

connected with a public sewer or water main, as the case may be, to so connect such lot, the work to be done in accordance with the regulations governing plumbing and house drainage in said District.

Penalty for neglect,
etc.

SEC. 3. That if the owner or owners of any such lot neglect or refuse to make such connections as are required by this Act within thirty days after the receipt of such notice, such owner or owners shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall, on conviction in the police court of said District, be punished by a fine of not less than one dollar nor more than five dollars for each day he, she, or they fail or neglect to make such connections.

Notice to nonresi-
dent owners.

SEC. 4. That in case the owner or owners of any such lot be a non-resident or nonresidents of the District of Columbia, or can not be found therein, then, and in that case, the said Commissioners shall give notice, by publication twice a week for two weeks in some daily newspaper published in the city of Washington, to such owner, directing the connection of such lot with such public sewer or with such public sewer and water main, as the case may be: *Provided, however,* That if the residence or place of abode of the said nonresident lot owner be known or can be ascertained on reasonable inquiry, then, and in that case, a copy of the aforesaid notice shall be mailed to said nonresident, addressed to him in his proper name at his said place of residence or abode, with legal postage prepaid; and in case such owner or owners shall fail or neglect to comply with the notice aforesaid within thirty days it shall be the duty of said Commissioners to cause such connection to be made, the expense to be paid out of the emergency fund; such expense, with necessary expense of advertisement, shall be assessed as a tax against such lot, which tax shall be carried on the regular tax roll of the District of Columbia, and shall be collected in the manner provided for the collection of other taxes.

Proviso.
Mailing notice.

Expense to be taxed
on property.

Approved, May 19, 1896.

May 19, 1893.

CHAP. 207.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to reconvey to the former owners a certain tract of land in Valverde County, Texas.

Preamble.

Whereas on the fifteenth day of April, anno Domini eighteen hundred and eighty, the San Felipe Agricultural, Manufacturing and Irrigation Company, by deed of conveyance, did convey to the United States of America a certain tract, piece, or parcel of land then in Kinney County, now in Valverde County, Texas, containing four hundred and nine acres of land, and fully described in said aforesaid deed of April fifteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty, for the purposes of a military garrison and reservation; and

Whereas the United States of America, not wishing to use said land for the said purposes aforesaid, and having by its proper officers renunciated title to said land, and is willing to reconvey the same to the grantees, the said San Felipe Agricultural, Manufacturing and Irrigation Company: Therefore,

Texas.
Land deeded to San
Felipe, etc., Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States of America is hereby authorized, subject to the approval of the Secretary of War, by proper deed to reconvey by quitclaim deed said aforesaid land to said aforesaid company.

Approved, May 19, 1896.

May 19, 1896.

CHAP. 208.—An Act To establish certain harbor regulations for the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Harbor regulations.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be unlawful for any owner or occupant of any wharf or dock, any master or captain of