

shall be specially retained, under the authority of the Department of Justice, to assist in the trial of any case in which the government is interested, shall receive a commission from the head of said Department, as a special assistant to the Attorney-General, or to some one of the district attorneys, as the nature of the appointment may require, and shall take the oath required by law to be taken by the district attorneys, and shall be subject to all the liabilities imposed upon such officers by law.

tained to receive a commission as special assistant to, &c. and shall take the oath, &c.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That the Attorney-General shall from time to time cause to be edited and printed an edition of one thousand copies, at the government printing office, of such of the opinions of the law officers herein authorized to be given as he may deem valuable for preservation, in volumes which shall be as to the size, quality of paper, printing, and binding, of uniform style and appearance, as nearly as practicable, with the eighth volume of said opinions, published by Robert Farnham, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, which volumes shall contain proper head-notes, a complete and full index, and such foot-notes as the Attorney-General may approve. Such volumes shall be distributed in such manner as the Attorney-General may from time to time prescribe.

Edition of the opinions of law officers to be published from time to time.

Style, &c. of volumes, and how distributed.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and seventy.

This act when to take effect.

APPROVED, June 22, 1870.

CHAP. CLI. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to issue a Register to the Schooner "Cavallo Marino."*

June 22, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue a register to the schooner "Cavallo Marino," a vessel now lying in the harbor of Indianola, Texas, and owned by Samuel Marx.

Register to issue to schooner "Cavallo Marino."

APPROVED, June 22, 1870.

CHAP. CLII. — *An Act to incorporate the National Mutual Life Assurance Association of Washington, D. C.*

June 23, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Almon M. Clapp, Ezra B. French, Stephen J. W. Tabor, R. B. Donaldson, William A. Richardson, Jedediah H. Baxter, James M. Austin, Henry P. H. Bromwell, Aaron F. Randall, John R. Thompson, Dolson B. Searle, Joseph F. Evans, Thomas L. Tullock, Amos L. Merriman, Edward Downey, L. M. Sanders, J. W. Griffin, John W. Boteler, George S. Montrose, William Wilkinson, James O. Conner, and B. B. French, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate, by the name of "The National Life Assurance and Trust Association," and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, have a common seal, and have all the rights, privileges, and immunities necessary for the purposes of the corporation hereby created: *Provided*, That the said company shall be limited to the District of Columbia in the transaction of its business, and shall not establish any agency in any State except in pursuance of the laws of said State.

National Life Assurance and Trust Association incorporated;

powers, &c.

where may transact business;

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporation above named shall, within one year after the passage of this act, meet and elect such officers as may be necessary to perfect the organization, and thereupon, or as soon thereafter as may be practicable, shall open books for the enrollment of members.

when to organize.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the objects of this association shall be the mutual insurance of the lives of the members, and the invest-

Objects of the association.

ment of premiums in trust for the benefit of the person paying the same, or some other person designated by him, upon the endowment plan. At any meeting of the corporators, or a majority of them, they may prescribe such rules and by-laws for the government of their association, and the transaction of its business, fix such rates of insurance and premiums, and provide for the payment of losses, in such manner as may be necessary to carry into effect the objects of the incorporation: *Provided*, That such rules and by-laws shall not conflict with the Constitution of the United States, nor with any laws in force within the District of Columbia; which rules and by-laws may be changed at any regular meeting of the board of trustees of the association by a majority vote of the members of such board present.

By-laws, &c ;

Proviso;

how may be changed.

Real estate.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for the said association to purchase, hold, and convey real estate, as follows: First, such as shall be requisite for the immediate accommodation of its business; or, second, such as shall have been mortgaged to it in good faith by way of security for loans previously contracted, for money due; or, third, such as shall have been conveyed to it in satisfaction of debts previously contracted in the course of its dealings; or, fourth, such as shall have been purchased at sales upon judgments, decrees, or mortgages obtained or made for such debts.

Number of trustees and their residence.

Vacancies.

Officers of the association;

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the number of trustees to manage the business of said corporation shall be twenty, a majority of whom shall be residents of the District of Columbia; and the first board shall be elected from among the corporators herein named, and any vacancy existing or occurring by death, resignation, or otherwise, in said office of trustees, shall be filled by ballot at such time as the by-laws shall prescribe; and that said trustees shall elect one of their number to be the president of the said board, who shall also be the president of said association, and shall elect two of their number as vice-presidents, one of their number as secretary, and one of their number as treasurer of the same.

to give security for good conduct.

Salaries of officers and agents.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the president, vice-presidents, secretary, treasurer, and the subordinate officers and agents of the association shall respectively give such security for their fidelity and good conduct as the board of trustees may from time to time require, and the board shall fix the salaries of such officers and agents.

APPROVED, June 23, 1870.

June 23, 1870.

CHAP. CLIII. — *An Act to authorize the Settlement of the Accounts of Officers of the Army and Navy.*

In settling accounts of disbursing officers of War and Navy Departments, certain credits to be allowed when, &c.

Accounts of military and naval officers for government property charged to them may be closed when, &c. Provisos.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized, in the settlement of the accounts of disbursing officers of the War and Navy Departments arising since the commencement of the rebellion, and prior to the twentieth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, to allow such credits for over payments, and for losses of funds, vouchers, and property, as they may deem just and reasonable, when recommended under authority of the Secretaries of War and Navy, by the heads of the military and naval bureaus to which such accounts respectively pertain.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the accounts of military and naval officers, whether of the line or staff, for government property charged to them, may be closed by the proper accounting officers whenever, in their judgment, it will be for the interest of the United States so to do: *Provided*, That such accounts originated prior to the twentieth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-six: *Provided*, That no settlement shall be made by the officers of the treasury under this act which shall