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SEC. 1795. All that part of the territory of the United States included within the present limits of the District of Columbia shall be the permanent seat of Government of the United States.

SEC. 1796. All offices attached to the seat of Government shall be exercised in the District of Columbia, and not elsewhere, except as otherwise expressly provided by law. [See §§ 4798, 4799.]

Permanent seat of Government.  
16 July, 1790, c. 28, s. 1, v. 1, p. 130.  
Public offices to be exercised at seat of Government.

16 July, 1790, c. 28, s. 6, v. 1, p. 130.

SEC. 1797. The Chief of Engineers shall have charge of the public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia, under such regulations as may be prescribed by the President through the War Department, except those buildings and grounds which are otherwise provided for by law.

Chief of Engineers to have charge of public buildings and grounds.

573. 2 Mar., 1867, c. 167, s. 2, v. 14, p. 466. 14 Feb., 1874, c. 22 v. 18, p. 14.—Ashfield's Case, 9 C. Cls., 331.

4 Aug., 1854, c. 242, s. 15, v. 10, p. 573.

SEC. 1798. All estimates for public buildings and grounds in charge of the Chief of Engineers shall be approved and submitted by the Secretary of War, through the Treasury Department, as other estimates, to the two Houses of Congress; and all appropriations which have been or may be hereafter made for repairs or improvements of the public buildings and grounds in the District of Columbia, and now in charge of the Chief of Engineers, shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War.

Estimates and appropriations.

4 Aug., 1854, c. 242, s. 15, v. 10, p. 573.

3 Mar., 1875, c. 129, s. 3, v. 18, p. 370.

SEC. 1799. The Chief of Engineers in charge of public buildings and grounds is authorized to employ in his office and about the public buildings and grounds under his control such number of persons for such employments, and at such rates of compensation, as may be appropriated for by Congress from year to year.

Employés in office of public buildings.

3 Mar., 1871, c. 113, s. 1, v. 16, p. 479.

8 May, 1872, c. 140, s. 1, v. 17, p. 65. 20 Jan., 1874, c. 11, v. 18, p. 4.

Chief of Engineers to have charge of Washington Aqueduct.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 1, v. 11, p. 435.  
25 June, 1860, c. 211, s. 1, v. 12, p. 106.  
v. 15, p. 12.

Chief of Engineers to obey the President.

2 May, 1828, c. 45, s. 4, v. 4, p. 266.  
c. 211, s. 1, v. 12, p. 106.

How moneys for aqueduct, &c., to be expended.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 1, v. 11, p. 435.  
v. 15, p. 12.

Unauthorized opening of pipes punishable.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 5, v. 11, p. 436.  
Willful, &c., breaking, &c., of pipes punishable.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 5, v. 11, p. 436.

Laying of pipes for use of public buildings.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 6, v. 11, p. 436.

Maliciously making water impure punishable.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 7, v. 11, p. 437.

Compensation of Chief of Engineers.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 1, v. 11, p. 435.  
Apartments, stationery, &c.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 1, v. 11, p. 435.

Record of property to be kept.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 1, v. 11, p. 435.

Authority, &c.

2 May, 1828, c. 45, s. 4, v. 4, p. 266.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 1, v. 11, p. 435.

SEC. 1800. The Chief of Engineers shall have the immediate superintendence of the Washington aqueduct, together with all rights, appurtenances, and fixtures connected with the same, and belonging to the United States, and of all other public works and improvements in the District of Columbia in which the Government has an interest, and which are not otherwise specially provided for by law.

2 Mar., 1867, c. 167, s. 2, v. 14, p. 466. 30 Mar., 1867, c. 20, s. 3,

SEC. 1801. He shall obey, in the discharge of the duties mentioned in the preceding section, such regulations, pursuant to law, as may be prescribed by the President, through the Department of War.

SEC. 1802. All moneys appropriated or hereafter appropriated for the Washington Aqueduct, and for the other public works in the District of Columbia, not otherwise expressly provided for by law, shall be expended under the direction of the Secretary of War.

SEC. 1803. No person, unless by consent of the Chief of Engineers in charge of the public buildings and works, shall tap or open the mains or pipes laid or hereafter to be laid by the United States, under a penalty of not less than fifty nor more than five hundred dollars.

