

wilfully destroy, or in anywise injure the mains, pipes, apparatus, or other works, property, or appurtenances belonging to and used by said company in manufacturing gas or in furnishing the same to consumers thereof; the person or persons so offending shall, for every such offence, forfeit and pay to the said company the sum of five dollars, and shall, in addition to said penalty, remain liable to said company for any loss or damage occasioned by the offence.

Wilful destruction or injury to pipes, &c., how punished.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company is hereby incorporated upon the express conditions that it shall furnish gas to all the consumers thereof containing fifty per centum more illuminating power than that which is now furnished by the "Washington Gas-light Company," and at a cost not exceeding two dollars and fifty cents per thousand cubic feet; and a failure to comply with these conditions shall operate as a forfeiture of this charter.

Quality and price of gas.

Forfeiture.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company shall not be authorized to sell gas until it shall have produced to the mayor of the city of Washington and to the Secretary of the Interior satisfactory evidence that it has laid down, in a proper and workmanlike manner, in the avenues and streets of the said city, gas mains of an average diameter of at least six inches and a total length of not less than twenty-five miles; nor shall the said company connect its gas mains with the pipes supplying the capitol and other public buildings belonging to the United States, or sell gas, until it shall have produced to the Secretary of the Interior satisfactory evidence that it has erected and in operation good and substantial works and holders capable of manufacturing and storing a quantity of gas, of the quality aforesaid, sufficient to supply the consumption at all times required in the capitol and public buildings aforesaid. And unless the said company shall have complied with the requirements and conditions in this section prescribed within two years from the passage of this act, the said act shall be null and void: *Provided, however*, That said company shall have the privilege, at any time within the said two years, of lighting with the gas manufactured by it some one street a distance not exceeding one mile.

Company not to sell gas until, &c.

Pipes to be laid and works completed in two years.

Proviso.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the stockholders in the "Union Gas-light Company" of the District of Columbia shall be held liable in his or her individual capacity for all the debts and liabilities of the said company, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit as other debts or liabilities, before the court or tribunal having jurisdiction of the case.

Stockholders individually liable.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That this act may at any time be altered, amended, or repealed by the Congress of the United States.

Act may be altered or repealed.

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CHAP. L. — *An Act to incorporate Providence Hospital of the City of Washington, District of Columbia.*

April 8, 1864.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Lucy Gwynn, Teresa Angela Costello, Sarah McDonald, Mary E. Spalding, and Mary Carroll, and their successors in office, are hereby made, declared, and constituted a corporation and body politic, in law and in fact, under the name and style of the directors of Providence Hospital, and by that name they shall be and are hereby made capable in law to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, in any court within the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia; to have and use a common seal, and to alter or amend the same at pleasure; to have, purchase, receive, possess, and enjoy, any estate in lands, tenements, annuities, goods, chattels, moneys, or effects, and to grant, devise, or dispose of the same in such manner as they may deem most for the interest of the hospital: *Provided*, That the

Providence hospital incorporated.

Name.

Powers.

Real estate not to exceed, &c.

real estate held by said corporation shall not exceed in value the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars.

Officers of corporation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said corporation and body politic shall have full power to appoint from their own body a president and such other officers as they may deem necessary for the purposes of their creation; and in case of the death, resignation, or refusal to serve, of any of their number, the remaining members shall elect and appoint other persons in lieu of those whose places may have been vacated; and the said corporation shall have full power and all the rights of opening and keeping a hospital in the city of Washington for the care of such sick and invalid persons as may place themselves under the treatment and care of the said corporation.

Vacancies.

Powers.

By-laws.

Proviso.

Act may be altered, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said corporation shall also have and enjoy full power and authority to make such by-laws, rules, and regulations, as may be necessary for the general accomplishment of the objects of said hospital: *Provided,* That they be not inconsistent with the laws in force in the District of Columbia: *And provided, further,* That this act shall be liable to be amended, altered, or repealed, at the pleasure of Congress.

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CHAP. LL. — *An Act concerning Notaries Public for the District of Columbia.*

Notaries public in the District of Columbia; appointment, term of office, number.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That notaries public for the district of Columbia may be appointed by the supreme court of said district, whose term of office shall be five years, and who may be removed by said court for cause. There shall be no new appointment of a notary public until the number in this district is reduced to twenty-five; and when the number is so reduced, as vacancies thereafter occur, they may be filled by said court.

Oath, bond.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That each notary public hereafter appointed, before entering upon the duties of his office, shall take an oath faithfully to discharge the same, and shall give bond to the United States in the sum of two thousand dollars, with security to be approved by the said supreme court, or a judge thereof, for the faithful discharge of the duties of his office. And the said court shall, with reasonable dispatch, by a general order to be published in one or more newspapers printed in the said district, require all persons now holding the commission of notary public in said district to give new bond, as hereinbefore provided for, within a short time to be prescribed therein; and all such persons failing to comply therewith shall be stricken from the list of notaries.

Present notaries to give bond, or lose office.

Authority of notaries public.

Foreign bills.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That notaries public shall have authority to demand acceptance and payment of foreign bills of exchange, and to protest the same for non-acceptance and non-payment; and to exercise such other powers and duties as, by the law of nations, and according to commercial usages, or for use and effect beyond the jurisdiction of the said district, as, according to the law of any state or territory of the United States, or any foreign government in amity with the United States, may be performed by notaries public.

Inland bills, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That notaries public may also demand acceptance of inland bills of exchange, and payment thereof, and of promissory notes, and may protest the same for non-acceptance or non-payment, as the case may require.

Acknowledgments, oaths, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That each notary public shall have power to take and to certify the acknowledgment or proof of powers of attorney, mortgages, deeds, and other instruments of writing, the acknowledgment of any conveyance, or other instrument of writing executed by any married woman, to take depositions, and to administer