

the District of Columbia, how may hereafter be made.

before one justice of the peace only, either in said District or any State or Territory of the United States, shall be held and deemed as valid and effectual for all purposes, as though such acknowledgment had been made before two or more justices of the peace.

APPROVED, March 25, 1870.

March 25, 1870. CHAP. XXXII. — *An Act to extend the Time for the Completion of the lateral Branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, authorized by the Act approved February fifth, 1867, ch. 29. Vol. xiv. p. 387.* *of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, authorized by the Act approved February fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and to change the Location in the City of Washington along the Bank of the Canal.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS a charter was granted by an act of Congress, approved February fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, giving to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company the privilege of constructing a lateral branch of their railroad into the District of Columbia and the city of Washington; and whereas under the said act the time for the completion of said lateral branch was within four years from the passage of the act, and as the work on the line of the road within the city of Washington is very heavy and will consume a long time in its construction; and whereas the work has already been delayed in submitting the plans and location to Congress for their approval: Therefore,

See 1870, ch. 142. *Post*, p. 161, for supplementary act.

Seventh section of act repealed.

Time for completion of lateral branch extended.

Line of road in the city of Washington. 1869, ch. 2. *Ante*, p. 1.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the seventh section of the act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad into and within the District of Columbia be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the time for the completion of the said lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad be, and the same is hereby, extended to the first day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company, if it shall so elect, is hereby authorized to adopt a line in the city of Washington from some point west of East Fourth Street, in the line designated in the act of Congress approved March eighteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, as passing along South K Street, thence crossing to and passing along the south bank of the canal, to South Capitol Street, and thence northwestwardly to Virginia Avenue, there intersecting and passing along the line described in said act approved March eighteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, as passing along Virginia Avenue northwestwardly to the intersection of South C and West Ninth Street.

APPROVED, March 25, 1870.

March 25, 1870. CHAP. XXXIII. — *An Act to incorporate the Washington Mail Steamboat Company.*

Washington Mail Steamboat Company incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Charles Spear, Paul Stevens, W. H. Tenney, William L. Wall, William H. Philp, George H. Plant, J. L. Savage, D. C. Forney, H. Kilbourne, S. P. Brown, Alexander Ray, A. H. Herr, John Pearson, and their associates and successors, or a majority of them, are hereby created and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Washington Mail Steamboat Company.

Capital stock.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of said company shall not be less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars nor more than five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. And each corporator shall be individually liable, during the time he is a stockholder, for all debts of the company, to the amount of his stock therein, and for one year after any transfer of the same.

Individual liability of stockholders.

Powers of the corporation.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said company is authorized and empowered to establish and run a line or lines of steamers between the cities of Washington and Norfolk and other ports.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That said company is also authorized to buy, build, charter, or run steamers, and to purchase, hold, and grant such real, personal, or mixed estate as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this act, and to build all necessary docks, wharves, and buildings thereon for their own use; may transport passengers and freight of every description, subject to the rules and regulations and laws of the United States; may sue and be sued; may have a common seal; and generally may have and possess the rights and privileges usually possessed by similar corporations, or granted under this act, and may issue bonds of the denomination of not less than one hundred dollars, in an amount not exceeding one half of the capital stock of said company.

Powers of corporation.

Common seal.

Bonds.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the affairs of said company shall be managed by such officers as the stockholders in general meeting shall elect, and such agents as may be appointed by the board of directors. The persons named in the first section of this act, or a majority of them, may call a meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of organizing said company at such time and place in the city of Washington as they may determine upon, after advertising the time and place of such meeting for ten days in one or more newspapers published in the city of Washington. The officers of said company, once elected, shall hold their offices for one year, or until their successors are chosen.

Officers and agents.

Organization of corporation.

Officers to hold for one year, or, &c.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the board of directors may make all necessary rules and by-laws for the issuing and transfer of the stock and general management of the business of said company.

By-laws.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be enforced from the passage thereof.

Act when to take effect;

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal this act.

may be repealed, &c.

APPROVED, March 25, 1870.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act to incorporate the Washington General Hospital and Asylum of the District of Columbia.* March 25, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Silas L. Loomis, Robert Reyburn, Harvey Lindsly, Byron Sunderland, O. O. Howard, Sayles J. Bowen, D. W. Anderson, Lewis Clephane, Geo. A. Balloch, Lafayette C. Loomis, Joseph T. Johnson, S. P. Brown, and Charles S. English, their associates and successors, are hereby made, declared, and constituted a corporation and body politic, in law and in fact, under the name and style of the Washington General Hospital and Asylum of the District of Columbia; and by that name they shall be, and are hereby, made capable in law to prosecute and defend suits before all proper courts and tribunals; to have a common seal, the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure; to purchase, lease, receive, hold, improve, possess, and enjoy, and the same to sell, grant, demise, and dispose of, personal and real property, as they may deem for the best interest and welfare of the hospital; to have full power and right to make and ordain all by-laws for the government of said corporation and hospital not inconsistent with the laws of the United States; and to have and enjoy full power and all the right of opening and keeping a hospital and asylum in the District of Columbia for the care of sick, wounded, and invalid persons and children: *Provided*, That the annual income of said corporation shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars, and that all the real and personal property of said hospital and asylum shall be held, used, and devoted exclusively to the purposes before named: *And provided further*. That this act may be altered, amended, or repealed at the pleasure of Congress.

Washington General Hospital and Asylum of the District of Columbia incorporated.

Powers of corporation.

By-laws.

Limit to income.

Property, how applied.

Act may be altered, &c.

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