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and the Secretary of the Treasury to confirm, an assistant appraiser or other officer of the customs in the same customs collection district, who shall perform the functions of the appraiser, without additional compensation, during such absence: *Provided*, That in no case shall any person enter upon or discharge the duties of the appraiser or assistant appraiser of merchandise until he shall have taken the oath required by law of such officer.

Proviso. Oath.

Approved, March 3, 1905.

March 3, 1905. [S. 4156.]

[Public, No. 147.]

CHAP. 1414.—An Act For the establishment of public convenience stations in the District of Columbia.

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 empowered to construct and establish, in the city of Washington, District of Columbia, two public convenience stations, each of the same to afford accommodations for twenty males and ten females.

District of Columbia. Establishment of public convenience stations in.

Location of sites.

SEC. 2. That the said public convenience stations shall be located on public space to be selected by the said Commissioners of the District of Columbia. And the jurisdiction and control of such portion of any public reservation so selected as shall be required for the location of such stations and their approaches is hereby transferred from the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army to the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, such transfer to take effect from the date of notice by the said Commissioners to the Chief of Engineers of the United States Army of the location of sites of such stations.

Right of control transferred to Commissioners.

Regulations.

SEC. 3. That upon the construction and establishment of said public convenience stations the said Commissioners are further authorized and empowered to make all necessary rules and regulations for the management of the same, as well as to fix the charge, if any, to be made for the use of these conveniences.

Appropriation immediately available.

SEC. 4. That for the purpose of constructing and establishing the said public convenience stations, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, to be immediately available, and to be expended by said Commissioners.

Appropriation for maintenance, etc.

And for the purpose of care and maintenance of the same during the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and six, the sum of five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, and to be expended by said Commissioners, one half of the entire sum herein appropriated to be paid out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the other half to be paid out of the revenues of the District of Columbia.

Half from District revenues.

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March 3, 1905. [S. 4938.]

[Public, No. 148.]

CHAP. 1415.—An Act Regulating the use of telegraph wires in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all telegraph poles and the wires attached thereto, not the property of the United States or the District of Columbia, now upon the streets, avenues, and alleys within the fire limits of the District of Columbia, except as hereinafter provided, shall from time to time, as may be prescribed by the Commissioners of said District, be taken down and removed. The work of taking down and removing said poles and wires shall be done under the direction of said Commissioners, and it is hereby made the duty of said Commissioners to enforce compliance with the provisions of this

District of Columbia. Removal of telegraph poles and wires. Area of removal.

Duty of the Commissioners.