

Time for presenting claims of depositors, when barred.

SEC. 8. That said commissioner shall make payments to those depositors only whose pass-books have been properly verified and balanced, unless said pass-books have been lost or destroyed; then, upon satisfactory proof of such loss or destruction, and the amount due them, he may pay as though they had pass-books. But all claims founded on pass-books or otherwise not presented to said commissioner for examination and credit within six months from and after the passage of this act, as well as all dividends declared upon audited accounts not called for within two years from the date of their declaration, shall be barred, and their amounts shall inure to the benefit of the other depositors of the company.

Solicitor of the Treasury, duties.

SEC. 9. That it shall be the duty of the solicitor of the Treasury, under the direction of said commissioner, to investigate the manner in which said company has been managed by its trustees and others having control thereof; and if, in the judgment of said solicitor, the affairs of said company have been mismanaged, or managed fraudulently and corruptly, then said solicitor, under the direction of said commissioner, shall cause such civil and criminal proceedings to be instituted in the courts against those participating in said mismanagement or fraudulent and corrupt management as he shall deem right and proper to attain the ends of justice. He shall pay fees and costs of suits out of the funds in his hands as commissioner aforesaid; and said solicitor shall attend to all the suits in the courts held in the District of Columbia in which such company is in any manner a party, and he shall be the legal adviser of such commissioner in all matters in which such company is interested.

Fees and costs of suits, how paid.

Funds invested in United States bonds.

SEC. 10. That if from any cause there shall be any considerable delay in making a dividend to the depositors, then said commissioner shall, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, invest the funds on hand in United States bonds, until such time as he may be prepared to make a dividend, as directed under the act of June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-four.

Approved, February 21, 1881.

Feb. 23, 1881.

**CHAP. 68.**—An act donating certain lands in Lake County, State of Colorado, to the Veteran Union Association of Leadville, for hospital and burial purposes.

Donation of lands to Veteran Union Association of Leadville, Colorado, for hospital and burial purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following-described tract of land, situated in Lake County and State of Colorado, be donated to the Veteran Union Association of Leadville, its successors and assigns, in said State, for the use and purpose of locating thereon a hospital and cemetery, to wit: the north half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-three, township number nine south, of range eighty west, excepting, however, from said tract that part included in the United States survey number two hundred and seventy-one; and also donating for the said uses and purposes to said association the south half of the northwest quarter in the section, township, and range aforesaid. Said land is hereby donated upon the express condition that it shall be used exclusively for such hospital and burial purposes; and should there be a failure to comply with the conditions herein expressed for two years from the passage of this act, or should said lands ever cease to be used for said purposes, then said land shall revert to the Government of the United States.

Forfeiture.

Approved, February 23, 1881.

Feb. 23, 1881.

**CHAP. 69.**—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Potomac River at or near Georgetown in the District of Columbia, and for other purposes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of War be,

and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be constructed across the Potomac River at or near Georgetown in the District of Columbia, at such point as he may select, a substantial iron and masonry bridge, with approaches; and the sum of one hundred and forty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction of said bridge and approaches, the same to be maintained as a free bridge for travel: *Provided*, That the said Secretary of War shall construct a bridge upon such plan as shall cost no more than the amount herein appropriated, and which cost shall include the construction of a substantial bridge over the canal, and any and all approaches to the said iron bridge; and no part of this appropriation shall be paid out of the Treasury until contracts shall have been entered into with responsible parties, and with good and sufficient sureties to be approved by the Secretary of War, for the construction and completion of said bridge, including the masonry, iron-work, and approaches, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and forty thousand dollars: *And provided also*, That a draw of sufficient width to permit the free passage of vessels navigating that part of the Potomac River shall be constructed in said bridge, unless said bridge shall be constructed upon or by the side of, or up the river from, the present aqueduct and at the same or greater elevation above the water: *And provided also*, That the sum which may be expended under this act shall be treated and regarded as a part of the general expenses of the District of Columbia, and the United States shall be credited with the amount which it may pay under this act for the erection of said bridge upon its fifty per centum of the expenses of the District of Columbia, as provided in the act of June eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, entitled "An act providing a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia": *Provided further*, That the Secretary of War shall, as soon as may be, fix and determine the location of said bridge, and cause a survey of the river to be made at such place of location, determine the length, width, and height of said bridge, and the length of draw, if one is required, and thereupon advertise for plans and price for the construction of such bridge; such advertisement to be inserted in one or more daily newspapers published in Washington, District of Columbia, New York, Cleveland, Ohio, Detroit, Michigan, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Chicago, Illinois, for the space of one week.

