

in its corporate powers under an act of the legislature of the State of Illinois, approved eighteen hundred and sixty-four, or any other bridge company organized under the laws of Missouri and Illinois, be, and the same is hereby, empowered to erect, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River, between the city of Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri, and the city of East Saint Louis, in the State of Illinois, subject to all the conditions contained in said act of incorporation and amendments thereto, and not inconsistent with the following terms and provisions contained in this act. And in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said waters, the cause may be tried before the district court of the United States of any State in which any portion of said obstruction or bridge touches.

Question of obstruction, where may be tried.

Bridge to be built with unbroken spans.

Conditions. Height and length of spans.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the bridge authorized by the preceding section to be built shall not be a suspension bridge, or draw-bridge, with pivot or other form of draw, but shall be constructed with continuous or unbroken spans, and subject to these conditions: First, that the lowest part of the bridge or bottom chord shall not be less than fifty feet above the city directrix at its greatest span. Second, that it shall have at least one span five hundred feet in the clear, or two spans of three hundred and fifty feet in the clear of abutments. If the two latter spans be used, the one over the main steamboat channel shall be fifty feet above the city directrix, measured to the lowest part of the bridge at the centre of the span. Third, no span over the water at low-water mark, shall be less than two hundred feet in the clear of abutments.

Act may be altered, &c.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the right to alter or amend this act, so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of bridges, is hereby expressly reserved.

APPROVED, July 25, 1866.

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CHAP. CCXLVII. — *An Act to authorize W. J. Sibley and others, Trustees, to sell and convey Lot Number nine, in Square Number Seventy-six, in the City of Washington.*

Preamble.

Whereas lot number nine, in said square number seventy-six, in the said city of Washington, was conveyed by J. H. M'Blair to W. J. Sibley, Ro. Ricketts, R. W. Bates, R. L. Sanders, Benjamin M'Coy, and G. Spoarder, in trust, to erect thereon a place of worship for the use of the people of color, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States; and whereas the said trustees have not had the means of erecting such church, and the purpose has been abandoned, and another church, called the Asbury Chapel, has been erected in or near the neighborhood of the said lot, which the said trustees desire to sell, and apply the proceeds to the benefit of the congregation worshipping in said Asbury Chapel, a purpose which the said J. H. M'Blair, as far as he had any interest therein, has approved by his subsequent deed made to the said trustees: therefore,

Trustees may sell lot number nine, square seventy-six.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said W. J. Sibley, Ro. Ricketts, R. W. Bates, R. L. Sanders, Benjamin M'Coy, and G. Spoarder, trustees of the said lot above mentioned, or the survivors of them, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to sell and convey the said lot number nine, in square number seventy-six, in the said city of Washington, for such price as they shall think proper, or to confirm and carry out any contract for sale already made by them with any person, and to convey the same accordingly, freed and discharged of the trust upon which the same was originally conveyed to them, and to apply the proceeds of sale to the benefit of the congregation worshipping in the said Asbury Chapel, as the proper and legal authority thereof may deem expedient, and for no other purpose whatever.

Proceeds of sale, how applied.

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CHAP. CCXLVIII. — *An Act providing for the Appointment of a Commission to examine and report upon certain Claims of the State of Iowa.*

July 25, 1866.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and required to appoint a commissioner, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on or before the first day of December next upon the claim of the State of Iowa for forage, transportation, subsistence, and clothing furnished by said State to certain volunteers of said State, who, under the command of Colonels Morledge and Edwards, and at the request of certain officers commanding troops of the United States in the State of Missouri, marched into the State of Missouri to co-operate with the troops of the United States in that State in suppressing the rebellion. Also the claim of the State of Iowa for repayment of certain moneys paid by said State in raising, arming, equipping, paying, and subsisting certain troops of the State maintained by the State on the southern and northwestern borders thereof during the late rebellion, for the purpose of defending the State against attacks by bushwhackers and Indians. And also the claim of said State for compensation for certain forage procured and barracks built by the State on the northwestern border thereof, and turned over by the State to and used by the United States.

APPROVED, July 25, 1866.

Claims of the State of Iowa for expenses of certain volunteers, for moneys paid for troops to defend the State, and for forage and barracks, to be examined, &c.

CHAP. CCXLIX. — *An Act to incorporate "The National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home."*

July 25, 1866.

See 1867, ch. 62.
Post, p. 401.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mrs. Julia B. Grant, Mrs. Ellen E. Sherman, Mrs. H. D. Cooke, Mrs. Margaret Fahnestock, Mrs. Kathleen Carlisle, Miss Charlotte Taylor, Mrs. Jane Speed, Mrs. Mary J. Wells, Mrs. A. C. Harlan, Mrs. Jane L. Smith, Mrs. Mary K. Lewis, Mrs. Jane Farnham, Mrs. Eliza M. Morris, Mrs. Cecelia S. Sherman, Mrs. Ellen Boyer, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Howard, Mrs. Kate C. Sprague, Mrs. Elsie B. Nye, Mrs. Annie Rouse, Mrs. Kate L. Plants, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Todd, Mrs. Abby E. Hall, Mrs. J. M. Trumbull, Miss Sarah Wood, Mrs. Jane Anne Pirtle, Miss Elizabeth Howard, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name of the National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home, and by that name may sue and be sued in any court of the United States.

"The National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home" incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons named in the first section of this act, together with such as may be elected according to the form of the constitution under this act, shall be the first trustees of the corporation; and all vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise, in the office of trustee, shall be filled by the board, by ballot, without unnecessary delay, as may be provided in the constitution and by-laws of the corporation.

Trustees.

Vacancies, how filled.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall have power to provide a home for, and to support and educate the destitute orphans of soldiers or sailors who have died in the late war in behalf of the Union of these States, from whatever State or Territory they may have entered the national service, or their orphans may apply to enter the Home, and which is hereby declared to be the object and purpose of said corporation; and to such end, and for such use, the said corporation may take and hold property real or personal to an amount necessary for the support and maintenance of the Home and the orphans partaking of its benefits.

Powers, &c. of corporation.

Corporation may hold real and personal estate.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of not less than seventeen representing the District of Columbia, and of seven each,

Board of directors.