

CHAP. 122.—An act to enlarge the powers and duties of the Department of Agriculture and to create an Executive Department to be known as the Department of Agriculture.

February 9, 1889.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Department of Agriculture, shall be an Executive Department, under the supervision and control of a Secretary of Agriculture, who shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate; and section one hundred and fifty-eight of the Revised Statutes is hereby amended to include such Department, and the provisions of title four of the Revised Statutes, including all amendments thereto, are hereby made applicable to said Department.

Department of Agriculture.
To be an Executive Department.

R. S., sec. 158, p. 26, amended.

R. S., Title IV, applicable.

SEC. 2. That there shall be in said Department an Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, to be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall perform such duties as may be required by law or prescribed by the Secretary.

Assistant Secretary.

SEC. 3. That the Secretary of Agriculture shall receive the same salary as is paid to the Secretary of each of the Executive Departments, and the salary of the Assistant Secretary of Agriculture shall be the same as that now paid to the First Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior.

Salaries.

SEC. 4. That all laws and parts of laws relating to the Department of Agriculture now in existence, as far as the same are applicable and not in conflict with this act, and only so far, are continued in full force and effect.

Existing laws.

Approved, February 9, 1889.

CHAP. 132.—An act to increase pensions in certain cases.

February 12, 1889.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act all persons who, in the military or naval service of the United States and in the line of duty, have lost both hands, shall be entitled to a pension of one hundred dollars per month.

Pensions.
For loss of both hands increased.
R. S., sec. 4698, p. 915, amended.
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Approved, February 12, 1889.

CHAP. 133.—An act for the relief of certain property in the District of Columbia.

February 12, 1889.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of section one of the act of the late legislative assembly of the District of Columbia, entitled "An act regulating assessments for improvements," approved December nineteenth, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, shall be construed to apply to all cases where the work was done after February twenty-first, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, and that the Commissioners of the District of Columbia are hereby directed to make the necessary reductions in assessment for such work.

District of Columbia.
Reduction of certain assessments on real estate.

SEC. 2. That drawback certificates for the amount of such reductions, with interest thereon to the date of the passage of this act, shall be issued to the holders of the liens, the security for which is reduced by the operation of this act, and to such other persons as may be found to have paid in excess of one-third of the cost of such work drawback certificates shall be issued for the amount of such excessive payment. All such drawback certificates shall be receivable for arrears of general taxes due the District of Columbia and unpaid June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

Drawbacks to be issued.

Receivable for taxes.

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