

taxes, for the use of the purchaser, his heirs and assigns, the sum mentioned in the certificate of sale therefor, with interest thereon at the rate of fifteen per centum per annum after the date of such certificate of sale, together with any tax or assessment which the holder of said certificate shall have paid between the days of sale and redemption, with interest on the same at the rate of ten per centum per annum.

Report by collector of taxes.

SEC. 5. That the collector of taxes shall, within twenty days after the last day of the sale hereinbefore provided for as aforesaid, file with the recorder of deeds a written report, in which he shall give a statement of the property sold, other than that sold to the District of Columbia, to whom it was assessed, the taxes due, to whom sold, the amount paid, the date of sale, the cost thereof, and the surplus, if any. Any surplus remaining after the collection of taxes, penalties, and costs on any real estate shall be collected as provided in sections one hundred and sixty-one and one hundred and sixty-two, chapter six, of the Revised Statutes of the United States, relating to the District of Columbia, and shall be deposited by the collector of taxes to the credit of the surplus fund, to be paid to the owner or owners, or their legal representatives, in the same manner as other payments made by the District.

Surplus, how collected.

R. S. D. C., secs. 161, 162, pp. 18, 19.

Invalid sales.

SEC. 6. That the said Commissioners shall not convey any property sold for taxes if they shall discover, before the conveyance, that the sale was for any cause invalid and ineffectual to give title to the property sold; but they shall cancel the sale and cause the purchase money to be refunded to the purchaser, his representatives or assigns.

Charges for advertising.

SEC. 7. That the expenses of advertising and the printing of said pamphlet shall be paid by a charge of one dollar and twenty cents for each lot or piece of property advertised.

To take effect.

Repeal.

SEC. 8. That this Act shall take effect from and after its passage; and all acts or parts of acts inconsistent herewith be, and the same are hereby, repealed.

Approved, February 28, 1898.

March 4, 1898.

CHAP. 35.—An Act To amend an Act to prohibit the passage of local or special laws in the Territories, to limit Territorial indebtedness, and so forth.

Territories. Vol. 24, p. 170. Municipal corporations may issue bonds for sanitary, etc., purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Act of Congress approved July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, entitled "An act to prohibit the passage of local or special laws in the Territories of the United States, to limit Territorial indebtedness, and for other purposes," is hereby amended so as to permit, authorize, and legalize the issuance of bonds by chartered municipal corporations having a bona fide population of not less than one thousand persons, as shown by the last school census taken before any election to be held under the provisions of this Act, in any Territory of the United States, for sanitary and health purposes, the construction of sewers, waterworks, and the improvement of streets. The limitations of said Act of July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-six, shall not apply to such municipal corporations: *Provided,* That before any bonds shall be issued the mayor and common council of said chartered municipal corporations shall cause an election to be held in such city or town, and the mayor and common council of such municipal corporation shall cause to be published, in a newspaper of general circulation published in such city or town, a notice of the time and place or places of holding such election. Such notice shall be given at least thirty days before such election. On the question of the issuance of said bonds no person shall be qualified to vote except he be in all respects a qualified elector and owner of real or personal property subject to taxation within the municipality. In case two-thirds of the qualified voters, as above described, shall vote affirmatively for the issuance of said bonds, then

Proviso. Election to determine issuance of bonds.

Notice of.

Property qualification for voters.

the mayor and common council shall issue the same, and not otherwise. Said bonds shall contain all necessary provisions as to form, and such municipality shall provide a proper sinking fund for the redemption of said bonds. Said bonds shall not bear a rate of interest exceeding six per centum per annum, and the interest shall be paid semiannually, and none of said bonds shall be sold at less than their par value.

Sinking fund.

Interest.

SEC. 2. That the act of the Territory of Arizona, approved the eighth day of March, eighteen hundred and ninety-seven, which authorizes the issuance of the bonds of the Territory for the construction of a capitol building, is hereby confirmed and ratified.

Arizona.  
Act authorizing issuance of bonds for capitol building confirmed.

Approved, March 4, 1898.

CHAP. 37.—An Act Permitting the building of a dam between Coon Rapids and the north limits of the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, across the Mississippi River.

March 5, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby granted to the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, its successors or assigns, to construct across the Mississippi River, at any point between Coon Rapids and the north line of the limits of the city of Minneapolis, a dam, canal, and works necessarily incident thereto, for water-power purposes. The said dam shall be so constructed that there can, at any time, be constructed in connection therewith a suitable lock for navigation purposes: *Provided, also*, That the Government of the United States may at any time take possession of said dam and appurtenant works and control the same for purposes of navigation by paying the said company the value not exceeding the actual cost of the same, but shall not do so to the destruction of the water power created by said dam to any greater extent than may be necessary to provide proper facilities for navigation: *Provided further*, That the works shall be constructed so as to provide for the free passage of saw logs. The said Twin City Rapid Transit Company shall make such change and modification in the works as the Secretary of War may from time to time deem necessary in the interests of navigation, at its own cost and expense: *Provided further*, That in case any litigation arises from the obstruction of the channel by the dam, canal, or appurtenant works, the case may be tried in the proper Federal court of the United States in which the works are situated.

Twin City Rapid Transit Co. may construct dam, etc., across Mississippi River between Coon Rapids and Minneapolis.

Lock.

*Provided*:  
Possession by Government, etc.

Passage of saw logs.  
Changes.

Litigation to be in Federal court.

SEC. 2. That the right to amend, alter, or repeal this Act is hereby expressly reserved: *And provided further*, That suitable fishways, to be approved by the United States Fish Commissioner, shall be constructed and maintained at said dam by the Twin City Rapid Transit Company, its successors or assigns.

Amendment.

*Provided*:  
Fishway.

SEC. 3. That this Act shall be null and void unless the dam herein authorized be commenced within two years and completed within five years from the date hereof.

Commencement and completion.

Approved, March 5, 1898.

CHAP. 38.—An Act Making appropriations for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

March 5, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the support of the Military Academy for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

Military Academy appropriations.