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DEMOCRATIC NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT,

LEWIS CASS,

OF MICHIGAN.

FOR VICE PRESIDENT,

WM. O. BUTLER,

OF KENTUCKY.

DEMOCRATIC ELECTORAL TICKET.

SENATORIAL ELECTORS.
WILLIAM BIGLER, of Clearfield.
DAVID D. WAGENER, of Northampton.

REPRESENTATIVE ELECTORS.

I.	HENRY L. BENNER, Philadelphia	County.
II.	HENRY S. KEELER' do	City.
III.	ISAAC SHEPPARD, do	County.
IV.	A. L. ROUMFORT, do	do
V.	LEWIS S. YOST, Montgomery	do
VI.	ROBERT E. WRIGHT, Lehigh	do
VII.	WILLIAM W. DOWNING, Chester	do
VIII.	HENRY HALDEMAN, Lancaster	do
IX.	PETER KLINE, Berks	do
X.	BERNARD S. SCHOCHOVER, Montoe	do
XI.	WM. SWITZLAND, Wyoming	do
XII.	JONAS BEWESTER, Tioga	do
XIII.	JOHN C. KING, Clinton	do
XIV.	JOHN WEIDMAN, Lebanon	do
XV.	ROBERT J. FISHER, York	do
XVI.	FREDERICK SMITH, Franklin	do
XVII.	JOHN CRISWELL, Huntingdon	do
XVIII.	CHARLES A. BLACK, Greene	do
XIX.	GEORGE W. BOWMAN, Bedford	do
XX.	JOHN R. SHANNON, Beaver	do
XXI.	GEORGE P. HAMILTON, Allegheny	do
XXII.	W. H. DAVIS, Crawford	do
XXIII.	TIMOTHY IVES, Potter	do
XXIV.	JAMES G. CAMPBELL, Butler	do

FOR CANAL COMMISSIONER,

ISRAEL PAINTER,

Of Westmoreland County.

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COUNTY COMMITTEE.

In pursuance of a previous call, a meeting of the Democratic Committee of Correspondence was held at the Court House, on Saturday, the 27th of May, 1848, at which the following resolutions were adopted:

1. *Resolved*, That the primary meetings for the choice of Delegates to the County Convention, be called for Saturday, the 17th day of June next; at the usual times and places; and that the Convention meet on the Wednesday thereafter, at the Court House, at 11 o'clock, A. M.

2. *Resolved*, That a meeting to ratify the nomination for President and Vice President, made by the Baltimore Convention, be called by the Chairman for Friday evening, the 23 day of June next, at the Old Court House, in the Diamond.

3. *Resolved*, That James Watson, Geo. R. Riddle, and Andrew Wylie, Jr., be a Committee to procure a suitable place as DEMOCRATIC HEAD QUARTERS, for the coming campaign.

4. *Resolved*, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Democratic papers.

Resolved, That the meeting adjourn.

CHARLES SHALER, Ch'n.
ANDREW WYLIE, Jr., Sec'y.

☞ In obedience to the second of the above Resolutions, the Democracy of the City and County are requested to assemble at the old Court House, on Friday evening, the 2d June next, at 1 past 7 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of ratifying the Baltimore nominations for President and Vice President of the United States.

CHARLES SHALER, Ch'n.

The Vice Presidency.

Owing to the press of other matter on Saturday, we did not notice in the manner we had designed, the nomination for Vice President. We need only say, as it respects our ideas of policy, that a gentleman from a more southern point had been suggested to us; but, so far as it respects the man, we are perfectly satisfied. He is one whose sterling devotion to Democratic principles has not been, and cannot be justly questioned; and whose personal popularity is as great as that of any other candidate who could have been selected. Like the noble and patriotic CASS, he too enjoyed, in an eminent degree, the friendship and confidence of the immortal JACKSON, till the last moment of his life.

