

War Department.

For purchase of arms for volunteers and regulars, and ordnance and ordnance stores, thirteen million two hundred and twenty-six thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight dollars.

For purchase of gunpowder and lead, one million five hundred thousand dollars.

To supply deficiency in the appropriation for the medical and hospital department of the army, four million four hundred and seventy-four thousand dollars.

For surveys for military defences, including the purchase of campaign maps, manuscript surveys of railroads, canals, of lines within the States in rebellion, fifty thousand dollars.

For subsistence in kind for regulars and volunteers, eight million one hundred and sixty-three thousand four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and twenty cents.

Contingent expenses of House of Representatives,

Contingent expenses of the House of Representatives. — For folding documents, two thousand five hundred dollars.

For miscellaneous items, four thousand dollars.

For stationery, five thousand five hundred dollars.

For furniture, repairs, and packing boxes for members, seven thousand dollars.

of the Senate.

Contingent expenses of the Senate. — For miscellaneous items, fifteen thousand nine hundred and forty-two dollars and ninety-eight cents.

For clerks of committees, messengers, pages, horses, and carryalls, thirteen thousand seven hundred and eighty-six dollars and fifty cents.

Public Printing.

Public Printing. — To supply the deficiency in the appropriation for paper for the public printing, two hundred and eighty-three thousand dollars.

To supply the deficiency in the appropriation for the public printing, fifty thousand dollars.

APPROVED, February 12, 1863.

Feb. 14, 1863.

CHAP. XXXIII. — *An Act to incorporate the National Association for the Relief of destitute Colored Women and Children.*

“National association for the relief of destitute colored women and children” incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Sayles J. Bowen, Daniel Breed, George E. Baker, their associates and successors, being members of said society, by paying into its treasury the sum of two dollars annually, or life members by paying fifty dollars at one time, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic by the name of “The National Association for the Relief of Destitute Colored Women and Children,” for the purpose of supporting such aged or indigent and destitute colored women and children as may properly come under the charge of such association; to provide for them a suitable home, board, clothing, and instruction, and to bring them under Christian influence; and by that name shall have perpetual succession, with power to use a common seal, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded in any court of the United States, to collect subscriptions, make by-laws, rules, and regulations needful for the government of said corporation, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States; to have, hold, and receive real and personal estate by purchase, gift, or devise; to use, sell, or convey the same for the purposes and benefit of said corporation, and to choose such officers and teachers as may be deemed necessary, prescribe their duties, and fix the rate of their compensation.

Purposes.

Powers.

Officers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the officers of said association, shall consist of a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, and a board of managers to be composed of nine members, the whole to constitute an

executive committee, whose duty it shall be to carry into effect the plans and purposes for which said association was formed, all of which officers shall be elected on the fifteenth day of March next, and hold their offices till the second Tuesday of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, on which day, and annually on the second Tuesday of January in each succeeding year, at the annual meeting of said association, which shall be held on said day, their successors shall be elected and hold their offices for the term of one year, and until their successors shall be duly elected. And in case of a vacancy it shall be filled by the other members of the executive committee.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said society may receive into a house or building to be provided by it, any destitute child or children at the request of the parents or guardians, or next friend, or the mother, if the father be dead, or has abandoned his family, or does not provide for their support, or is an habitual drunkard, such parents, guardians, or next friend, or mother, making a written surrender of such child or children. The superintendent or other officer in immediate charge may, with the concurrence of the executive committee, or of a board of trustees to be appointed by said committee, and to consist of three persons, citizens of Washington City, govern the inmates, preserve order, enforce discipline, impart instruction in useful knowledge and some regular course of labor, and establish rules for the preservation of health, and for their proper physical, intellectual, and moral improvement. The trustees may, with the consent of the executive committee, bind out by indenture, such children as may be deemed capable of learning trades or of becoming useful in other occupations to such persons as will give them the benefit of good examples, wholesome instruction, and other means of improvement in virtue and knowledge, and the opportunity of becoming intelligent, moral, and useful members of society.

Society may receive destitute children.

Government of the institution.

Children may be bound out.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for said association, by and with the advice and consent of the Secretary of War, to occupy for the objects of said association any lands, not exceeding one hundred acres, and the improvements thereon, which the Government may now own or may hereafter acquire, contiguous to the city of Washington, by confiscation or purchase, such occupation to continue for such a number of years as the Secretary of War may, in writing, prescribe.

What lands association may occupy.

APPROVED, February 14, 1863.

CHAP. XXXIV. — *An Act to establish the Office of Register of Deeds for the District of Columbia.* Feb. 14, 1863.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be appointed by the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, a register of deeds for the District of Columbia, who shall perform all the duties respecting the recording of deeds and other instruments of writing, and all other services connected therewith, authorized to be performed by the clerk of the Circuit Court of said District by the fifth section of the act approved March three, eighteen hundred and one, entitled "An act supplementary to the act entitled 'An act concerning the District of Columbia,'" and shall receive the same fees and emoluments for the same. And the said register shall receive and have the charge and custody of all the records, papers, and property which may be in the custody or possession of said clerk of the Circuit Court, properly appertaining to and belonging to the office of the register of deeds; and the said clerk is hereby required to deliver the same to said register upon proper application therefor.

Register of Deeds for the District of Columbia.

1801, ch. 24, § 5.
Vol. ii. p. 115.

Duty of Register.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to appropriate such rooms in any of the public buildings under

Secretary of Interior to furnish rooms.