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CONGRESSIONAL REPORTS.

Fortieth Congress—Second Session. WASHINGTON, February 19, 1868. SENATE. Mr. Sumner presented a memorial from citizens of Washington, protesting against the imposition on them of a commission government, and asking that the charter of the city be re-annulled.

Mr. Sumner asked that the memorial be referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia. The charter of the city would expire on the 17th of May, and immediate action in the matter was necessary. He therefore gave notice that on to-morrow, or as soon thereafter as practicable, he would introduce a bill to re-charter the city of Washington.

Mr. Fessenden, from the Committee on Public Buildings, reported back with amendments to the bill to enlarge the grounds around the Capitol. The case of Hon. P. F. Thomas, Senator elect from the State of Maryland, was then taken up. The question was on the passage of the bill, which was agreed to.

Mr. Wood, of New York, asked if the amount appropriated by this bill included expenses for reconstruction. Mr. Blair, of Maine, said no appropriation had ever been made for reconstruction except in the deficiency appropriation bill. The present bill was for the support of the army for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1869.

Mr. Wood suggested that the amount appropriated was greater than had ever before been named for the support of the army. Mr. Blair said the army was increased, and he called attention to the fact that the amount appropriated was only \$500,000 per regiment, while hitherto the amount the army cost was \$1,000,000 per regiment.

Mr. Blair moved to amend the paragraph for the reduction of the army, as reported by the committee, and to insert a proviso that the appropriation should be made in such a manner that no new commission shall be issued in any regiment except to those who are by law entitled to appointments as second lieutenants by graduation. The charter of the city would expire on the 17th of May, and immediate action in the matter was necessary.

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