Gen. WILLIAM O. BUTLER, is one of the favorite Sons of old Kentucky, having been able, whenever he has been a candidate for any public station, to poll a much greater number of votes than were commanded by his party. He is a Democrat, of the old Jeffersonian school, and a gentleman of fine literary taste and acquirements. In short, he is such a man as our countrymen ever delight to honor. He is with the People, for the People, and one of the People. He knows no policy, but that which leads into the straight forward path of old fashioned Democracy; no interest but those of his country; no political text-book but the Constitution, as expounded by its Democratic fathers. Like Gen. CASS, he too served his country in the war of 1812; and was distinguished for his bravery: but had he never before shouldered a musket, or drawn a sword in defence of his country, the events in Mexico during the last two years, would have borne the most ample testimony to his bravery and patriotism. A most severe, and almost fatal, wound which even now afflicts him—received while in Mexico—fully attests his claim to the title of a patriot. The fact of his having been unanimously nominated for the Vice Presidency, on the second ballot, proves the great confidence of the representatives of the Democracy of the whole Union, in his capacity for the office; and is also a strong proof of the estimation in which he is held by all.

With this ticket before the People, the idea of *defeat* cannot enter our minds: for both our candidates are men who have been identified with the Democracy from their boyhood; both have braved danger at the cannon's mouth in defence of their country; both are eminently qualified and unquestionably patriotic; and both are thoroughly acquainted with the wants, wishes, and interests of the People. We therefore enter the canvass with the most powerful assurances of victory, let who may be chosen as the standard bearer of the Federal party—whether WINFIELD SCOTT, a mere military chieftain, ZACHARY TAYLOR, who pretends to no knowledge of political principles; or HENRY CLAY, the oft defeated, though still valiant leader of Federalism.

Arrivals from Baltimore.

On Saturday evening, we enjoyed a long talk with one of the sterling Democrats of Indiana—J. P. CHAPMAN, Esq., of the State Sentinel, Indianapolis, who is on his way homeward from the Convention. He gave us a most interesting account of the whole proceedings up to Thursday night; and says that every member of the Convention pledged a cordial and efficient support to the nominees. Yesterday morning we met with a number of the Delegates from Indiana and Missouri, who spoke with the most perfect confidence of the success of CASS and BUTLER. They tell us that the nomination was received with the most enthusiastic feelings in every place through which they have passed.

☞ There was a disgraceful row on Fifth street yesterday, caused by some persons from the Allegheny Engine House making an unprovoked attack upon a negro. The brick bats flew in all directions. *No arrests were made!!!*

News by Telegraph!

Reported for the Morning Post.

ARRIVAL OF THE SHIP

HIBERNIA!

SEVEN DAYS LATER FROM EUROPE.

The Hibernia has arrived, bringing Liverpool dates to the 13th.

The new French government has been appointed, and is a complete triumph of the moderate party.

Louis Blanc and Albert (Ouvre) have resigned. Ledru Rollin and the opposition have withdrew from the National Assembly.

The whole French coast has been ordered to be placed in a complete state of defence, and several new regiments fitted out.

Pope Pio Nino has declared war against Austria; several skirmishes have occurred, and the Pope's troops seem to have been in a central position. His Holiness was opposed to declaring war, and in consequence, there appeared symptoms of rebellion. He addressed the people; but at last yielded, as the Romans openly declared their intention to depose him, and establish a Provisional Government.

The Danes have blockaded the German ports.

An insurrection has broken out in Madrid.

Several bloody battles have occurred between the Poles and Russians.

From England, we have no news relative to the Repeal or Chartist movements.

COMMERCIAL.

The Danish blockade operates to the great disadvantage of trade in the manufacturing districts of England. The Italian war has also had an injurious tendency.

The intervention of England and France is looked to for the purpose of stopping hostilities.

American Breadstuffs are much depressed by the prospects of an abundant harvest.

MONEY MARKEL.

LONDON—*Thursday*,—The funds were unsteady during the week. Consols 84¼; closed on Friday at 83½.

MARKETS.

LIVERPOOL—Cotton: low and middling declined ¼d. Corn, in demand: white 26@27d; yellow 28@29d. Meal 12s. 3d. ℔ 96 lbs. *Flour*, sweet, 26@27s. *Cotton*, imports are large; demand moderate; sales of the week 24,120 bales, decline ¼d.; Orleans 3¼@6d; Mobile, 3@4½d.; Upland 3;@5½d. *Pork*, prime mess 55@70s.; prime, 40@45s. *Bacon*, 36@52s. for Western. Lard, fine in kegs 42@45; in bbls. 40s. Tobacco dull.

Thirtieth Congress.—First Session.

MAY 27, 1848.

