

Compensation of commissioners.

ties, be sworn that they will carefully examine the accounts existing between the United States and the State of Indiana, and that they will, to the best of their ability, make a just, true, and impartial statement thereof, as required by this act. They shall receive such compensation for their services as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, not exceeding ten dollars per day for each commissioner.

Provisions of this act to apply to Ohio.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That the provisions of this act shall apply in every respect to the State of Ohio, and the same proceedings shall be had for ascertaining the amount due the said State of Ohio, as are herein provided for ascertaining the amount due the State of Indiana, and for the payment of such amount, when ascertained under the limitations and restrictions of this act, a sufficient sum is hereby appropriated.

Appropriation.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That a sufficient sum is hereby appropriated to carry this act into effect.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

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CHAP. XV. — *An Act to grant to the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, of New York, the Right of Way and Privilege to lay, land, and operate a Submarine Telegraph Cable on the Atlantic Coast of the United States, and establish Telegraph Communication between the United States and Europe, via the Bermudus and Azores Islands.*

American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company may lay and operate cables on the Atlantic coast, except, &c.;

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, of New York, be, and are hereby, vested with the right, power, and privilege, having acquired the necessary land therefor, to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables on the Atlantic coast, except the coast of Florida, within the jurisdiction of the United States, and the right, power, and privilege so to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables shall be vested in the said American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company for the period of twenty years from the approval of this act: *Provided,* That the said company shall commence active operations within the space of two years from the approval of this act.

to commence operations in two years; may lay and operate cables in any harbor, &c. on the Atlantic coast, except, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, having acquired the necessary land therefor, shall have the right, power, and privilege to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables within any of the harbors, waters, inlets, towns, and cities on the Atlantic coast, except the coast of Florida, offering the most practical and convenient landing, and to construct or erect all the necessary fixtures to accomplish the object of this act.

The government to have the preference in the use of the cables.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the government of the United States shall at all times have the preference in its use, upon terms that may be agreed upon between the Postmaster-General and the said company.

This act may be altered, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That Congress shall have power to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

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CHAP. XVI. — *An Act to establish a Port of Delivery at Chester, Pennsylvania.*

Chester, in the district of Philadelphia, made a port of delivery.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Chester, in the district of Philadelphia, shall be a port of delivery, and a surveyor shall be appointed, who shall reside at said port of delivery and receive a salary of five hundred dollars per annum.

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CHAP. XVII. — *An Act to increase the Force in the Patent-Office.*

Additional principal and assistant exam-

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the commissioner of patents is authorized from time to time to appoint, in the manner already

provided for by law, such an additional number of principal examiners, first assistant examiners, and second assistant examiners, as may be required to transact the current business of the office with despatch: *Provided*, That the whole number of such additional examiners shall not exceed four of each class, and that the total annual expense of the patent-office shall not exceed its annual receipts.

iners may be appointed in the patent-office.

Proviso.

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CHAP. XVIII. — *An Act to incorporate the Lincoln Monument Association.*

March 29, 1867.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Alexander H. Randall, James Harlan, Alexander Ramsey, Nathaniel P. Banks, Sidney Perham, John Conness, John T. Wilson, Godlove S. Orth, Delos R. Ashley, Halbert E. Paine, Charles O'Neill, Burt Van Horn, John F. Driggs, Frederick E. Woodbridge, Jacob Benton, John Hill, Shelby M. Cullom, Thomas A. Jencks, Orin S. Ferry, N. B. Smithers, Francis Thomas, Samuel McKee, Horace Maynard, John F. Benjamin, Rufus Mallory, Sidney Clarke, Daniel Polsley, Walter A. Burleigh, John Taffe, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name of the Lincoln Monument Association, for the purpose of erecting a monument in the city of Washington, commemorative of the great charter of emancipation and universal liberty in America.

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The Lincoln Monument Association in Washington, D. C. incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons named in the first section of this act shall be the first trustees of the corporation, and shall have power to fill vacancies in their number, and to add to their number, not exceeding one from each State in the Union.

Object of the corporation.

First trustees.

Vacancies.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall have power to own and control such property as may be necessary for the carrying out of the objects of the association.

Property of corporation.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall have power to collect money, and to make such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary or expedient.

Collection of money.

Rules and regulations.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall have power to appoint a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and also a board of managers, consisting of not less than seven nor more than thirteen, who shall have a general control of the affairs of the association, and who may be selected from persons not included in the list of corporator[ator]s. The treasurer shall execute a bond in such penalty as may be required, conditioned for the safe-keeping of the funds of the corporation which may come into his hands, and for the faithful discharge of the duties required of him.

Officers and board of managers of the corporation.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the property of said corporation held or occupied by them for the uses and purposes of their incorporation shall be exempt from all taxes to be levied under the authority of the United States, or of any municipal corporation within the District of Columbia.

Bond of treasurer.

Property to be held for what uses; to be exempt from taxes.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter repeal, alter, or amend this act.

This act may be altered, &c.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XX. — *An Act to authorize the Appointment of certain Watchmen, and for other Purposes.* March 30, 1867.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the eight watchmen on the dome of the Capitol, at the congressional stables, the gate-keeper, and watchmen of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, be hereafter appointed by the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, and the sergeant-at-arms of the

Sergeants-at-arms of the Senate and House to appoint certain watchmen and gate-keeper