

CHAP. 158.—An act to narrow California avenue, within Bellair Heights, District of Columbia.

February 24, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That that part of California avenue which lies within Gardiner G. Hubbard's subdivision, known as Bellair Heights, in the District of Columbia, be, and the same hereby is, narrowed, by equal reduction from each side of said avenue, from one hundred and twenty and fifteen one-hundredths feet in width to ninety and fifteen one-hundredths feet in width; and that all right and title that may now be in the United States or in the District of Columbia in and to the strip of land of fifteen feet in width so cut off by said reduction from each side of said avenue within said subdivision be, and the same hereby is, surrendered and released unto and vested in the present owners of the abutting lots, to each the part directly in front of his or her lot.

California avenue,
D. C.
Narrowing authorized.

Release of land to
owners of abutting
lots.

Approved, February 24, 1893.

CHAP. 159.—An act authorizing the construction of a bridge over the Monongahela River at the foot of Main street, in the borough of Bellevernon, in the State of Pennsylvania.

February 24, 1893.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Bellevernon Bridge Company, a corporation duly authorized under the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, its successors and assigns, be, and they hereby are, authorized and empowered to construct, maintain, and operate a bridge over the Monongahela River, between a point at or near the foot of Main street, in the borough of Bellevernon, Fayette County, to a point in Washington County on the opposite side of said river, all within the State of Pennsylvania.

Bellevernon Bridge
Company may bridge
Monongahela River,
Pa.

SEC. 2. That the said Bellevernon Bridge Company, its successors and assigns, shall not begin the construction of its bridge, piers, abutments, causeways, and other works over, in, or on said river until the location and plan of the same shall have been submitted to and approved by the Secretary of War.

Secretary of War to
approve plans, etc.

SEC. 3. That any act of Congress or part of an act inconsistent herewith, so far as it affects the same, is hereby repealed.

Repeal of incon-
sistent laws.

SEC. 4. That any bridge authorized to be constructed under this act shall be built and located under and subject to such regulations for the security of the navigation of said river as the Secretary of War shall prescribe, and to secure that object the said company or corporation shall submit to the Secretary of War, for his examination and approval, a design and drawing of the bridge and a map of the location, giving, for the space of one-half mile above and one-half mile below the proposed location, the high and low water lines upon the banks of the river, the direction and strength of the currents at low and at high water, with the soundings accurately showing the bed of the stream, and the location of any other bridge or bridges, such map to be sufficiently in detail to enable the Secretary of War to judge of the proper location of said bridge, and shall furnish such other information as may be required for a full and satisfactory understanding of the subject, and until the said plan and location of the bridge are approved by the Secretary of War the bridge shall not be commenced or built; and should any change be made in the plans of said bridge during the progress of its construction, such changes shall be subject to the approval of the Secretary of War.

Map, etc., to be sub-
mitted to Secretary of
War.

Approval.

SEC. 5. That said bridge herein authorized to be constructed shall be so kept and managed at all times as to afford proper means and ways for the passage of vessels, barges, or rafts, both by day and by night;

Aids to navigation.

Lights, etc.

and there shall be displayed on said bridge by the owners thereof, from sunset to sunrise, such lights or other signals as the Light-House Board may prescribe; and such changes shall be made from time to time in the structure of said bridge as the Secretary of War may direct, at the expense of the said bridge company, in order the more effectually to preserve the free navigation of said river.

Commencement and completion.

SEC. 6. That this act shall be null and void if actual construction of the bridge herein authorized be not commenced within one year and completed within three years from the date hereof.

Amendments, etc.

SEC. 7. That the right to alter, amend, or repeal this act is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, February 24, 1893.

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CHAP. 160.—An act to incorporate the American University.

American University, D. C., incorporated.
Incorporators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That John H. Vincent, John E. Andrus, James M. Buckley, Mark Hoyt, Jesse L. Hurlbut, James M. King, Charles C. McCabe, Charles H. Payne, John E. Searles, junior, John S. Huyler, of New York; Charles W. Buoy, J. A. M. Chapman, G. P. Hukill, Robert E. Pattison, Charles Scott, Mrs. Matthew Simpson, of Pennsylvania; Julian S. Carr, of North Carolina; David H. Carroll, Jacob Tome, Alpheus W. Wilson, of Maryland; Charles H. Fowler, of Minnesota; William M. Springer, J. B. Hobbs, of Illinois; John P. Newman, of Nebraska; Job H. Jackson, of Delaware; Redfield Proctor, of Vermont; W. W. Smith, of Virginia; D. B. Wesson, M. Burnham, of Massachusetts; Thomas Bowman, of Missouri; and John F. Hurst, Louis E. McComas, Benjamin Charlton, Andrew B. Duvall, Matthew G. Emery, Charles C. Glover, S. S. Henkle, Benjamin F. Leighton, John E. Beall, Aldis B. Browne, Mrs. John A. Logan, H. B. Moulton, Hiram Price, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Somers, Brainard H. Warner, and S. W. Woodward, of the District of Columbia, their associates and successors, two thirds of whom shall at all times be members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, are hereby constituted a body politic and corporate by the name The American University, with power to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and have perpetual succession; to acquire, take by devise, bequest, or otherwise, hold, purchase, encumber, and convey such real and personal estate as shall be required for the purpose of its incorporation; to make and use a common seal, and the same to alter at pleasure; to choose a board of trustees consisting of not more than fifty, of whom fifteen shall constitute a quorum to do business, and which board shall be authorized to fill any vacancies in their number, to appoint such officers and agents as the business of the corporation shall require, and to make by-laws for the accomplishment of its purposes, for the management of its property, and for the regulation of its affairs. Said corporation is hereby empowered to establish and maintain within the District of Columbia a university for the promotion of education. The said corporation shall have power to grant and confer diplomas and the usual college and university degrees, and honorary degrees, and also such other powers as may be necessary fully to carry out and execute the general purposes of the said corporation as herein appearing.

Powers.

Trustees.

To establish a university.

Diplomas and degrees.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 2. That this act may be amended or repealed at any time by the Congress in its pleasure.

Approved, February 24, 1893.