HOUSE.—Passed two bills relative to Spanish steamers and Spanish tonnage duties.

Mr. Rockwell moved to go into Committee of the Whole on private claims, which was agreed to, and the day was so occupied.

Proceedings of the National Convention.

We have received, through the Baltimore Sun, and the Washington Union, full reports of the proceedings, debates, &c., in the Democratic National Convention. Each day's proceedings occupies about a page of the Union; and it would, therefore, be impossible for us to present to our readers the entire doings of the Convention, unless we occupied the space devoted to reading matter for several days together. We shall, however, give a full and satisfactory abstract of the proceeding, so as to embrace all the business transacted, which may be useful and interesting for reference hereafter, in to-morrow's paper, if possible.

RAIL ROAD MEETING IN THE FIFTH WARD.—The citizens of the Fifth Ward, of all parties, convened on Saturday evening, the 27th inst., at the Public School House, on Pike street, and organized by calling Mr. John H. Ralston to the chair, and appointing James Blakely Secretary.

The object of the meeting having been explained, it was, on motion,

Resolved, That Messrs. Samuel McKelvy and Thomas Hays be delegates to the County Convention, to be held on Wednesday next, at the Court House; and that they be instructed to advise the County Commissioners to subscribe one million dollars of stock to the Central Rail Road, which Resolution was unanimously adopted.

The following resolutions were offered by Wm. Coleman, Esq., accompanied by some appropriate remarks:

Resolved, That the members of Council from the Fifth Ward be and they are hereby instructed to vote against the "Omnibus Ordinance" now before Councils, for building a new Water Works, and for other purposes.

Resolved, That all or any of said members be requested to resign, who cannot comply with the above.

Which resolutions, after an animated discussion, in which Messrs. Coleman, Hamilton, Ba ker, McKelvy, Such, and others, participated, were unanimously passed by the large assemblage present.

On motion it was

Resolved, That the Secretary furnish each member of Council from the Fifth Ward with a copy of the Resolutions, and that the proceedings be published.

JOHN H. RALSTON, Ch'n.
JAMES BLAKELY, Sec'y.

A Desirable Book.

Passing events have afforded an extraordinary incentive to the study of the Spanish Language; and, with a view to enable our countrymen more advantageously to explore this field of Literature, Mr. FAYETTE ROBINSON, who enjoys a high literary character, has recently issued a Spanish Grammer, upon the popular system of *Ollendorf*. This work has the reputation of affording unusual facilities for a correct acquisition of the Spanish language. It is also recommended by its beatiful typography; and is for sale by JOHN H. MELLOR, on Wood street.

☞ We understand that the Sable Harmonists will be in the city this week. Due notice will be given of their first performance.

☞ There was a row at a house of ill-fame on Prospect street, on Saturday evening, and last night there were symptoms of another outbreak.

SUICIDE BY A WOMAN.—On Saturday last, a woman by the name of Wallace, who lived in Sharpsburgh, committed suicide, by drowning herself in the Allegheny. So it is reported. She went to the river, got on a raft, undressed, and sprang in. She was deranged. The body has not yet been found.

☞ Allegheny city was very much excited yesterday afternoon, on account of the arrest of three women and several boys, who were found in a house on Beaver street. It would be well to inquire who owns the houses.

Frightful Destitution in Ireland.

The masses of human beings that are daily surrounding the Kilrush Union are unprecedented.—Night after night the guardians are engaged to ten o'clock at night, admitting paupers, while hundreds are compelled to shelter themselves in the market house, where they huddle together without fire, or any protection from the inclement season. In one week sixty-two of these creatures, died from starvation. The Cork Guardians memorialised the Lord Lieutenant, to reduce the rations of the goal, and thus remove the stimulant to crime which the goal regimen creates. The monstrous proposition was indignantly rejected by his excellency. At Ashfield, the people are without food, without employment, and, apparently deserted by the world, they are dying by the road side, and either buried coffinless in some hole on the spot where they fall, or are left to be devoured by dogs. In Partree, 4,000 creatures are without food or home, and lifeless bodies are lying about the roads, the food of wild birds and dogs. In Boyle, sixteen persons have died of starvation. In Galway, a fine little girl, named Brannan, dropped dead from a similar cause. Three additional workhouses are ordered to be built, one at Berehaven, Cork, another at Dingle Kerry, and a third at Bangor, in Ennis Mayo.

