

CHAP. 125.—An act correcting the military record of Wickliffe Cooper, deceased, late major Seventh Cavalry, brevet colonel United States Army. February 17, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to correct so much of the record of the War Department as states that the late Major Wickliffe Cooper, Seventh Cavalry, committed suicide on the eighth of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and to substitute therefor the following words: "Died by hand of person or persons unknown, while in the line of his duty as an officer of the Army".

Major Wickliffe Cooper, deceased. Secretary of War authorized to correct record of War Department relating to.

Received by the President, February 5th, 1885.

[NOTE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE.—The foregoing act having been presented to the President of the United States for his approval, and not having been returned by him to the house of Congress in which it originated within the time prescribed by the Constitution of the United States, has become a law without his approval.]

CHAP. 126.—An act to authorize suits for damages where death results from the wrongful act or neglect of any person or corporation in the District of Columbia. February 17, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever, by an injury done or happening within the limits of the District of Columbia, the death of a person shall be caused by the wrongful act, neglect, or default of any person or corporation, and the act, neglect, or default is such as would, if death had not ensued, have entitled the party injured, or, if the person injured be a married woman, have entitled her husband, either separately or by joining with the wife, to maintain an action and recover damages, the person who or corporation which would have been liable if death had not ensued shall be liable to an action for damages for such death, notwithstanding the death of the person injured, even though the death shall have been caused under circumstances which constitute a felony: and such damages shall be assessed with reference to the injury resulting from such act, neglect, or default causing such death, to the widow and next of kin of such deceased person. *Provided,* That in no case shall the recovery under this act exceed the sum of ten thousand dollars. *And provided further,* That no action shall be maintained under this act, in any case when the party injured by such wrongful act, neglect, or default, has recovered damages therefor during the life of such party.

District of Columbia.

Person or corporation causing death by wrongful act, neglect, or default, to be liable for damages, notwithstanding death of the person injured.

Proviso. Damages in no case to exceed \$10,000.

Proviso. No action if damages recovered during life.

SEC. 2. That every such action shall be brought by and in the name of the personal representative of such deceased person, and within one year after the death of the party injured.

Suit to be brought within one year by personal representatives of deceased.

Damages recovered to be for benefit of family.

SEC. 3. That the damages recovered in such action shall not be appropriated to the payment of the debts or liabilities of such deceased person, but shall inure to the benefit of his or her family, and be distributed according to the provisions of the statute of distributions in force in the said District of Columbia.

Approved, February 17th, 1885.

CHAP. 137.—An act to authorize the purchase of a wharf for the use of the Government in Wilmington, North Carolina. February 20, 1885.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the United States Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause an

Wilmington, N. C.

Authorizing Secretary of Treasury to purchase wharf and building for use of Revenue Marine Service, if advantageous and necessary.

Proviso.

Cost.

Appropriation.

examination to be made of the wharf in front of the custom-house and other property at the port of Wilmington, North Carolina, offered by E. E. Burress, president of the First National Bank of Wilmington, namely, the following real estate: One hundred and sixty-six feet front on the Cape Fear River, lying between Market and Princess streets and Water street and the river; and also the brick fire-proof two-story warehouse, together with the land on which it is situated, adjoining the custom-house on the south, the said warehouse occupying a space of thirty feet front and running east ninety-two feet; and on inquiry as to their necessity for use for the Revenue Marine Service and other customs purposes at that port, and if it shall be found advantageous and necessary for such purposes, to purchase the same at a reasonable price: *Provided*, That it shall not exceed thirty thousand dollars, which amount shall be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 20th, 1885.

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CHAP. 138.—An act to provide for the purchase of additional land for the uses of the public building in the city of New Bedford, State of Massachusetts.

New Bedford, Mass.

Purchase of additional land for uses of public building.

Appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the purchase of land adjoining the lot now occupied by the public building in the city of New Bedford, State of Massachusetts, and used as a custom-house and post-office.

Approved, February 20, 1885.

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CHAP. 139.—An act to change the name of the Manufacturers' National Bank of New York to the Manufacturers' National Bank of Brooklyn, New York.

Manufacturers' National Bank of New York.

Name changed to Manufacturers' National Bank of Brooklyn, N. Y.

1868, vol. 15, ch. 274, p. 242.

Proviso.

Debts, dividends, liabilities, etc., not affected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of the Manufacturers' National Bank of New York, a corporation whose location was changed from the city of New York to the city of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, by an act of Congress approved July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, shall be changed to the Manufacturers' National Bank of Brooklyn whenever the board of directors of the said bank shall accept the new name by resolution of said board of directors, and cause a copy of said resolution, duly authenticated, to be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency: *Provided*, That such acceptance shall be made within six months after the passage of this act, and that all expenses incident to such change, including engraving, shall be borne and paid by said bank.

SEC. 2. That the debts, dividends, liabilities, rights, privileges, and powers of the said Manufacturers' National Bank of New York shall devolve upon and inure to the said Manufacturers' National Bank of Brooklyn whenever such change of name is effected.

SEC. 3. That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as in any manner to release the Manufacturers' National Bank of New York from any liability, or affect any action or proceeding in law in which said bank may be or become a party or interested.

Approved, February 20, 1885.