

regulations promulgated under this Act to comply with the requirements of the notice provided for in section 3, the Commissioners or their designated agents are hereby empowered to cause such construction and installation of means of egress and other appliances mentioned in the notice provided for, and the Commissioners are hereby authorized to assess the costs thereof as a tax against the buildings on which they are erected and the ground on which the same stands, said assessment to bear interest at the rate and be collected in the manner provided in section 5 of the Act entitled "An Act relating to the levying and collecting of taxes and assessments, and for other purposes", approved June 25, 1938.

SEC. 7. The District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, in term time or in vacation, may upon a petition of the District of Columbia filed by its said Commissioners, issue an injunction to restrain the use or occupation of any building in the District of Columbia in violation of any of the provisions of this Act or of the regulations promulgated under this Act by the owner, lessee, or occupant.

SEC. 8. All Acts, parts of Acts, and regulations promulgated thereunder inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

SEC. 9. This Act shall take effect after ninety days from the date of its enactment.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 819]

AN ACT

To amend the Nationality Act of 1940, to preserve the nationality of naturalized veterans of the Spanish-American War and of the World War, and of their wives, minor children, and dependent parents.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 406 of the Nationality Act of 1940, approved October 14, 1940 (54 Stat. 1170), be, and it hereby is, amended by adding thereto a new subsection to be lettered "(h)" and reading as follows:

"(h) Who is a veteran of the Spanish-American War, or of the World War, his wife, minor children, or dependent parents."

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 820]

AN ACT

To authorize the transfer of jurisdiction of a portion of the Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Virginia, from the Department of the Interior to the Department of the Navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to transfer to the control and jurisdiction of the Department of the Navy a portion of the Colonial National Historical Park, Yorktown, Virginia, south of Ballards Creek and adjacent to the east boundary of the naval mine depot, containing approximately sixteen acres.

SEC. 2. The President of the United States is authorized by Executive order to retransfer jurisdiction over the property to the Secretary of the Interior upon his application when, in the judgment of the President, the property has become surplus to the needs of the Department of the Navy, in which event it again shall become a part of the Colonial National Historical Park.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

Assessment of costs.

52 Stat. 1200.
D. C. Code § 47-1105.

Issuance of injunction.

Repeals.

Effective date.

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 5569]
[Public Law 839]

Nationality Act of 1940, amendment.

8 U. S. C. § 806.
Ante, p. 1043.

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 5861]
[Public Law 840]

Colonial National Historical Park, Va.
Transfer of jurisdiction of portion to Navy Department.

Provision for re-transfer.

[CHAPTER 821]

AN ACT

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 6447]
[Public Law 841]

To provide for the orderly transaction of the public business in the event of the death or of the resignation or separation from office of the Chief Disbursing Officer.

Chief Disbursing
Officer, Treasury De-
partment.
Continuation of ac-
counts, etc., in case of
death.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in case of the death or of the resignation or separation from office of the Chief Disbursing Officer, Treasury Department, the accounts of the Chief Disbursing Officer may be continued and payments made in his name by an Assistant Chief Disbursing Officer, designated by the Secretary of the Treasury, for a period of time not to extend beyond the last day of the second month following the month in which the death, resignation, or separation shall occur. Such accounts and payments shall be allowed, audited, and settled in the General Accounting Office, and the checks signed in the name of the former Chief Disbursing Officer shall be honored by the Treasurer of the United States, in the same manner as if the former Chief Disbursing Officer had continued in office. The former Chief Disbursing Officer, his estate, or the sureties on his official bond, shall not be subject to any legal liability or penalty for the official acts and defaults of the Assistant Chief Disbursing Officer acting in the name or in the place of the former Chief Disbursing Officer under this Act, but the Assistant Chief Disbursing Officer and his sureties shall be responsible therefor under their bond. The bond for the Acting Chief Disbursing Officer shall be an amount at least equal to the minimum amount of the bond required of the Chief Disbursing Officer. The Secretary of the Treasury may, from time to time, require the Assistant Chief Disbursing Officer to renew and increase his bond to the United States.

Liability for official
acts.

Bond.

Approved, December 24, 1942.

[CHAPTER 822]

AN ACT

December 24, 1942
[H. R. 6671]
[Public Law 842]

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to acquire lands or interest in lands for the Geological Survey.

Geological Survey.
Acquisition of lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior may, on behalf of the United States and for use by the Geological Survey in gaging streams, acquire lands by donation or when funds have been appropriated by Congress by purchase or condemnation but not in excess of ten acres for any one stream-gaging station. For the same purpose the Secretary may obtain easements, licenses, rights-of-way, and leases limited to run for such a period of time or term of years as may be required for the effective performance of the function of gaging streams: *Provided,* That nothing in this Act shall be construed as affecting or intended to affect or to in any way interfere with the laws of any State or Territory relating to the control, appropriation, use, or distribution of water used in irrigation, or any vested right acquired thereunder, and the Secretary of the Interior, in carrying out the provisions of this Act, shall proceed in conformity with such laws, and nothing in this Act shall in any way affect any right of any State or of the Federal Government or of any landowner, appropriator, or user of water in, to, or from any interstate stream or the waters thereof.

Easements, leases,
etc.

Provided.

Approved, December 24, 1942.