

CHAP. LXXV. — *An Act to incorporate the Washington and Boston Steamship Company.* May 4, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That James S. Grinnell, Wendell T. Davis, Horatio Browning, Alpheus Middleton, W. Albert King, Andrew Potts, A. Gaddis, jr., Edward Hartley, Edwin A. Ryther, William L. Wall, G. M. Wright, William H. Morrison, George P. Goff, George W. Potter, H. F. Zimmerman, and Henry Mayo, and J. W. Seaver, and J. J. Newcomb, and John W. Boteler, Samuel Cross, George Waters, George Rogers, 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 and Boston Steamship Company.

Washington and Boston Steamship Company incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the capital stock of said company shall not be less than fifty thousand nor more than five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

Capital stock.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That said company is authorized and empowered to establish and run a line or lines of vessels, propelled by steam or other power, between the cities of Washington, Georgetown, Alexandria, Norfolk, and other ports in the State of Virginia, on the Potomac river, Chesapeake bay, or the tributaries of the same, and Boston, in the State of Massachusetts.

Powers of corporation.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That said company is authorized to purchase, hold, and grant such real estate, not exceeding in amount one hundred thousand dollars, 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.

Real estate &c.

Common seal.

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 agent 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 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 until their successors are chosen.

Officers and agents.

Meeting for organization.

Tenure of office of officers.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the said board of directors may make all necessary rules and by-laws for the transfer of the stock and the general management of the business of said company; and each stockholder in said company shall be liable for all claims against the same to an amount equal to the stock which said stockholder shall have in said company.

By-laws.

Personal liabilities.

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 altered, &c.

APPROVED, May 4, 1870.

CHAP. LXXVI. — *An Act to provide for the Survey of the Fort Gratiot military Reservation, in the State of Michigan.* May 4, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be, and is hereby, appropriated from any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand dollars, to complete the survey and subdivision of the Fort Gratiot military reservation in pursuance of law; and that

Appropriation for survey, &c. of Fort Gratiot military reservation.