

tion, discontinued or abandoned by said company, the grants and privileges hereby made and allowed shall cease and determine and be of no effect.

in the periods fixed by the charter, &c.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company.*(a)

STATUTE II.
March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act of the General Assembly of Virginia, entitled "An act further to amend the act incorporating the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal Company," passed the twenty-seventh day of February, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, be, and the same is hereby assented to and approved.

Act of May 23, 1828, ch. 85.
Act of General Assembly of Va., passed 27th Feb., 1829, assented to.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if any person or persons shall, within the District of Columbia, wickedly, or maliciously, do injury to the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, its embankments, walls, moles, tow-paths, bridges, culverts, drains, or to any part necessary to the uses and purposes of said canal, he, she, or they, shall be liable to a fine of not less than five or more than fifty dollars, to be recovered before any justice of the peace of the District of Columbia; and any such justice may, on his own view, or on application verified by affidavit, to said justice made, issue his warrant, describing the injury committed, and, upon conviction, the said justice shall have authority to commit the offender to close jail, without bail or mainprise, until said fine and costs be paid, or until said defendant be discharged by due course of law: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent said canal company from recovering damages from any person or persons who may commit any of the trespasses aforesaid.

Persons within the D. C., wickedly, &c., injuring the Chesapeake and Ohio canal, its embankments, &c., liable to fine, &c.

PROVISU.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all condemnations of land for the use and purposes of said canal company, which have heretofore been made by the marshal of said District, or any lawful deputy marshal, shall be as valid as though the same had been situated in the State of Maryland, and had been condemned in pursuance of the laws of said State, through the action and agency of a sheriff of any of the counties of said State.

Condemnations of land by the marshal of D. C., &c.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LII.—*An Act to authorize the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad Company to construct a railroad from Carrollton to the town of Bayou Sara, in the State of Louisiana.*

STATUTE II.
March 3, 1837.

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, granted to the New Orleans and Carrollton Railroad Company, incorporated by the Legislature of Louisiana, the right of way through such portion of the public lands remaining unsold, for the extension of their railroad from Carrollton to the town of Bayou Sara, in the said State: *Provided,* That the portion of the public lands occupied therefor, shall not exceed eighty feet in breadth; that the route of the said road shall be designated, and marked on the ground by plain landmarks, within the period of eighteen months from the passage of this act, and a copy of the notes of survey and plat thereof, with a description of the said landmarks, be transmitted to the General Land Office, in Washington, within the period aforesaid.

Right of way granted through portions of the public lands remaining unsold.

PROVISU.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so long as the public lands in the vicinity of the said road shall remain unsold, the said company shall have power to take therefrom such materials of earth, stone, and

Earth, stone, &c., may be used while said lands remain unsold.

(a) See Appendix, No. 2.

wood, as may be necessary for the construction of the said road: *Provided*, That the grants herein contained, as well of the use of the public lands as of the materials for the said road, shall cease and determine, unless the same shall be begun within the period of two years from the date of this act, and completed within a period of six years.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837. CHAP. LXXV.—*An Act to give the approval and confirmation of Congress to three several acts of the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of Wisconsin incorporating banks.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following acts of the Territorial Legislature of the Territory of Wisconsin, viz: an act entitled "An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Bank of Milwaukee," an act entitled "An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Miners' Bank of Dubuque," and an act entitled "An act to incorporate the stockholders of the Bank of Mineral Point," be, and the same are hereby severally and respectively approved and confirmed by Congress, with the following limitations and conditions, that is to say: that neither of said banks shall issue bills or notes for circulation, until one-half of the amount of their respective capitals shall have been actually paid in; and that, to enable the directors named in the said charters respectively to comply with this limitation and restriction, they shall be authorized to make calls, according to the provisions contained in the said charters, to an amount not exceeding, at any one time, forty per cent. upon the whole stock subscribed by each stockholder, and shall not be restricted to ten per cent. at any one call, as is provided in the said charters; and that neither of said banks shall have any authority to enlarge or augment its capital, or to make it larger, at any time, than the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, without the consent and approbation of Congress previously obtained; and that neither of the said banks shall, at any time, owe, either by bond, bill, note, or other contract, over and above its actual deposits, an amount to exceed twice the amount of its capital stock actually paid in, instead of the limitation in this respect contained in the said charters respectively; and that each of the said banks shall have complied with all the requirements of their respective charters, as altered, modified, and restricted by this act, so as to enable them to commence the business of banking, and shall actually have commenced banking on or before the first day of January next, or their charters, or the charters of such of them as shall have failed to comply with this limitation, shall be void and of no effect; and the acceptance of said acts of incorporation, by the grantees or stockholders respectively, shall be deemed and taken as acceptances, subject to the conditions and limitations herein prescribed; and any infringement upon, or violation of, the provisions and requirements of this act, or of the limitations and restrictions therein contained, on the part of either of the said institutions, shall forfeit its charter, and put an end to its corporate powers and privileges.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

RESOLUTIONS.

March 2, 1837. No. 1. *A Resolution to enable the Postmaster General more readily to change the commencement of the contract year in the Post Office Department.*

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to let the contracts for the transportation of the mails in those sections of the United States

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