

June 27, 1879.

CHAP. 41.—An act fixing the rate of interest upon arrearages of general taxes and assessments for special improvements now due to the District of Columbia, and for a revision of assessments for special improvements, and for other purposes.

District of Columbia.

Interest on arrearages of taxes.

Proviso.

Interest on tax-lien certificates.

Revision of special-improvement taxes.

Proviso.

Publication of delinquent tax sales.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the rate of interest to be collected of any person owing arrearages of general taxes or assessments for special improvements now due to and the liens for which are held by the District of Columbia shall be six per centum per annum in lieu of the rate and penalties now fixed by law: *Provided,* This provision shall apply only to taxes and assessments paid on or before the first day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine.

SEC. 2. Where property has been sold under tax sales and bought in by any other party than the District of Columbia, or where any third person has acquired tax-lien certificates or special assessment certificates, the parties owning the property thus sold or on which such certificates may have been acquired, may tender to the purchaser or holder of said certificates, on or before the first day of October, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, the amount due and six per centum interest, which when received, shall be in full of principal, interest, and penalties attached thereto by law.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby authorized and directed, upon written complaint being made to them within sixty days from the passage of this act, by any person or persons who had, prior to June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, paid their special improvement taxes prepared under an act of the legislative assembly of said District, of August tenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, that their said assessment or assessments were erroneous or excessive, to revise and correct such assessments so complained of; and in case the amount of any such assessment is found to be erroneous or excessive, the Commissioners shall issue to the person entitled to the same a drawback certificate for the amount of such excessive or erroneous charge, which certificate shall be received in payment of all special assessments, and for all general taxes due before the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy-seven: *Provided,* That complaints filed under the act of June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, (paid or unpaid) by a property holder his agent or attorney need not be refiled under this act.

SEC. 4. That hereafter the date of publication of notice of sale for delinquent taxes provided for in section five of "An act for the support of the government of 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 as follows:

For the tax year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, said notice of sale shall be published on the first Tuesday of November, eighteen hundred and seventy-nine, and for each subsequent year on the first Tuesday in September of each such year.

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CHAP. 42.—An act authorizing the Conway National Bank of Conway, Massachusetts, to change its location and name.

Conway National Bank.
Change of location.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Conway National Bank of Conway, now located in the town of Conway and State of Massachusetts, is hereby authorized to change its location to the city of Holyoke, in said State. Whenever the stockholders representing two-thirds of the capital of said bank, at a meeting called for that purpose, determine to make such change, the president and cashier shall execute a certificate, under the corporate seal of the bank, specifying such determination, and shall cause the same to be recorded in the office of the

Comptroller of the Currency, and thereupon such change of location shall be effected and the operations of discount and deposit of said bank shall be carried on in the city of Holyoke.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as in any manner to release the said bank from any liability or affect any action or proceeding in law in which the said bank may be a party or interested; and when such change shall have been determined upon as aforesaid, notice thereof, and of such change, shall be published in two weekly papers, one in Greenfield and one in Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, not less than four weeks. Liabilities not affected.

SEC. 3. That whenever the location of said bank shall have been changed from the town of Conway to the city of Holyoke, in accordance with the first section of this act, its name shall be changed to the City National Bank of Holyoke, if the board of directors of said bank shall accept the new name by resolution of the board, and cause a copy of such resolution, duly authenticated, to be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency. Change of name

SEC. 4. That all the debts, demands, liabilities, rights, privileges, and powers of the Conway National Bank of Conway shall devolve upon the City National Bank of Holyoke whenever such change of name is effected. Rights, etc., saved.

SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage. Effect.

Approved, June 27, 1879.

CHAP. 43.—An act to provide for the appointment of a "Mississippi River Commission" for the improvement of said river from the Head of the Passes near its mouth to its headwaters. June 28, 1879.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a commission is hereby created, to be called "The Mississippi River Commission", to consist of seven members. Mississippi River Commission.

SEC. 2. The President of the United States shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint seven commissioners, three of whom shall be selected from the Engineer Corps of the Army, one from the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and three from civil life, two of whom shall be civil engineers. And any vacancy which may occur in the commission shall in like manner be filled by the President of the United States; and he shall designate one of the commissioners appointed from the Engineer Corps of the Army to be president of the commission. The commissioners appointed from the Engineer Corps of the Army and the Coast and Geodetic Survey shall receive no other pay or compensation than is now allowed them by law, and the other three commissioners shall receive as pay and compensation for their services each the sum of three thousand dollars per annum; and the commissioners appointed under this act shall remain in office subject to removal by the President of the United States. Number.
Selection.
Vacancies.
President.
Compensation.
Tenure of office.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of said commission to direct and complete such surveys of said river, between the Head of the Passes near its mouth to its headwaters as may now be in progress, and to make such additional surveys, examinations, and investigations, topographical, hydrographical, and hydrometrical, of said river and its tributaries, as may be deemed necessary by said commission to carry out the objects of this act. And to enable said commission to complete such surveys, examinations, and investigations, the Secretary of War shall, when requested by said commission, detail from the Engineer Corps of the Army such officers and men as may be necessary, and shall place in the charge and for the use of said commission such vessel or vessels and such machinery and instruments as may be under his control and may be deemed necessary. And the Secretary of the Treasury shall, when requested by said commission in like manner detail from the Coast and Geodetic Survey Duties.
Detail of assistants, etc.