

law complied with as to settlement, said subsequent entries be, and the same are hereby, confirmed.

SEC. 24 That the President of the United States may, from time to time, set apart and reserve, in any State or Territory having public land bearing forests, in any part of the public lands wholly or in part covered with timber or undergrowth, whether of commercial value or not, as public reservations, and the President shall, by public proclamation, declare the establishment of such reservations and the limits thereof.

Forest reservations.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 562.—An act to amend section forty-seven hundred and eighty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States.

March 3, 1891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section forty-seven hundred and eighty-seven of the Revised Statutes of the United States be amended by striking out the word "five" where it occurs therein, and inserting in lieu thereof the word "three" so that when amended said section will read as follows: Every officer, soldier, seaman, and marine who was disabled during the war for the suppression of the rebellion, in the military or naval service, and in the line of duty, or in consequence of wounds received or disease contracted therein, and who was furnished by the War Department since the seventeenth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy, with an artificial limb or apparatus for resection, who was entitled to receive such limb or apparatus since said date, shall be entitled to receive a new limb or apparatus at the expiration of every three years thereafter, under such regulations as have been or may be prescribed by the Surgeon-General of the Army.

Artificial limbs, etc., to be furnished every three years.
R. S., sec. 4787, p. 929, amended.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 563.—An act to provide for the payment of bonds of the District of Columbia falling due July first, eighteen hundred and ninety-one and July first and twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

March 3, 1891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Treasurer of the United States, ex officio commissioner of the sinking fund of the District of Columbia, is hereby directed to cause bonds to be prepared in sums of one hundred, five hundred, and one thousand dollars, to be designated as ten-year funding bonds of the District of Columbia, bearing interest at the rate of three and fifty hundredths per centum per annum, payable half yearly on the first days of July and January in each year. Such bonds shall be redeemable at pleasure after two years and payable ten years after the date of their issue. The principal and interest thereon shall be exempt from taxation by Federal, State, or municipal authority, and the faith of the United States is hereby pledged that the United States will, by proportional appropriations and by causing to be levied upon the property within said District such taxes as will do so, provide the revenues necessary to pay the interest on said bonds as the same may become due and payable, and create a sinking fund for the payment of the same at maturity; and the bonds shall have set forth and expressed on their face the above specified conditions, and the principal and interest thereon shall be made payable at the Treasury of the United States.

District of Columbia.

Issue of ten-year funding bonds.

Interest 3.50 per cent.

Redeemable after two, payable after ten years.

Not taxable.

Payment.

Said bonds shall be engraved and printed at the expense of the District of Columbia, shall be signed by the Treasurer of the United

Preparation, etc., of bonds.

States, ex-officio commissioner of the sinking fund, countersigned by the auditor of the District of Columbia, and bear the seal of said District. They shall be numbered consecutively, and registered in the office of the Register of the United States Treasury, for which registration the Secretary of the Treasury shall make such provision as may be necessary.

Sale of bonds.

The Treasurer of the United States is hereby authorized to sell and dispose of any of the bonds issued under this act, at not less than their par value, to the most favorable bidder or bidders, after having duly advertised the same for ten consecutive insertions in two daily papers in Washington and two in New York, the bids to be opened under such regulations as may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, and the award to be subject to his approval. The proceeds thereof shall be applied to the redemption of any of the bonds of the District of Columbia falling due on the first day of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-one, and on the first and twenty sixth days of July, eighteen hundred and ninety-two; but the bonds hereby authorized shall be used for no other purpose whatsoever.

Proceeds exclusively to redeem bonds falling due.

Order of payment of new bonds.

Any of the bonds hereby authorized may be called in for payment after the expiration of two years from the date of issue, by said Treasurer of the United States, at his discretion. The last of the said bonds originally issued under this act, and their substitutes, shall be first called in, and this order of payment shall be followed until all shall have been paid.

Advertisement of redemption.

Public notice shall be given by advertisement by ten successive insertions in two daily papers published in the city of Washington of the time on which payment will be made, and the interest on the particular bonds so selected at any time to be paid shall cease at the expiration of thirty days from the date of such notice.

Expenses.

The Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and directed to provide for the payment of all expenses connected with the engraving, issue, and redemption of the above bonds, upon vouchers to be approved by the Treasurer of the United States.

Approved, March 3, 1891.

March 3, 1891.

CHAP. 564.—An act for the protection of the lives of miners in the Territories

Inspectors of coal mines in Territories to be appointed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in each organized and unorganized Territory of the United States wherein are located coal mines, the aggregate annual output of which shall be in excess of one thousand tons per annum, the President shall appoint a mine inspector, who shall hold office until his successor is appointed and qualified. Such inspector shall, before entering upon the discharge of his duties, give bond to the United States in the sum of two thousand dollars, conditioned for the faithful discharge of his duties.

Bond.

Eligibility.

SEC. 2. That no person shall be eligible for appointment as mine inspector under section one of this act who, is not either a practical miner or mining engineer and who has not been a resident for at least six months in the Territory for which he shall be appointed; and no person who shall act as land agent, manager, or agent of any mine, or as mining engineer, or be interested in operating any mine in such Territory shall be at the same time an inspector under the provisions of this act.

Duties.

Reports.

SEC. 3. That it shall be the duty of the mine inspector provided for in this act to make careful and thorough inspection of each coal mine operated in such Territory, and to report at least annually upon the condition of each coal mine in said Territory with reference to the appliances for the safety of the miners, the number of air or