Free Bridge across Potomac River.

Appropriation.

*Proviso.*

Contracts.

Cost.  
*Proviso.*  
Draw.

*Proviso.*

1878, ch. 180,  
Stat., 20, 102.

*Proviso.*  
Location, etc.

Advertisement.

SEC. 2. That for the purpose of establishing a free bridge, and in lieu of erecting the bridge provided for in the preceding section, the Secretary of War may, in his discretion, purchase the aqueduct bridge now crossing the Potomac River at Georgetown: *Provided*, said bridge with all the appurtenances, rights and franchises connected therewith including piers and real estate for abutments and approaches can be purchased for a sum not exceeding eighty-five thousand dollars; which sum or so much thereof as may be necessary may be paid out of the money appropriated by this act: *Provided further*, That a good and sufficient title thereto can be secured to the United States, to be approved by the Attorney-General of the United States. *It is further provided* That the Alexandria Canal Company or its present lessees shall have the right to maintain at their own cost and expense, a canal aqueduct of the same width and depth as the one now in use, and to attach it to or suspend it from said bridge; and whenever a permanent bridge shall be erected upon said site, the same shall be of sufficient strength to sustain the weight of such canal aqueduct; but the construction attachment and maintenance of such aqueduct shall be such as the Secretary of War may determine and shall be without cost or liability to the United States or the District of Columbia. *And it is further provided*, That if upon the erection of such permanent bridge the said canal company or their present lessees shall neglect or refuse to reconstruct secure and attach the said aqueduct at their own expense, or if at any time for the space of six months, they shall fail to use such aqueduct for the purposes of a canal, or fail to keep the same in good condition and repair, or if at any time,

Purchase of aqueduct bridge.

*Proviso.*

*Proviso.*  
Title.

*Proviso.*  
Alexandria Canal Company,  
rights of.

*Proviso.*

they shall use the same for other than canal purposes, then all rights of said canal company, its lessees or assigns in said bridge and property, shall cease and determine, and the said aqueduct shall be detached and removed by the Secretary of War.

Repairs.

SEC. 3. And the Secretary of War is further authorized, in his discretion, in the event of said purchase, to repair the wooden bridge now on said piers, and for that purpose is authorized to expend, of the moneys hereinbefore appropriated, a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars.

Approved, February 23, 1881.

Feb. 23, 1881.

**CHAP. 70.**—An act to authorize the Commissioners of the District of Columbia to recommend a proper site for a Union Railroad Depot in the city of Washington, and for other purposes.

Union Railroad Depot, City of Washington. Commissioners of the District of Columbia to select and recommend site for, and report to Congress.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioners of the District of Columbia be, and they are hereby, authorized to recommend a suitable site for a Union Railroad Depot for all the railroad companies whose tracks enter or terminate in said city, having due regard, as well to the interests of the residents and property owners of the District of Columbia as to the chartered rights and pecuniary investments of the railroad companies to be affected by the action of Congress in the premises; but if, in the judgment of the said Commissioners, it is better, for the interest of all parties concerned, that two depots should be established, the one on the northern and the other on the southern side of the city of Washington, then to make selection of the two sites for the respective depots, and to report their action in the premises, with proper plats, to Congress, during the present session; but if that is not practicable, then to report on the first Monday of December, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, with a bill containing such further provisions as they may deem best calculated to secure the use by said railroad companies of said union depot if so selected; or in case of the selection of the two depots aforesaid, to secure the use of the northern depot by the company or companies whose road or roads enter the city of Washington nearest to said northern depot, and the use of the southern depot by the company or companies whose road or roads enter the said city nearest to said southern depot, and to compel the vacation of all other depots and the removal of all tracks not necessary for use in reaching the depot or depots intended to be established under the provisions of this act: *Provided,* That such union depot or the two depots herein referred to, whichever may be selected, shall be provided by said railroad companies free from expense to the United States or the District of Columbia.

Proviso.

Approved, February 23, 1881.

Feb. 23, 1881.

**CHAP. 71.**—An act to provide for the removal of the terms of the United States circuit and district courts now held at Exeter, for and within the district of New Hampshire, to the city of Concord.

Terms of U. S. circuit and district courts at Exeter removed to Concord, N. H.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the terms of the United States circuit and district courts now held at Exeter, for and within the district of New Hampshire, be, and the same hereafter shall be held at Concord in said district.

Approved, February 23, 1881.