

be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to appoint a commissioner, to meet such commissioner as may be appointed on the part of the state of South Carolina, to assess the value of a tract of land on the Catawba river, at or near Rocky Mount, (and commonly known as Mount Dearborn,) or so much thereof as in the opinion of the superintendent of public works in South Carolina may be important or necessary for the completion or preservation of the public works of said state: And if said commissioners shall disagree as to the value of said land, they are hereby authorized to choose, jointly, a third commissioner, the assessment and valuation of any two of whom, when certified under their hands and seals, shall be conclusive.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so soon as the state of South Carolina shall pay into the treasury of the United States the amount of such valuation, the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to convey to the state of South Carolina, all the right and title of the United States in or to said land so assessed: and from and after the execution of said conveyance, the jurisdiction of the United States over the soil so conveyed, be, and the same is hereby, retroceded to the state of South Carolina.

APPROVED, March 3, 1829.

be appointed to assess, with S. Carolina commissioner, the value of Mount Dearborn, &c.

South Carolina to pay the valuation, and the land to be retroceded to her.

CHAP. LXV.—*An Act concerning the government and discipline of the penitentiary in the District of Columbia.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the penitentiary erected in the city of Washington, in pursuance of "An act to provide for erecting a penitentiary in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes," passed twentieth May, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, shall be designated and known as the penitentiary for the District of Columbia, and shall be exclusively appropriated to the confining such persons as may be convicted of offences, which now are, or may hereafter be, punishable with imprisonment and labour, under the laws of the United States, or of the District of Columbia.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the President of the United States to appoint, annually, five respectable inhabitants of the District of Columbia to be inspectors of the said penitentiary, who shall severally hold their offices for one year, from the date of their appointment.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President shall also appoint one warden of the said penitentiary, who shall hold his office during the pleasure of the President.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That said inspectors shall hold their first meeting within ten days after their appointment; they shall appoint one of their number to be their secretary, who shall keep regular records of their proceedings; a majority shall be a quorum for the transaction of all business, and all questions shall be decided by a majority of those present; they shall hold regular meetings of the board, at least once in every month, and oftener, if they shall find it necessary; they shall singly, in turns, visit and inspect the penitentiary, at least once in each week, upon some stated day, to be fixed by their by-laws; they shall direct in what labour the convicts shall be employed; it shall be their duty to prepare a system of rules and regulations, minutely providing for the discipline, health and cleanliness of the penitentiary, the hours of labour, meals and confinement, the government and behaviour of the officers and convicts, so as best to carry into effect the several directions and requisitions of this act; they shall take care that these rules and regulations be made known to the officers of the prison, and the convicts,

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Appropriation for the penitentiary.
Act of May 20, 1826, ch. 81.

Annual inspectors to be appointed.

Warden.

First meeting of inspectors.

Secretary.
Quorum.

Regular meetings.

Inspections.

Labour of convicts.
System of rules for discipline, &c.

Promulgation thereof, &c.