BY AUTHORITY.

Acts and Resolutions passed at the First Session of the Thirtieth Congress.

[PUBLIC—No. 30.]

AN ACT to continue, alter, and amend the charter of the city of Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of May fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty, entitled "An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington, and to repeal all acts heretofore passed for that purpose," and the act of May twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, entitled "An act supplementary to 'An act to incorporate the inhabitants of the city of Washington,'" passed the fifteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty, and for other purposes," and the act or acts supplemental or additional to said acts which were in force on the fourteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and forty, or which may, at the passing of this act, be in force, be and the same are hereby continued in force, for the term of twenty years from the date hereof, or until Congress shall by law determine otherwise, with the alterations, additions, explanations, and amendments following, that is to say:

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to lay and collect a tax of not exceeding three-fourths of one per centum per annum upon the assessed value of all stocks which may be owned and possessed by any person whatever in any banking, insurance, or other incorporated or unincorporated company in the city of Washington; and to compel all such banking, insurance, or other incorporated or unincorporated company, to furnish, when so required to do, within ten days thereafter, a full and complete list of the names of the stockholders in such company, and the amount of stock owned by each, under a penalty not exceeding fifty dollars for each and every week such company shall neglect or refuse or fail to furnish the same. And, in default of payment of the tax due on said stock by the banking, insurance, or other company, or by the holder or holders of the stock, the said corporation shall have full power and authority to sell the said stock, or so many shares thereof as shall be sufficient to pay the taxes due thereon, and costs of collection, as provided in the case of personal property. The said corporation shall also have power to lay and collect a tax not exceeding three-fourths of one per centum per annum on the assessed value of all bonds and mortgages, of stocks of all kinds, and all public and private securities, and on every description of property within the said city, or which may be owned or held by the inhabitants thereof, except the wearing apparel and necessary tools and implements used in carrying on the trade or profession of any person; and to compel persons to furnish, when required by the assessors, a full and correct list of all the property by law taxable, held by them, and to punish with suitable fines and penalties persons refusing or omitting to furnish such lists. The said corporation shall have power to lay and collect a school tax upon every free white male citizen of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, of one dollar per annum; to provide for licensing, taxing and regulating livery stables, and wholesale and retail dealers, in a ratio according to the annual average amount of the capital invested in the business of such wholesale and retail dealers; to license, tax, and regulate agencies of all kinds of insurance companies; to tax private bankers, brokers, and money-lenders, not exceeding three-fourths of one per centum per annum on the assessed amount of capital employed in the business of said private bankers, brokers, and money-lenders; to make all necessary regulations respecting hackney-carriages and the rates of fare to be taken in the same, and the rates of hauling by cartmen, wagoners, carters, and draymen, and the rates of commission of auctioneers; to license and graduate the licenses of non-resident merchants and retailers, and the taxes on the same; to regulate and establish fish wharves and docks; to restrain and prohibit gaming-houses and bawdy-houses; to punish those who may sell intoxicating liquors without having obtained license therefor, by fine not less than five dollars, and in default of the payment thereof, by imprisonment and labor on the work-house for a term not exceeding ninety days; to provide for the punishing by fines and penalties, and by confinement to labor in the work-house, any person and all persons who shall molest or disturb any church or other place of worship while the congregation are engaged in any religious exercises or proceedings; to provide for the weighing of all kinds of live stock brought into the city; to cause to be pulled down unsafe, dilapidated, or dangerous buildings, to take up and relay foot pavements and paved carriage-ways, and to keep them in repair, and to lay and collect taxes for paying the expenses thereof, on the property fronting on such foot-ways and carriage-ways; to lay and collect taxes for the support of public schools; to cause new alleys to be opened into the square, and to open, change, or close those already laid out, upon the application of the owners of more than one-half of the property in such squares, subject to the second proviso of the eighth section of the act of May the fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty, incorporating the inhabitants of the city of Washington. And the said corporation shall have full power and authority to make all necessary laws for the protection of public and private property, the preservation of order, the safety of persons, and the observance of decency in the streets, avenues, alleys, public spaces, and other places in the said city, and for the punishing of all persons violating the same, as well as for the punishment of persons guilty of public profanity and prostitution.