

in Iowa and Dakota.

entitled act be, and the same are hereby, applied to all damages sustained by reason of depredations and injuries by said Indians as therein set forth, in the State of Iowa and Territory of Dakota, as well as in the State of Minnesota.

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CHAP. CVIII. — *An Act to regulate the Duties of the Clerk of the House of Representatives in preparing for the Organization of the House.*

Duty of clerk in organizing the House of Representatives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That before the first meeting of the next Congress, and of every subsequent Congress, the clerk of the next preceding House of Representatives shall make a roll of the representatives elect, and place thereon the names of all persons and of such persons only, whose credentials show that they were regularly elected in accordance with the laws of their states respectively, or the laws of the United States.

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CHAP. CIX. — *An Act amendatory of an Act entitled "An Act to provide for the Care and Preservation of the Works constructed by the United States for bringing the Potomac Water into the Cities of Washington and Georgetown, for the Supply of said Water for all Governmental Purposes, and for the Uses and Benefit of the Inhabitants of the said Cities."*

Corporation of Washington may levy, &c., water-tax.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, in addition to the powers conferred upon the corporation of Washington by the second and third sections of the act of Congress, approved March three, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, [entitled] "An act to provide for the care and preservation of the works constructed by the United States for bringing the Potomac water into the cities of Washington and Georgetown, for the supply of said water for all governmental purposes, and for the uses and benefit of the inhabitants of the said cities," full power and authority are hereby given to the said corporation to levy and collect a water-tax on all real property within the corporate limits of the city of Washington which binds on or touches on any avenue, street, or alley in which a main water-pipe has been laid or hereafter may be laid by the United States or by the corporation of Washington, which water-tax shall be as nearly as possible equal and uniform; may be levied on lots in proportion to their frontage or their area, as the said corporation may determine; and may be collected in not less than three nor more than five annual instalments, of which instalments all after the first shall bear interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, commencing from the date of [at] which the first instalment becomes due, but may, at the option of the owner of the property taxed, be paid and discharged in full at any time after it shall have been levied. And the said corporation of Washington is further authorized and empowered, on petition of the owners of the majority of the real estate on any square or line of squares, to lay down water-pipes and erect fire-plugs and public hydrants wherever the same may be requisite and necessary for public convenience, security from fire, or for health.

Tax to be uniform.

How levied and collected.

Water-pipes, fire-plugs, and public hydrants.

Fire-plug tax.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, to aid in the erection, maintenance, and efficiency of fire-plugs throughout the city, the said corporation of Washington is hereby authorized and empowered to levy and collect a special annual tax on all buildings within five hundred feet of any main water-pipe into which, or the premises connected therewith, the water has not been introduced, and the owners or occupants of which do not pay an annual water-rate or rent in accordance with the ordinances of the corporation, which tax shall be levied with reference to the value of the building so taxed, and shall be not more than five dollars nor less than

one dollar per year; but whenever the water shall be introduced, in conformity with the corporation laws, into any building or premises, the fire-plug tax thereon shall cease; and whenever the water shall be discontinued from any building or premises into which it has been introduced, the said building shall be subject to the fire-plug tax from the date of the discontinuance of the water.

Fire-plug tax.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the water-tax hereby authorized to be levied and collected shall constitute a fund to be used exclusively to defray the cost of distribution of the water, including all necessary fixtures and machines connected with said distribution; and the annual water rates or rents authorized to be collected by the act of which this act is amendatory shall constitute a fund exclusively for the maintenance, management, and repair of the system of water distribution.

Water-tax, &c., to constitute a fund to defray cost of distribution of water.

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CHAP. CX. — *An Act to extend the Charter of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, and for other Purposes.*

March 3, 1863.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company be, and the same is hereby, authorized to extend their said railroad from the south side of the Potomac across said river, to and along Maryland avenue to the Capitol grounds, and across Pennsylvania avenue along First street to Indiana avenue, and thence to the Baltimore and Ohio depot; and that all the ordinary rights, privileges, and liabilities, incident to similar corporations are conferred upon said company for that purpose: *Provided, however*, That the same shall be subject to alterations, amendment, or repeal: *And provided, further*, That the cars shall not be drawn on the streets aforesaid, or on the structure across the Potomac River mentioned in the second section of this act, by steam power without the consent of Congress and of the corporate authorities of the city of Washington thereto: *And provided, further*: That said company shall be authorized to charge and receive rates of freights and fares not exceeding five cents for each person transported and for each ton conveyed on said road so extended: *And provided, also*, That no person shall be excluded from the cars on account of color.

The Alexandria and Washington R. R. Company may extend its road.

When steam power may be used.

Rate of freight and fares.

No person to be excluded from cars on account of color.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company are hereby empowered to make such additional structure or passage way along either side of the Potomac bridge as may render the same safe for public use, and so as not to hinder the general use of said bridge for ordinary travel, which shall be ascertained by one or more experienced civil engineers, who shall report, by proper surveys and estimates, to the Secretary of the Interior for his approval; the whole cost of which surveys and construction of said additional bridge for the purposes aforesaid to be paid by the said company. And the said company shall construct such draws as shall correspond with those now in use on the said bridge, and of such model as shall be determined by the Secretary of the Interior, and which shall afford reasonable facilities for navigation on the Potomac River.

Additional structure along the Potomac bridge.

Draws.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company shall keep that portion of the avenues or streets occupied by their road in good repair, and provided with suitable crossways, at the proper places, for vehicles and wheeled carriages, and for general use. The track of said road shall be laid as nearly in the centre of the street and avenues through which it passes, as may be, without interfering with the water mains and gas pipes, and the speed of travel shall be subject to such regulations as the corporate authorities of the city of Washington shall, from time to time, prescribe, under such penalties as the said corporate authorities shall impose: *Provided, however*, That the rights and privileges

Corporation to keep portion of avenues in repair

Track, where laid.

Speed of travel