

Commissioners to levy the tax.

—to designate officer to serve notice.

Reassessment outside the city only where water introduced.

Proviso. —time for making re-assessment.

Unsubdivided land. —reassessment on frontage not exceeding 100 feet, etc.

—when tax is due.

Credit for prior payments.

provided for shall be made within one year from the passage of this Act: *And provided further*, That hereafter all water-main taxes or assessments in the District of Columbia shall be levied and authenticated by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia, who are hereby authorized to designate the official whose duty it shall be to notify the owner or agent of any lot or land of any water-main tax or assessment levied against such lot or land.

SEC. 2. That outside the city of Washington the said reassessment shall be levied or assessed only on those lots or parcels of land into which Potomac water has been or shall hereafter be introduced: *Provided*, That where Potomac water has heretofore been introduced the said reassessment shall be made within ninety days after the passage of this Act, and that where Potomac water shall be hereafter introduced the said reassessment shall be made within thirty days after such introduction: *And provided further*, That any levy, assessment, or reassessment on land not subdivided into blocks and lots shall be made on a frontage not exceeding one hundred feet for each lot or parcel of land or premises into which Potomac water has been or shall be introduced, and shall be considered in any subsequent subdivision of such property as having extended to a depth of not exceeding one hundred feet from the front of said lot or parcel of land: *And provided further*, That said water-main tax or assessment or reassessment shall be due, payable, and collectible on each lot or parcel of land or premises on and after the date on which the connection is made from the water main to the said lot or parcel of land or premises.

SEC. 3. That in any assessment or reassessment made under the provisions of this Act the owner of any lot or parcel of land shall be credited with any amount which may have been heretofore paid upon any water-main tax or assessment levied against such lot or parcel of land.

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CHAP. 636.—An Act To authorize the Secretary of War to exercise a discretion in certain cases.

Military Academy. Erection of building for religious worship.

Proviso. Not to interfere with uses of reservation, etc

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War, in his discretion, may authorize the erection of a building for religious worship by any denomination, sect, or religion on the West Point Military Reservation: *Provided*, That the erection of such building will not interfere with the uses of said reservation for military purposes. Said building shall be erected without any expense whatever to the Government of the United States, and shall be removed from the reservation, or its location changed by the denomination, sect, or religious body erecting the same whenever, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, public or military necessity shall require it, and without compensation for such building or any other expense whatever to the Government.

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CHAP. 637.—An Act To provide a steam fog whistle at the entrance to Muskegon Harbor, in the State of Michigan.

Muskegon Harbor, Michigan. Steam fog whistle.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Light-House Board is hereby authorized and directed to provide a steam fog whistle at the entrance of Muskegon Harbor, in the State of Michigan.

Approved, July 8, 1898.

CHAP. 638.—An Act To amend “An Act for the preservation of the public peace and protection of property in the District of Columbia,” approved July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two.

July 8, 1898.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an Act entitled “An Act for the preservation of the public peace and the protection of property within the District of Columbia,” approved July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and ninety-two, be, and the same is hereby, amended to read as follows:

District of Columbia. Injury to public and private property forbidden. Vol. 27, p. 322, amended.

“That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to destroy, injure, disfigure, cut, chip, break, deface, or cover or rub with or otherwise place filth or excrement of any kind upon any property, public or private, in the District of Columbia, or any public or private building, statue, monument, office, dwelling, or structure of any kind, or which may be in course of erection, or the doors, windows, steps, railing, fencing, balconies, balustrades, stairs, porches, or halls, or the walls or sides, or the walls of any inclosure thereof; or to write, mark, or paint obscene or indecent words or language thereon, or to draw, paint, mark, or write obscene or indecent figures representing obscene or indecent objects; or to write, mark, draw, or paint any other word, sign, or figure thereon, without the consent of the owner or proprietor thereof, or, in case of public property, of the person having charge, custody, or control thereof, under a penalty of not more than fifty dollars for each and every such offense.”

—penalty.

That said Act be further amended by striking out sections five and six and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“That it shall not be lawful for any person or persons within the District of Columbia to congregate and assemble in any street, avenue, alley, road, or highway, or in or around any public building or inclosure, or any park or reservation, or at the entrance of any private building or inclosure, and engage in loud and boisterous talking or other disorderly conduct, or to insult or make rude or obscene gestures or comments or observations on persons passing by, or in their hearing, or to crowd, obstruct, or incommode the free use of any such street, avenue, alley, road, highway, or any of the foot pavements thereof, or the free entrance into any public or private building or inclosure; that it shall not be lawful for any person or persons to curse, swear, or make use of any profane language or indecent or obscene words, or engage in any disorderly conduct in any street, avenue, alley, road, highway, public park or inclosure, public building, church, or assembly room, or in any other public place, or in any place wherefrom the same may be heard in any street, avenue, alley, road, highway, public park or inclosure, or other building, or in any premises other than those where the offense was committed, under a penalty of not more than twenty-five dollars for each and every such offense.”

Disorderly assembly, etc., forbidden.

Obstructing street.

Swearing, etc.

—penalty.

That the said Act be further amended by striking out the eighth section and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“That all vagrants, all idle and disorderly persons, persons of evil life or evil fame, persons who have no visible means of support, persons repeatedly drunk in or about any of the streets, avenues, alleys, roads, highways, or other public places within the District of Columbia, persons repeatedly loitering in or around tippling houses, all suspicious persons, all public prostitutes, and all persons who lead a lewd or lascivious course of life, shall upon conviction thereof be fined not to exceed forty dollars, or shall be required to enter into security for their good behavior for a period of six months. Said security shall be in the nature of a recognizance to the District of Columbia, to be approved by the court, in a penalty not exceeding five hundred dollars, conditioned that the offender shall not, for the space of six months, repeat the offense with which he or she is charged and shall in other respects conduct themselves properly.”

Vagrants, prostitutes, etc.

—penalty on conviction. —to give bond for good behavior. —penalty of recognizances, etc.