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That at the first general election held after the passage of this act, a Board of Assessors, to be composed of one member from each ward, shall be elected by the qualified voters thereto, to serve for two years; and the returns of election for assessor shall be made in the same manner and form as the returns of the election for members of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council; and the person having the greatest number of legal votes in each ward for assessor, shall be duly elected assessor; but in case two or more persons, highest in vote, shall have an equal number of votes, the commissioners of election for the ward in which such equality shall exist, shall decide the choice by lot. No person who is not eligible to a seat in the Board of Aldermen or Board of Common Council, shall be eligible to election as assessor. And, on the first Monday of May next succeeding the first election of assessor under this act, the said board, or a majority of the members thereof, shall in the City Hall, and, in the presence of the Mayor and Register, shall draw by lot the names of three members thereof, if the number of wards be seven, or if the number of wards exceed seven, the names of one-half, or near as may be, of the members of said board; and the members whose names shall be thus drawn, shall thereupon cease to be members of said board; and at the next general election a member shall be elected to serve for two years, in each of the wards in which the members so drawn shall have been elected; and at every regular annual election thereafter in such wards as the term of the assessors is about to expire, an assessor shall be elected to serve for two years. No person holding any other office under the corporation shall be elected to or hold the office of assessor. In the event of the death, resignation, inability, or refusal to serve, of any person elected an assessor, the vacancy shall be filled immediately by the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council, in joint meeting, in which manner all vacancies in the board of assessors shall be filled: *Provided*, That until the assessors authorized to be elected by this act, shall have been duly elected and qualified to enter upon their duties, full power and authority are hereby given to the said corporation to provide for the temporary appointment of assessors to perform the duties required of the assessors to be elected under this act. The board of assessors shall assess and value, and make return of all and every species of property by law taxable, at such times, and under such regulations, as the said corporation shall prescribe, and shall make return of all persons subject to a school-tax, in the said city, under such regulations as the said corporation shall prescribe; and if wilfully neglect to assess and value and make return of all and every species of property by law taxable; who may be known to them, or either of them, or come to their knowledge, or shall refuse or wilfully neglect to make return of any person subject to a school-tax, they, or the one so offending, shall be subject to a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars for each offence, at the discretion of the circuit court of the District of Columbia for the county of Washington, and shall thereafter be incapable of holding any office under the corporation; and the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council may, by joint resolution, remove any assessor from office for any misconduct in office.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the register, collector, and surveyor of the said city shall severally be elected on the first Monday in June next, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, at the same time and place, in the same manner, and by the persons qualified to vote for Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council: *Provided*, That, if said first Monday in June next shall be the regular day for the election of mayor of the said city, then the next—election thereafter, of register, collector, and surveyor, shall take place on the same day in the second year thereafter, as above provided; and the commissioners of election shall make out duplicate certificates of the result of the election for register, collector, and surveyor, and shall return one to the Board of Aldermen, and the other to the Board of Common Council, on the Monday next ensuing the day of election; and the person having the greatest number of votes for those offices respectively, shall be register, collector, or surveyor, as the case may be; but in case two or more persons highest in vote shall have an equal number of votes for either of said offices, then it shall be lawful for the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council to proceed forthwith, by ballot, in joint meeting, to determine the choice between such persons; and the said register, collector, and surveyor shall respectively hold their offices until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed from office; and full power and authority are hereby granted to the Corporation of Washington to pass all such laws as may be necessary to define and regulate the respective duties, powers, and authority of the said register, collector, and surveyor; and, also, to require of the said corporation by such, before entering upon the duties of their respectible offices, and generally to pass all such laws as may be necessary to insure an efficient and faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices by the said register, collector, and surveyor; and in case the said officers, or either of them, shall fail or refuse to comply with any law, resolution, or order of the said corporation, or shall fail or refuse to obey any order of the mayor of the said city, or shall fail to discharge the duties of their respective offices with fidelity and a strict regard to the interest of the said corporation, or shall prove unable or incompetent, from any cause whatever, to discharge such duties, or shall be guilty of any malversation in office, or shall be convicted of any high crime or misdemenor, it shall be lawful for the majority of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council, by joint resolution, to remove such officer, and to order an election to fill the vacancy; and in case of the refusal or failure of any person elected to either of said offices to accept of the same, or to give such bond and security as may be required by said corporation within twenty days after his election, or in case of the death, resignation, or removal from the said city of any person elected to or holding either of said offices, it shall be lawful for the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council to declare said office vacant, and to order an election to fill the vacancy. And in all cases where it shall become necessary to hold an election to fill a vacancy in either of said offices, the same regulations shall be observed as to the appointment of commissioners to hold said elections, and as to holding the elections and the returns of the same, as are observed at the regular elections: *Provided*, That authority is hereby given to the Mayor of the said city to appoint temporarily, under such regulations as the said corporation may prescribe, some discreet person to discharge the duties of such vacant office until an election can be had, and a successor duly elected and qualified to enter upon his duties.