

April 2, 1878.

CHAP. 47.—An act to provide for deficiencies in the miscellaneous fund of the Senate and of the House of Representatives.

Appropriation.
Miscellaneous
funds of Senate
and House.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet the miscellaneous expenses of the House of Representatives, to be disbursed by the Clerk of the House.

That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to meet the contingent expenses of the Senate, namely :

For miscellaneous items, twenty thousand dollars.

For folding books, speeches, and pamphlets, at the prices specified in the legislative act for the current fiscal year, one thousand five hundred dollars.

Approved, April 2, 1878.

April 3, 1878.

CHAP. 48.—An act to amend an act entitled "An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for other purposes."

District of Co-
lumbia; assess-
ment of property
in.

1877, ch. 117,
19 Stat., 400,
Amended.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the twelfth section of the act of Congress entitled "An act for the support of the government for the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and for other purposes," approved March third, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven, shall be, and is hereby, so amended that the assessors appointed under said act, or their successors in office, shall, before the first day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, under the direction of the superintendent of assessments and taxes of said District, assess the value of all the real and personal property in said District liable to taxation thereunder, and shall state the same in separate books, to be kept in a systematic manner, and such value for taxation shall be the true value in the lawful money of the United States of the property so assessed. The assessed value shall have reference to the date of the first day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, except as to stock in trade, which shall be the average value of the stock of merchandise or other articles kept on hand during the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight. Said assessors shall, between the first day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, and the twentieth day of August, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, hold daily sessions for the purpose of equalizing the assessments theretofore made by them, and for the purpose of hearing and determining any and all appeals from the valuations theretofore made by them. Each assessor shall, at the meetings of the assessors as aforesaid, make full and detailed reports of his act as such assessor. And during said period they shall have power to revise assessments theretofore made by them, or any of them, by either justly increasing or justly diminishing any particular assessment.

In section eight strike out the word "domiciled", and insert in lieu thereof the words "temporarily residing".

Census.

SEC. 2. That said assessors, while engaged in making the assessment as required in the first section of this act, shall also take an accurate census of the inhabitants of said District of Columbia, and return the same to the Commissioners of said District. For this purpose, the Commissioners of said District shall prepare the proper books, so arranged as to show, under proper heads, the name, sex, birth-place, race, age, and occupation of such inhabitants, and such other information as they shall prescribe.

1877, ch. 117,
19 Stat., 396,
Amended.

SEC. 3. That section third of the act aforesaid be, and the same is hereby, amended by striking out in the first line of said section the words "by this act", and in line third of same section striking out the

words "eighteen hundred and seventy-seven", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "next succeeding the completion of the assessment"; and by striking out in lines fourth and fifth of said section the words "eighteen hundred and seventy-eight", and inserting in lieu thereof the words "next following"; so that the said section shall read as follows:

"SEC. 3. That one-half the tax levied upon real and personal property shall become due and payable on the first day of November next succeeding the completion of the assessment, and the other half of such tax shall become due and payable on the first day of May next following; and in every case where the tax levied shall be paid by installments, as herein authorized, each of said payments shall be deemed to have been made on the several funds and for the different purposes indicated in the second section of this act; and an equal pro rata proportion of the payments so made shall be carried to the credit of the respective funds.

Tax, when payable.

Approved, April 3, 1878.

CHAP. 49.—An act to constitute a commission to consider and report a plan for providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress.

April 3, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the two chairmen of the Joint Committee on the Library of Congress on the part of the Senate and House, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, the chairman of the House Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, and the Librarian of Congress, be, and they are hereby, constituted a commission to consider the whole subject of providing enlarged accommodations for the Library of Congress, and to report a plan for such accommodations, together with an estimate of the cost.

Library of Congress.

Commission.

SEC 2. That the sum of twenty-five hundred dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for procuring such plans as the commission may prescribe, in furtherance of the provisions of this act.

Appropriation.

Approved, April 3, 1878.

CHAP. 50.—An act for the relief of John A. Darling.

April 8, 1878.

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 nominate and by and with the advice and consent of the Senate appoint John A. Darling, late captain Second Artillery, a captain of artillery in the Army of the United States, with his former rank and date of commission; and that he, the said John A. Darling, shall be assigned to the first vacancy of his grade occurring in the artillery arm of the service: *Provided,* That said John A. Darling shall receive no further pay for the time he was out of service, so that he shall only receive pay from the date of appointment under this act.

John A. Darling restored to Army.

Proviso.

Approved, April 8, 1878.

CHAP. 51.—An act to amend section five hundred and forty, chapter one, title thirteen, Revised Statutes of the United States.

April 8, 1878.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section five hundred and forty, of chapter one and title thirteen of the Revised Statutes, be amended to read as follows:

R. S., 540, p. 90, Amended.

"SEC. 540. The State of Missouri is divided into two districts, which shall be called the eastern and the western district of Missouri. The

Missouri, judicial districts of.