

mine the same, after notice to all parties, without the intervention of a jury, and the judgement of the said court shall be final.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the date of its passage.

APPROVED, March 18, 1869.

Judgment.  
When act takes effect.

CHAP. III. — *An Act for the further Security of equal Rights in the District of Columbia.*

March 18, 1869.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the word "white," wherever it occurs in the laws relating to the District of Columbia, or in the charter or ordinances of the cities of Washington or Georgetown, and operates as a limitation on the right of any elector of such District, or of either of the cities, to hold any office, or to be selected and to serve as a juror, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and it shall be unlawful for any person or officer to enforce or attempt to enforce such limitation after the passage of this act.

APPROVED, March 18, 1869.

The word "white" in the laws relating to the District of Columbia, &c. whenever, &c. repealed, &c.

CHAP. V. — *An Act to incorporate the National Junction Railway Company.*

March 29, 1869.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That James A. Magruder, John L. Kidwell, C. H. Cragin, John W. Thompson, Hallet Kilbourn, Alexander R. Shepard, and William H. Tenney, of the District of Columbia, together with such other persons as may become associated with them for that purpose, together with their successors, are hereby created and erected into a body corporate and politic, in deed and in law, by the name and title of the National Junction Railway Company, and by that name have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and to be sued, to plead and be impleaded, to defend and be defended, in the courts of law and equity within the District of Columbia, and may use a common seal, and may adopt by-laws for the regulation of its government.

National Junction Railway Company incorporated.  
[Act amended, 1870, ch. 165. Post, p. 167.]

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation is hereby fully authorized and empowered to survey, locate, lay out, construct, collect tolls upon, maintain, and enjoy a railway line, with appurtenances and machinery necessary for one or more tracks, within the District of Columbia, commencing at the northern terminus of the aqueduct bridge, in the city of Georgetown, or at some eligible point on the south shore of the Potomac river above and near said bridge; thence in a north-easterly direction by the most feasible route crossing Rock creek, entering the city of Washington, and passing through either S, T, or U Street west, [north,] around the city of Washington, crossing the branches of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad upon the legally established grades of the city, in such a manner as not to be dangerous to passengers and trains on either road; thence to a point most feasible on the Potomac river, or eastern branch of the same, at or near the navy yard, at a point to be indicated by the Secretary of the Navy, with the rights, powers, and privileges to construct the said road, the grades of the road to be approved by the authorities of the cities of Washington and Georgetown; also the privileges of locating and constructing a grand Union depot on the line of said road, at some point between Third Street west and Fourteenth Street west, in Washington city; also a similar depot at some convenient point in Georgetown, near the said aqueduct.

Powers of corporation.

Line of railway.  
[Location charged. Post, p. 167.]

Grades to be approved.  
Grand Union depot.  
Other depot.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of said National Junction railway shall consist of five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, which shall in all respects be deemed personal property, and shall be transferable in such manner as the by-laws of said company shall provide.

Capital stock  
Number of shares, and how transferable.