

and free to the United States. free from tolls or other charge upon the transportation of any property, troops, or mails of the United States.

Mode of disposing of the lands.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the lands hereby granted to said States shall be disposed of only in the following manner, that is to say: That a quantity of land, not exceeding thirty sections, for said road, may be sold; and when the governors of said states shall certify to the Secretary of the Interior that any ten continuous miles of said road are completed, then another quantity of land, hereby granted, not to exceed thirty sections for said road, having ten continuous miles completed as aforesaid, may be sold, and so, from time to time, until the said road is completed; and if said road is not completed within five years, no further sales shall be made, and the lands unsold shall revert to the United States.

Mode of constructing the road.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said military road shall be constructed with sufficient drains and ditches, and not less than forty feet in width, with a grade not less than sixteen feet wide, with such graduation and bridges as shall permit of its regular use as a wagon road in all seasons of the year, and in such other special manner as the States of Michigan and Wisconsin may prescribe.

APPROVED, March 3, 1863.

March 3, 1863. CHAP. CV. — *An Act to incorporate St. Ann's Infant Asylum, 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 Theresa A. Costello, Lucy Gwynn, Margaret Bowden, Sarah M. Carroll, Catherine Ryan, Louisa Fisher, and Catherine Shea, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, made a body politic and corporate forever, by the name of "St. Ann's Infant Asylum," for the purpose of establishing and maintaining in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, an institution for the maintenance and support of foundlings and infant orphan and half-orphan children, and also to provide for deserving indigent and unprotected females during their confinement in childbirth; and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend; may have and use a common seal, and the same alter and renew at pleasure; may adopt and establish rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the Constitution and laws of the United States, for properly conducting the affairs of said corporation; may take, receive, purchase, and hold estate, real, personal, and mixed, not exceeding in value at any one time one hundred thousand dollars, and may manage and dispose of the same, and apply the same, or the proceeds of the sales thereof, to the uses and purposes of said corporation, according to the rules and regulations which now are or may hereafter at any time be established.

"St. Ann's Infant Asylum" incorporated.

Objects.

Name and seal.

By-laws.

Amount of estate.

Corporation may retain foundlings and infant children committed to its care, until, &c.,

may bind them out, place them for adoption, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall be entitled to retain under their care, charge, and restraint, and subject to the rules and discipline of said corporation, all foundlings and infant children committed to their keeping as fully and completely, to all intents and purposes, as if they were regularly indented and bound apprentices to said institution, until said foundlings and infants shall be, if males, twenty one years old, and if females, eighteen years old, or any shorter period that may be agreed upon; and said corporation shall have power to bind them out for a time not to exceed said ages of twenty-one and eighteen years, respectively, as apprentices to learn any trade or business, or to learn to be useful in housekeeping, or may, under terms proper in the view of the said corporation and to be by them stipulated, place them for adoption, or as inmates with any families or persons, said corporation not being restricted in the exercise of their powers of binding or placing out to the District of Columbia; and all such acts shall be in writing, signed by the president

of said corporation, and sealed with their corporate seal, and signed and sealed by the persons taking said children as apprentices or as aforesaid, and acknowledged by said parties before a justice of the peace in and for said District, and within one month thereafter recorded in the office of the register of wills for said District.

Act to be in writing, under seal, and acknowledged.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal this act.

This act may be altered or repealed.

APPROVED, March 3, 1863.

CHAP. CVI. — *An Act to define the Powers and Duties of the Levy Court of the County of Washington, District of Columbia, in regard to Roads, and for other Purposes.* March 3, 1863.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the levy court of the county of Washington, District of Columbia, shall hereafter consist of nine members, to be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, who shall hold their offices for the term of three years. But of the members to be first appointed one third shall be appointed and hold their offices for one year, or until the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-three; one third for two years, or until the thirty-first of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-four; and one third for three years, or until the thirty-first of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-five. The terms of members shall commence on the first day of January, and end on the thirty-first day of December; and it shall be the duty of the President to nominate members, to fill the places of those whose term is about to expire, as early as the fifteenth day of December; and he may renominate any out-going member, should he think proper to do so. Of the nine members of the court, five shall be residents of the county, three of the city of Washington, and one of the city of Georgetown. In case of vacancies happening, the President shall fill them as other vacancies are filled; and the term of the person appointed to fill any vacancy shall expire when the term of him in whose place he is appointed would have expired.

Levy court to consist of nine members.

Appointment and term of office.

One third to go out each year.

When terms commence.

Residence. Vacancies.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That every person appointed as a member of the levy court shall, before he enters on his duties, take an oath faithfully to discharge the duties of the office, and also to support the Constitution of the United States; and he shall also take the oath of allegiance prescribed by the act of July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two. The members of said court shall hereafter be entitled to receive four dollars a day, each, for every day they shall attend a sitting of the court, and not absent themselves without permission of the court, and four dollars for every day they shall serve on a committee, to be paid by the county treasurer upon the certificate of the president of said court.

Oath of office and allegiance.

Pay.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said court shall have the care and charge of, and the exclusive jurisdiction over, all the roads and bridges in said county, except such roads and bridges as belong to and are under the care of the United States. And the said court shall have power, and it shall be their duty —

Jurisdiction, power, and duty of court.

Roads and bridges.

First. To lay out, alter, repair, discontinue, and regulate any of the public roads and highways within said county, and at any time hereafter to inquire and to decide whether any road in said county held by any incorporated company, has been, and is at the time of such inquiry, kept in the condition required by the charter thereof, and if not, to take legal proceedings to acquire possession of the same as other county roads.

Laying out, &c., highways.

Second. To levy and collect taxes for that purpose upon and from the inhabitants of said county, of the age of twenty-one years and over; those having no property to assess to be assessed to labor.

Levying, &c., taxes for highways, &c.

Third. To appoint, annually, and take bond and security from, a clerk and treasurer, and also to appoint a collector of taxes, who shall have

Appointment, &c., of clerk,