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That every free white male citizen of the United States, who shall have attained the age of twenty one years, and shall have resided in the city of Washington one year immediately preceding the day of election, and shall be a resident of the ward in which he shall offer to vote, and shall have been returned on the books of the corporation during the year ending the thirty-first of December next preceding the day of election, or who shall have been convicted of infamous crime, and who shall have paid the school-tax, and all taxes on personal property due from him, shall be entitled to vote for the Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council, and assessors, and for every officer authorized to be elected at any election under this act, or the act or acts to which this is amendatory or supplementary; *Provided*, That if, during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December next preceding the day of the first election after the passage of this act, no persons shall have been returned on the books of the said corporation as subject to a school-tax, then all persons who shall have been returned on the books of the said corporation as subject to a school-tax for the year ending on the day of the said first election, and who shall in all other respects be qualified under this act to vote, and who shall have paid the school-tax, and all taxes due on personal property, shall be entitled to vote at the said first election after the passage of this act. And if any person shall buy or sell a vote, or shall vote more than once at any corporation election, he'd in pursuance of law, or shall give or receive any consideration therefor in money, property, or any other thing of value, or shall promise any valuable consideration, or vote in consideration of such promise, he shall be disqualified forever from voting and holding any office under said corporation; and, on complaint thereof to the Attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia, it shall be the duty of said District Attorney to proceed against such offender or offenders, by indictment or trial, as in other criminal cases; and, if found guilty, it shall be the duty of the court to sentence him to pay a fine of not less than ten dollars, and to imprisonment not more than two months nor less than ten days.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the refusal of any person to accept the office of Mayor upon his election thereto, or of his death, resignation, inability, or removal from the city, the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council shall assemble in joint meeting and elect another in his place, to serve for the remainder of the term, or during such disability; but in case of temporary absence from the city, or of sickness, the Mayor may, in writing, depute the President of the Board of Aldermen to act as Mayor during such temporary absence or sickness.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the tenth section of the act incorporating the inhabitants of the city of Washington, approved May the fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty, in the following words, viz: "That real property, whether improved or unimproved, in the city of Washington, which two or more years' taxes shall have remained due and unpaid, or on which any special tax, imposed by virtue of authority of the provisions of this act, shall have remained unpaid for two or more years after the same shall have become due, or so much thereof, not less than a lot, (when the property on which the tax has accrued is less than that quantity,) as may be necessary to pay any such taxes, with all legal costs arising thereon may be sold at public sale to satisfy the corporation therefor," be, and the same is hereby amended, so as to read as follows, viz: "That real property, whether improved or unimproved, in the city of Washington, which 1 or more years' taxes shall have become due and remain unpaid, or on which any special tax, imposed by virtue of authority of the provisions of this act, shall have become due and remain unpaid, or so much thereof, not less than a lot, (when the property on which the tax has accrued is not less than that quantity,) as may be necessary to pay any such taxes, with all interests, costs, and charges arising thereon, may be sold at public sale to satisfy the corporation therefor." And so much of the third proviso of the tenth section of the said act incorporating the inhabitants of the city of Washington, approved May the fifteenth, eighteen hundred and twenty, is in the following words, viz: "That no sale shall be made in pursuance of this section, of any improved property whereon there is a dwelling or personal property of sufficient value to pay the said taxes, be and the same is hereby, repealed. And the authority given to the collector in the eleventh section of said act to postpone the sale of any property to a future day "for want of bidders," shall be so construed as to authorize the postponement for any reasonable cause, if, in the opinion of the Mayor, the collector or other officer duly authorized, there shall be other reasonable cause for such postponement; but public notice shall in all cases be given of such postponement, and the sales that shall be made at such postponed time shall be equally valid as if made the day first designated for such sale; and no sale of any real property for taxes hereafter made shall be impaired or made void by reason of any error of the Mayor, or other officer of the corporation, in making a calculation or computation of the amount of taxes due, the expenses attendant on the advertisement and sale, or of the purchase money and interest thereon, notwithstanding the sum erroneously calculated or computed may have been paid by the purchaser, his heirs or assigns; but all such sales, and the deeds which may be granted on the certificates then issued, shall be valid and binding, as if no such error had been made; and it shall be lawful for the heirs or assigns of any said city, to receive, do, or perform anything which, by the said act of the fifteenth of May, eighteen hundred and twenty, in habitants of the city of Washington, or by any act or acts supplementary to or in execution of the same, it may be lawful for such purchaser or purchasers to receive, do, or perform.