SEC. 1804. Every person who maliciously breaks, injures, defaces, or destroys any main or pipe, bend, branch, valve, hydrant, service-pipe, or any other fixture used for the distribution of water throughout the streets and avenues, or for its introduction into the houses, tenements, or buildings of Washington and Georgetown, shall be punishable by imprisonment in the county jail for not more than two years.

SEC. 1805. No greater number of main pipes of the Washington Aqueduct shall be laid at the expense of the United States than are sufficient to furnish the public buildings, offices, and grounds with the necessary supply of water. The cost of any main pipe, for the supply of water to the inhabitants of Washington and Georgetown, must be paid by the District of Columbia, in the manner provided by law.

SEC. 1806. Every person who maliciously commits any act by reason of which the supply of water, or any part thereof, to the cities of Washington and Georgetown, becomes impure, filthy, or unfit for use, shall be fined not less than five hundred nor more than one thousand dollars, or imprisoned at hard labor in the District of Columbia not more than three years nor less than one year.

SEC. 1807. The Chief of Engineers shall receive no compensation, other than his regular pay as an officer of the Corps of Engineers, for the services required of him under the provisions of this Title.

SEC. 1808. He shall be furnished official apartments in one of the public buildings in the city of Washington, as may be directed by the President, and shall be supplied by the Government with the stationery, instruments, books, and furniture which may be required for the performance of his duties.

SEC. 1809. He shall keep in his office a complete record of all the lands and other property connected with or belonging to the Washington Aqueduct and other public works under his charge, together with accurate plans and surveys of the public grounds and reservations in the District of Columbia.

SEC. 1810. He and his necessary assistants are empowered to use all lawful means for the discharge of their duties; and, particularly, he shall have full control over the Washington Aqueduct, to regulate the manner in which the authorities of the District of Columbia may tap the supply of water to the inhabitants thereof; and he shall stop the same whenever it is found to be no more than adequate to the wants of the public buildings and grounds.

SEC. 1811. His decision on all questions concerning the supply of water, as provided in the preceding section, shall be subject to appeal to the Secretary of War only.

Right of appeal to Secretary of War.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 1, v. 11, p. 435. Reports.

SEC. 1812. The Chief of Engineers shall, as Superintendent of Public Buildings and Grounds, and as Superintendent of the Washington Aqueduct, annually submit the following reports to the Secretary of War in time to accompany the annual message of the President to Congress, namely:

3 Mar., 1829, c. 51, s. 3, v. 4, p. 363.  
4 Aug., 1854, c. 242, s. 15, v. 10, p. 573.

First. A report of his operations for the preceding year, with an account of the manner in which all appropriations for public buildings and grounds have been applied, including a statement of the number of public lots sold, or remaining unsold each year, of the condition of the public buildings and grounds, and of the measures necessary to be taken for the care and preservation of all public property under his charge.

3 Mar., 1859, c. 84, s. 1, v. 11, p. 435.  
25 June, 1860, c. 211, s. 1, v. 12, p. 106.

Second. A report of the condition, progress, repairs, casualties, and expenditures of the Washington Aqueduct and other public works under his charge.

SEC. 1813. The Board of Public Works of said District are prohibited from incurring or contracting liabilities on behalf of the United States in the improvement of streets, avenues, and reservations beyond the amount of appropriations previously made by Congress, and from entering into any contract touching such improvements on behalf of the United States, except in pursuance of appropriations made by Congress.

Limitation on contracts of Board of Public Works.

3 Mar., 1873, c. 227, s. 1, v. 17, p. 526.

SEC. 1814. Suitable structures and railings shall be erected in the old hall of Representatives for the reception and protection of statuary, and the same shall be under the supervision and direction of the Chief of Engineers in charge of public buildings and grounds. And the President is authorized to invite all the States to provide and furnish statues, in marble or bronze, not exceeding two in number for each State, of deceased persons who have been citizens thereof, and illustrious for their historic renown or for distinguished civic or military services, such as each State may deem to be worthy of this national commemoration; and when so furnished, the same shall be placed in the old hall of the House of Representatives, in the Capitol of the United States, which is set apart, or so much thereof as may be necessary, as a national statuary hall for the purpose herein indicated.

Old hall of House of Representatives.

2 July, 1864, c. 210, s. 2, v. 13, p. 347.

SEC. 1815. No statuary, painting, or other article, the property of an individual, shall hereafter be allowed to be exhibited in the rotunda or any other portion of the Capitol building.

Paintings, &c., not to be exhibited in Capitol.

