

names, at Muskogee, Indian Territory, this seventh day of October, eighteen hundred and ninety-nine.

“HENRY L. DAWES,
 “TAMM BIXBY,
 “ARCHIBALD S. MCKENNON,
 “THOMAS B. NEEDLES,
 “Commission to the Five Civilized Tribes.
 “JOHN F. BROWN,
 “K. N. KINKEHEE,
 “Seminole Commissioners.”

Signatures.

Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the same be, and is hereby, ratified and confirmed, and all laws and parts of laws inconsistent therewith are hereby repealed.

Ratification.
 Repeal.

Approved, June 2, 1900.

CHAP. 611.—An Act To amend the charter of the Capital Traction Company of the District of Columbia.

June 2, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Capital Traction Company be, and the same is hereby, authorized and required, within six months from the passage of this Act, to lay down an underground electric railway, with the necessary switches and turn-outs in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through and along the following streets and avenues, namely: Beginning at the main tracks at the intersection of Pennsylvania avenue and Eighth street southeast, and thence easterly along said Pennsylvania avenue with double tracks to Fifteenth street east; thence by a single-track loop on Pennsylvania avenue, the circle, K, and Fifteenth streets, bounding square numbered one thousand and seventy-eight, and connecting with the double tracks at Pennsylvania avenue and Fifteenth street east; all work to be done in accordance with plans acceptable to and approved by the Commissioners of the District of Columbia.

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Additional route authorized.

SEC. 2. That the said Capital Traction Company of the District of Columbia shall have, over and respecting the route hereinbefore provided for, the same rights, powers, and privileges as it now has, or hereafter may have, by law over and respecting its other routes, and be subject in respect thereto to all the other provisions of its charter and law.

Rights, etc.

SEC. 3. That Congress reserves the right to alter, amend, or repeal this Act.

Amendment.

Approved, June 2, 1900.

CHAP. 612.—An Act to amend an Act entitled “An Act to authorize the reassessment of water-main taxes in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes,” approved July eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight.

June 2, 1900.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Act entitled “An Act to authorize the reassessment of water-main taxes in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes,” approved July eighth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, be, and the same is hereby, amended by

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 Collection of water main taxes.
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—when tax assessed.

—notice.

—how payable.

—interest on overdue payments.

Proviso.
—abatement for payment in full.

Cost of publishing notice.

Reimbursements for water mains laid in public streets, etc.

Brightwood avenue; cancellation of unpaid taxes, etc.

Repeal.

striking out the following words at the end of section two thereof: "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," and inserting in lieu thereof the following: "That hereafter, whenever a water main or mains shall be laid in the District of Columbia, the water-main assessment or tax authorized by law shall be assessed within thirty days after such water main or mains shall have been laid and the owner or owners affected by this assessment or tax shall be notified that the same has been assessed by a notice inserted daily, Sundays excepted, for two weeks in two newspapers published in the District of Columbia, and such assessment or tax shall be payable in four equal installments, the first of which shall be payable without interest within thirty days of the date of the last publication of said notice, the second within one year, the third within two years, and the fourth within three years from the date of the last publication of said notice, and interest at the rate of ten per centum per annum shall be charged on all amounts which shall remain unpaid at the expiration of thirty days from the date of the last publication of said notice: *Provided*, That if the assessment or tax is paid in full at any time within thirty days after the last publication of said notice an abatement of six per centum shall be allowed on the entire amount of said assessment. The cost of publication of the notice herein provided for shall be added to the amount of said assessment and collected in the same manner that said assessment is collected."

SEC. 2. That in all cases where a water main has heretofore been or may hereafter be laid in a public street or way, and in order to secure the laying of such main the cost or a part thereof has been paid to the District of Columbia prior to the laying of said main by any person or corporation, there shall be repaid from time to time to such person or corporation, out of the collections from the assessment for such main, all of the amounts so paid over and above the assessment chargeable against the land owned or controlled by said person or corporation.

SEC. 3. That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to cancel the assessment of water-main taxes unpaid on Brightwood avenue for the laying of the water main about July twentieth, eighteen hundred and ninety-five, from Fort Reno reservoir to and on Brightwood avenue from the Military road to Aspen street, where the water has not been introduced from said main on adjoining property since said water main was laid; and they are authorized and directed to reassess the tax for laying said main on Brightwood avenue according to existing law.

SEC. 4. That all laws or parts of laws inconsistent with this Act are hereby repealed.

Approved, June 2, 1900.

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CHAP. 613.—An Act Making appropriations for the service of the Post-Office Department for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one.

Postal service appropriations. Vol. 5, p. 80.

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 they are hereby, appropriated for the service of the Post-Office Department, in conformity with the Act of July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, as follows:

Postmaster-General.

OFFICE OF THE POSTMASTER-GENERAL.

Advertising.
Miscellaneous

For advertising, seven thousand dollars.
For miscellaneous items in the office of the Postmaster-General, one thousand dollars.