SECTION 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall have power to cause to be made out plats of all the squares in the city of Washington, on which shall be shown the lines of all the subdivisions of said squares as the same shall actually exist at the date of the completion of the plat of may, by joint resolution, remove any assessor from office for any misconduct in office.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the register, collector, and surveyor of the said city shall severally be elected on the first Monday in June next, and on the same day in every second year thereafter, at the same time and place, in the same manner, and by the persons qualified to vote for Mayor and members of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council: *Provided*, That, if said first Monday in June next shall be the regular day for the election of mayor of the said city, then the next—election thereafter, of register, collector, and surveyor, shall take place on the same day in the second year thereafter, as above provided; and the commissioners of election shall make out duplicate certificates of the result of the election for register, collector, and surveyor, and shall return one to the Board of Aldermen, and the other to the Board of Common Council, on the Monday next ensuing the day of election; and the person having the greatest number of votes for those offices respectively, shall be register, collector, or surveyor, as the case may be; but in case two or more persons highest in vote shall have an equal number of votes for either of said offices, then it shall be lawful for the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council to proceed forthwith, by ballot, in joint meeting, to determine the choice between such persons; and the said register, collector, and surveyor shall respectively hold their offices until their respective successors are duly elected and qualified, unless sooner removed from office; and full power and authority are hereby granted to the Corporation of Washington to pass all such laws as may be necessary to define and regulate the respective duties, powers, and authority of the said register, collector, and surveyor; and, also, to require of the said corporation by such, before entering upon the duties of their respectible offices, and generally to pass all such laws as may be necessary to insure an efficient and faithful discharge of the duties of their respective offices by the said register, collector, and surveyor; and in case the said officers, or either of them, shall fail or refuse to comply with any law, resolution, or order of the said corporation, or shall fail or refuse to obey any order of the mayor of the said city, or shall fail to discharge the duties of their respective offices with fidelity and a strict regard to the interest of the said corporation, or shall prove unable or incompetent, from any cause whatever, to discharge such duties, or shall be guilty of any malversation in office, or shall be convicted of any high crime or misdemenor, it shall be lawful for the majority of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council, by joint resolution, to remove such officer, and to order an election to fill the vacancy; and in case of the refusal or failure of any person elected to either of said offices to accept of the same, or to give such bond and security as may be required by said corporation within twenty days after his election, or in case of the death, resignation, or removal from the said city of any person elected to or holding either of said offices, it shall be lawful for the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council to declare said office vacant, and to order an election to fill the vacancy. And in all cases where it shall become necessary to hold an election to fill a vacancy in either of said offices, the same regulations shall be observed as to the appointment of commissioners to hold said elections, and as to holding the elections and the returns of the same, as are observed at the regular elections: *Provided*, That authority is hereby given to the Mayor of the said city to appoint temporarily, under such regulations as the said corporation may prescribe, some discreet person to discharge the duties of such vacant office until an election can be had, and a successor duly elected and qualified to enter upon his duties.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That every free white male citizen of the United States, who shall have attained the age of twenty one years, and shall have resided in the city of Washington one year immediately preceding the day of election, and shall be a resident of the ward in which he shall offer to vote, and shall have been returned on the books of the corporation during the year ending the thirty-first of December next preceding the day of election as subject to a school-tax for that year, (except persons *non compos mentis*, vagrants, paupers, or persons who shall have been convicted of infamous crime,) and who shall have paid the school-tax, and all taxes on personal property due from him, shall be entitled to vote for the Mayor, members of the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council, and assessors, and for every officer authorized to be elected at any election under this act, or the act or acts to which this is amendatory or supplementary; *Provided*, That if, during the year ending on the thirty-first day of December next preceding the day of the first election after the passage of this act, no persons shall have been returned on the books of the said corporation as subject to a school-tax, then all persons who shall have been returned on the books of the said corporation as subject to a school-tax for the year ending on the day of the said first election, and who shall in all other respects be qualified under this act to vote, and who shall have paid the school-tax, and all taxes due on personal property, shall be entitled to vote at the said first election after the passage of this act. And if any person shall buy or sell a vote, or shall vote more than once at any corporation election, he'd in pursuance of law, or shall give or receive any consideration therefor in money, property, or any other thing of value, or shall promise any valuable consideration, or vote in consideration of such promise, he shall be disqualified forever from voting and holding any office under said corporation; and, on complaint thereof to the Attorney of the United States for the District of Columbia, it shall be the duty of said District Attorney to proceed against such offender or offenders, by indictment or trial, as in other criminal cases; and, if found guilty, it shall be the duty of the court to sentence him to pay a fine of not less than ten dollars, and to imprisonment not more than two months nor less than ten days.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the refusal of any person to accept the office of Mayor upon his election thereto, or of his death, resignation, inability, or removal from the city, the Board of Aldermen and Board of Common Council shall assemble in joint meeting and elect another in his place, to serve for the remainder of the term, or during such disability; but in case of temporary absence from the city, or of sickness, the Mayor may, in writing, depute the President of the Board of Aldermen to act as Mayor during such temporary absence or sickness.

