.

Proviso. Examinations.

Approved, February 23, 1905.

CHAP. 737.—An Act Authorizing the closing of part of an alley in square numbered seven hundred and thirty-three, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia.

February 23, 1905. [S. 6088.]

[Public, No. 91.]

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 are hereby authorized and directed, on the petition of James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, the owner of original lots twenty-four, twenty-five, twenty-six, and twenty-seven, and sublot forty-four, in square numbered seven hundred and thirty-three, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, being all the property abutting on that part or portion of an alley twenty-five feet wide in the eastern part of square numbered seven hundred and thirty-three, in said city of Washington, District of Columbia, and running north and south for a distance of seventy-one and eighty-three one-hundredths feet, to declare said part or portion of said alley to be closed and to convey the title thereof to the said James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, by deed in fee simple in the name of the United States (the said Commissioners being hereby vested with power and authority so to do) upon the said James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, conveying or causing to be conveyed in fee simple to the United States for alley purposes the following part of original lot numbered three, in said square numbered seven hundred and thirty-three, to wit: Beginning at the northeast corner of said lot three and running thence west twenty-three feet, thence south forty-one and eighty-three one-hundredths feet, thence east twenty-three feet, and thence north forty-one and eighty-three one-hundredths feet to the place of beginning, and upon the payment to the said Commissioners by said James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore, of a price per square foot in current money of the United States for the excess in the number of square feet of said part of said alley hereinbefore authorized and directed to be closed, and that part of said original lot three hereinbefore mentioned, equal to the true value per square foot of said original lot numbered three, in said square numbered seven hundred and thirty-three, as determined by the board of assistant assessors of the District of Columbia, which said deed of conveyance by said Commissioners upon its execution and delivery and the conveyance aforesaid of said hereinbefore first-mentioned part of said original lot numbered three and the payment of the purchase money aforesaid shall operate to divest the United States of their title to the land composing said part of said alley so conveyed and vest the same in the said James Cardinal Gibbons, archbishop of Baltimore.

District of Columbia. Closing part of alley in square 733.

Vacated land conveyed to James Cardinal Gibbons.

Part of lot 3, square 733, conveyed for alley purposes.

Description.

Payment.

SEC. 2. That said part of said original lot three, when conveyed to the United States, shall be forever used as an alley, and that the said Commissioners upon receipt of the purchase money aforesaid shall cover the same into the Treasury of the United States.

Deposit of receipts.

Approved, February 23, 1905.