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- tain a license as auctioneer for one year, and by his decease, five months thereafter, was deprived of the full benefit thereof: Therefore,

Heirs of
Charles
Jones in-
demnified.

BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington, That the treasurer be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the administrator of Charles Jones deceased, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty-eight dollars and thirty three cents, as an indemnification for the portion of the year remaining unexpired at the time of his death.

Approved, August 5, 1812.

CHAP. 5.

AN ACT to provide for the sinking of wells, and erecting of pumps, conveying of water in pipes and fixing of hydrants, for the improvement of springs and for other purposes.

Mayor to
authorize
the sinking
of wells, &c.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington,* That the mayor shall, upon application to him in writing, signed by two thirds, or of so many as in his opinion constitutes that proportion of the inhabitants of any neighbourhood, in either of the wards, praying for the sinking of a well and the erection of a pump, or the conveyance of water in pipes, and fixing of a hydrant, or the improvement of a spring, direct the commissioner of the ward in which the whole, or a majority of the applicants may

reside, to cause the object of the application to be executed upon the most advantageous terms in his power to obtain, if in the opinion of the mayor it shall be deemed reasonable and expedient.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That on the completion of a pump, hydrant or spring, the mayor be, and he is hereby authorized to cause the expense thereof to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, designating the ward or wards, if more than one is benefited by the improvement, and the proportion of each, for which each may be properly chargeable.

Manner of paying for the same.

Sec. 3. *And be it enacted*, That whenever the expense of a well and pump, an aqueduct and hydrant, or the improvement of a spring, is ascertained in pursuance of the provisions of this act, the mayor shall direct the assessors of the ward or wards in which the applicants reside, to assess the whole of the real property within such distance of the well, hydrant or spring, as may, in their opinion, be benefited, or the value thereof enhanced thereby, under such equitable rule as they may devise or adopt, to such amount as will reimburse the treasury aforesaid for *one half* of said expense; and said assessors shall forthwith place a copy of such assessment in the hands of the proper collector or collectors, whose duty it shall be to collect the same, under such regulations as are provided by law for the collection of taxes on real and personal property within the city aforesaid.

Assessable property to pay one half.

Sec. 4. *And be it enacted*, That whenever any well and pump, aqueduct and hydrant, or spring, shall get out of order, or require repair, the commissioner of the ward in

Repairs provided for.

which the said repairs may be required, shall, on notice given to him to that effect in writing, cause them to be made and done, the expense whereof shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Repeal of
former
acts.

Sec. 5. *And be it enacted*, That all former acts or parts of acts, inconsistent with the provisions of this act, be, and the same are hereby repealed.

Approved, August 5, 1812.

CHAP. 6.

AN ACT imposing annual taxes and providing for their collection.

Annual tax
imposed.

Sec. 1. *BE it enacted by the board of aldermen and board of common council of the city of Washington*, That there be, annually, imposed according to an assessment and valuation made in pursuance of an act, entitled "An act directing a new assessment and authorizing the appointment of ward assessors," passed on the eighteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and ten, a tax of fifty cents on every hundred dollars worth of real and personal property in the city of Washington.

Tax on
slaves.

Sec. 2. *And be it enacted*, That there shall be paid on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirteen, and on the same day, annually thereafter, the following tax on slaves the property of residents of the city of Washington, by his or her owner, to wit: on male slaves between the age of fifteen and forty-five years, one dollar and fifty