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SECTION 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall have power to cause to be made out plats of all the squares in the city of Washington, on which shall be shown the lines of all the subdivisions of said squares as the same shall actually exist at the date of the completion of the plat of each square, and to prescribe and regulate the manner in which description shall be made of all real estate sold or transferred in the said city: *Provided*, That the said plats shall be made out and drawn upon a uniform scale of not less than one inch to fifty feet; and that the method of description of real estate sold or transferred within the corporate limits which shall be prescribed by the said corporation shall be such that the plats shall at all times show the lines of property at actually existing in the squares; and the office of the surveyor of the city of Washington shall be the legal office of record of the plats of all property in the city of Washington.

SECTION 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the school-tax which may be levied and collected in pursuance of the powers in this act given, shall constitute a fund, or be added to any other fund now or hereafter to be constituted by any act of the corporation, for the establishment and support of common schools, and for no other purpose, under such regulations as may from time to time be established and provided by the corporation.

SECTION 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporation shall not have power to increase the present funded debt of the said corporation, either by borrowing money or otherwise, unless it shall be agreed to do so by two-thirds of the legal voters in the said city at an annual election; and the said corporation shall annually apply a sum not less than ten thousand dollars of its revenues to the redemption of the present debt of the corporation.

SECTION 11. *And be it further enacted*, That all taxes, except taxes on real property, imposed by virtue of the powers granted by this act, or the acts to which this is amendatory or supplementary, in default of payment thereof within the time limited by the act of the incorporation for payment, may be collected by distress and sale of the goods and chattels and personal effects of the person or persons chargeable therewith, under such regulations and limitations as the corporation may prescribe; but no such sale shall be made unless ten days' previous notice thereof be given in some newspaper printed and published in the city of Washington.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings, or other officer having charge and authority over the lands and property of the United States lying within the city of Washington, shall, from time to time, cause to be opened and improved such avenues and streets, or parts or portions thereof, as the President of the United States, upon the application of the corporation of the said city, shall deem necessary for the public convenience, and direct to be done; and he shall defray the expenses thereof out of any money arising, or which shall have arisen, from the sale of lots in the city of Washington belonging, or which may have belonged, to the United States, and from no other fund. And it shall be the duty of said Commissioner, or other United States officer as aforesaid, upon the application of the Mayor, to repair and keep in repair the pavements, water-gutters, water-ways, and the flag foot-ways which have been made or shall be made opposite or along the public squares, reservations, or other property belonging to the United States; as also, on like application, to repair and keep in repair, such streets and avenues, or parts thereof, as may have been, or