20 July, 1868, c. 176, s. 6, v. 15, p. 110.

SEC. 1816. All improvements, alterations, additions, and repairs of the Capitol building shall hereafter be made by the direction and under the supervision of the Architect of the Capitol Extension, and the same shall be paid for by the Secretary of the Interior out of the appropriations for such extension, and from no other appropriation; and no furniture or carpets for either House shall hereafter be purchased without the written order of the chairman of the Committee to Audit and Control the Contingent Expenses of the Senate, for the Senate, or without the written order of the chairman of the Committee on Accounts of the House of Representatives, for the House.

Repairs, &c., of Capitol.

16 April, 1862, Res. No. 28, v. 12, p. 617.

30 Mar., 1867, c. 24, s. 2, v. 15, p. 13.

20 July, 1868, c. 177, s. 1, v. 15, p. 115.

3 Mar., 1869, c. 121, s. 1, v. 15, pp. 287, v. 19, p. 147.

283, 284. 3 Mar., 1871, c. 114, s. 1, v. 16, p. 500. 15 Aug., 1876, c. 287, v. 19, p. 147.

SEC. 1817. The electrical apparatus for lighting the hall of the House, the dome, the rotunda, and the old hall of Representatives shall be in charge of the chief engineer of the House of Representatives, and operated by the person or persons under his charge, to be designated by him, subject to the control and supervision of the Architect of the Capitol and the Chief of Engineers in charge of public buildings and grounds.

Electrical apparatus.

3 Mar., 1873, c. 226, s. 1, v. 17, p. 491.

SEC. 1818. The Secretary of the Interior is directed to prevent the improper appropriation or occupation of any of the public streets, avenues, squares, or reservations in the city of Washington, belonging to the

Improper appropriation of streets, &c.

30 June, 1864,  
Res. No. 56, v. 13,  
p. 412.

Laws of District  
of Columbia ex-  
tended to Capitol  
Square.

2 May, 1828, c. 45,  
s. 4, v. 4, p. 266.

21 Feb., 1871, c. 62,  
s. 41, v. 16, p. 428.

Protection of pub-  
lic buildings; ar-  
rest of offenders.

30 Mar., 1867, c. 20,  
s. 2, v. 15, p. 12.

29 April, 1876, c. 86,  
v. 19, p. 41.

Capitol police.

2 Mar., 1867, c. 167,  
s. 2, v. 14, p. 466.

3 Mar., 1873, c. 226,  
v. 17, p. 488.

Number and pay.

30 Mar., 1867, c. 20,  
s. 1, v. 15, p. 11.

3 Mar., 1871, c. 113,  
s. 1, v. 16, p. 477.

Suspension of  
members of force.

3 Mar., 1873, c. 226,  
v. 17, p. 488.

Uniform.

30 Mar., 1867, c. 20,  
s. 1, v. 15, p. 11.

At whose expense.

20 July, 1868, c. 176,  
s. 1, v. 15, p. 94.

Supervision ex-  
tended over Botani-  
cal Garden.

15 July, 1870, Res.  
No. 131, v. 16, p. 391.

Superintendent,  
&c., of Botanical  
Garden and green-  
houses.

3 Mar., 1873, c. 226,  
s. 1, v. 17, p. 491.

United States, and to reclaim the same if unlawfully appropriated; and particularly to prevent the erection of any permanent building upon any property reserved to or for the use of the United States, unless plainly authorized by act of Congress, and to report to Congress at the commencement of each session his proceedings in the premises, together with a full statement of all such property, and how, and by what authority, the same is occupied or claimed. Nothing herein contained shall be construed to interfere with the temporary and proper occupation of any portion of such property, by lawful authority, for the legitimate purposes of the United States.

SEC. 1819. All laws and regulations of the District of Columbia for the preservation of the public peace and order shall extend to the Capitol Square, whenever application for the same is requested by the presiding officer of either House of Congress, or by the Chief of Engineers in charge of public buildings and grounds.

SEC. 1820. The Sergeants-at-Arms of the Senate and of the House of Representatives are authorized to make such regulations as they may deem necessary for preserving the peace and securing the Capitol from defacement, and for the protection of the public property therein, and they shall have power to arrest and detain any person violating such regulations, until such person can be brought before the proper authorities for trial.

SEC. 1821. There shall be a Capitol police, the members of which shall be appointed by the Sergeants-at-Arms of the two Houses and the Architect of the Capitol Extension. There shall be a captain of the Capitol police and such other members with such rates of compensation, respectively, as may be appropriated for by Congress from year to year.

SEC. 1822. The Capitol police shall consist of the following members, to be paid at the following rates, respectively, per annum, on the order of the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, or of either of them, namely:

One captain, at two thousand four hundred and one dollars and twenty cents; three lieutenants, at two thousand and seventy dollars each; twenty-seven privates, at one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one dollars and sixty cents each; and eight watchmen, at one thousand one hundred and fifty dollars each.

SEC. 1823. The captain of the Capitol police may suspend any member of the force, subject to the approval of the two Sergeants-at-Arms and of the Architect of the Capitol Extension.

20 June, 1874, c. 328, v. 18, p. 86. 3 Mar., 1875, c. 129, v. 18, p. 345.

SEC. 1824. The Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate and the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House of Representatives are directed to select and regulate the pattern for a uniform for the Capitol police and watchmen, and to furnish each member of the force with the necessary belts and arms, at a cost not to exceed twenty dollars per man, payable out of the contingent fund of the Senate and House of Representatives upon the certificate of the officers above named.

SEC. 1825. The members of the Capitol police shall furnish, at their own expense, each his own uniform, which shall be in exact conformity to that required by regulation of the Sergeants-at-Arms.

SEC. 1826. The supervision of the Capitol police shall be extended over the Botanical Garden, and, until otherwise ordered, and especially during the period employed for rebuilding the fence surrounding the grounds, additional police force may be employed, if deemed necessary, the expense for which shall be defrayed from the contingent fund of the Senate and House of Representatives; but the additional number of policemen for this purpose shall not exceed three at any time.

SEC. 1827. There shall be a superintendent, assistants, and two additional laborers in the Botanical Garden and green-houses, who shall be under the direction of the Joint Committee on the Library.

SEC. 1828. The warden of the penitentiary of the United States for the District of Columbia shall make to the Secretary of the Interior, annually, in time to accompany the annual message of the President to Congress, a report of his operations during the preceding year, and of the manner in which all appropriations have been applied.

Report of warden of penitentiary.

4 Aug., 1854, c. 242, s. 15, v. 10, p. 573.

SEC. 1829. All furniture purchased for the use of the President's House shall be, as far as practicable, of domestic manufacture.

Furniture for President's House.

22 May, 1826, c. 154, s. 2, v. 4, p. 194.

SEC. 1830. No more ailantus trees shall be purchased for or planted in the public grounds.

Ailantus trees prohibited.

3 Mar., 1853, c. 97, s. 1, v. 10, p. 207.

SEC. 1831. The Joint Committee on the Library, whenever, in their judgment, it is expedient, are authorized to accept any work of the fine arts, on behalf of Congress, which may be offered, and to assign the same such place in the Capitol as they may deem suitable, and shall have the supervision of all works of art that may be placed in the Capitol.

Works of fine arts.

10 June, 1872, c. 415, s. 1, v. 17, p. 362.

SEC. 1832. It shall be the duty of the officer or officers having in charge the property of the United States in and about the Capitol, the President's House, and the Botanical Garden, to furnish an annual statement to the Architect of the Capitol Extension, by the first day of December, setting forth the public property in all the buildings, rooms, and grounds under their charge, purchased during each year, and an account of the disposition of such property during the same period, whether by sale or otherwise.

Annual statement of public property.

4 June, 1872, c. 287, v. 17, p. 220.

SEC. 1833. The Architect of the Capitol Extension shall make out and keep, in proper books, a complete inventory of all public property in and about the Capitol, the Botanical Garden, and the President's House, adding thereto, from time to time, an account of such property as may be procured, subsequently to the taking of the first inventory, as well as an account of the sale or other disposal of such property. And he shall submit an annual report of such inventories and accounts, on the first Monday of December to Congress.

Inventory of public property.

15 July, 1870, c. 300, s. 2, v. 16, p. 364.

SEC. 1834. The two preceding sections shall not apply to the books, pamphlets, papers, and documents in the Library of Congress, nor to the supplies of stationery and fuel in the several public buildings and offices therein referred to.

Two last sections not to apply to Library of Congress, &c.

15 July, 1870, c. 300, s. 3, v. 16, p. 364.

SEC. 1835. No pay or compensation other than is fixed by this Title shall be allowed to any officer, employé, or laborer embraced within the provisions hereof.

Extra pay prohibited.

12 July, 1870, c. 251, s. 4, v. 16, p. 250.