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APPROVED, May 4, 1858.

May 4, 1858. CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act to incorporate the Benevolent Christian Association of Washington City.*

Corporators. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That each of the Christian churches in the city of Washington, without distinction of sect or creed, be, and they are hereby, authorized, on or before the last day of August of each and every year, to appoint one person, and that the persons so appointed, and their successors be, and they are hereby, made a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Benevolent Christian Association of Washington City," and, as such, may purchase, have, hold, use, and acquire, by donation or any lawful means, estate, real and personal, not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars in value, and the same may lease, let, sell, transfer, and convey, and otherwise dispose of; and may sue and be sued, and plead and be impleaded; and may have a common seal, and the same may change at pleasure; and may make by-laws, rules, and regulations for the management of their affairs.

Corporate name and powers.

Objects.

Directors' term of office and powers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the purpose of the said association shall be to relieve the wants of the destitute poor of Washington city; and that the persons named as aforesaid by the several Christian churches, shall be directors of the said association, and continue in office until the first day of October in each year, and until their successors be appointed, and as such shall have power to appoint appropriate officers, and to employ and compensate such agents as they deem expedient, and to appropriate the funds and property of the association to such use as in their discretion they deem best suited to promote the purpose of their incorporation, and with this view they may associate with them as auxiliaries, under such rules and regulations as they may prescribe, any other and all such benevolent associations or societies as now exist, or may hereafter be organized in the city of Washington, for the purpose of aiding or contributing to the relief of the poor and destitute persons in said city.

Shall not issue notes, &c. as currency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize this said corporation to issue any note, token, device, scrip, or any other evidence of debt, to be used as a currency.

Corporators individually liable.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the corporators in said corporation shall be held liable, in his individual capacity, for all the debts and liabilities of said corporation, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit, as other debts or liabilities, before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Congress may alter, &c. this act.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That congress may at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal the foregoing act.

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May 4, 1858. CHAP. XXV.—*An Act to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of the Fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.*

Deficiency appropriation.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty eight, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, namely:

Officers, &c. of House of Representatives.

For compensation of the officers, clerks, messengers, and others receiving an annual salary, in the service of the House of Representatives, viz: Six messengers, by resolution of the House of Representatives twenty-

third December, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, three thousand nine hundred and thirteen dollars.

For folding documents, including pay of folders, wrapping paper, twine, and paste, twenty thousand dollars.

For furniture for speaker's room, and committee rooms, clerk's offices, sergeant-at-arms' office, door-keeper's room, and carpenter's work, thirty thousand dollars.

For newspapers, three thousand dollars.

For laborers, by resolution of the House of Representatives, twenty-third December, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, two thousand dollars.

For stationery, four thousand dollars.

For horses, carriages, and saddle horses, one thousand five hundred dollars.

To enable John C. Rives to pay to the reporters of the House for reporting the debates of the present session of congress, the usual additional compensation of eight hundred dollars each, four thousand dollars.

Reporters of House.

*Army.*—For the regular supplies of the quartermaster's department, consisting of fuel for the officers, enlisted men, guard, hospitals, storehouses, and offices; forage in kind for the horses, mules, and oxen of the quartermasters' department at the several posts and stations, and with the armies in the field; for the horses of the two regiments of dragoons, the two regiments of cavalry, the regiment of mounted riflemen, the companies of light artillery, and such companies of infantry as may be mounted, and for the authorized number of officers' horses when serving in the field and at the outposts; of straw for soldiers' bedding, and of stationery, including company and other blank books for the army, certificates for discharged soldiers, blank forms for the pay and quartermaster's departments; and for the printing of division and department orders, army regulations, and reports, seven hundred and seventy-eight thousand dollars.

Quartermaster's Department regular supplies.

For the purchase of horses for the two regiments of dragoons, the two regiments of cavalry, the regiment of mounted riflemen, the companies of light artillery, and such infantry as it may be found necessary to mount at the frontier posts, two hundred and fifty-two thousand dollars.

Purchase of horses.

For the incidental expenses of the quartermaster's department, consisting of postage on letters and packages received and sent by officers of the army on public service; expenses of courts-martial and courts of inquiry, including the additional compensation to judge advocates, recorders, members, and witnesses, while on that service, under the act of March sixteenth, eighteen hundred and two; extra pay to soldiers employed under the direction of the quartermaster's department, in the erection of barracks, quarters, storehouses, and hospitals; the construction of roads, and other constant labor, for periods of not less than ten days, under the acts of March second, eighteen hundred and nineteen, and August fourth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, including those employed as clerks at division and department head-quarters; expenses of expresses to and from the frontier posts and armies in the field; of escorts to paymasters, other disbursing officers, and trains, when military escorts cannot be furnished; expenses of the interment of non-commissioned officers and soldiers; authorized office furniture; hire of laborers in the quartermaster's department, including hire of interpreters, spies, and guides, for the army; compensation of clerk[s] to officers of the quartermaster's department; compensation of forage and wagon masters, authorized by the act of July fifth, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight; for the apprehension of deserters, and the expenses incident to their pursuit; the following expenditures required for the two regiments of dragoons, the two regiments of cavalry, the regiment of mounted riflemen, and such companies of infantry as may be mounted, viz: the purchase of travelling forges, blacksmiths' and shoeing tools, horse and mule shoes and nails, iron and steel for shoeing, hire of veterinary surgeons, medicines for horses and mules, picket

Incidental expenses.

1802, ch. 9, §§ 21, 22.  
Vol. ii. p. 136.

1819, ch. 45.  
Vol. iii. p. 488.  
1854, ch. 247, § 6.  
Vol. x. p. 576.

1838, ch. 162, § 10.  
Vol. v. p. 257.

ropes, and shoeing the horses of those corps, one hundred and ninety thousand dollars.

**Barracks, &c.** For constructing barracks and other buildings at posts which it may be necessary to occupy during the year; and for repairing, altering, and enlarging buildings at the established posts, including hire or commutation of quarters for officers on military duty; hire of quarters for troops, of storehouses for the safe-keeping of military stores, and of grounds for summer cantonments; for encampments and temporary frontier stations, eighty thousand dollars.

**Transportation.** For transportation of the army, including the baggage of the troops when moving either by land or water; of clothing, camp, and garrison equipage from the depot at Philadelphia to the several posts and army depots; horse equipments and of subsistence from the places of purchase and from the places of delivery under contract, to such places as the circumstances of the service may require it to be sent; of ordnance, ordnance stores, and small arms, from the foundries and armories to the arsenals, fortifications, frontier posts, and army depots; freights, wharfage, tolls, and ferriages; for the purchase and hire of horses, mules, and oxen, and the purchase and repair of wagons, carts, drays, ships, and other sea-going vessels and boats for the transportation of supplies and for garrison purposes; for drayage and cartage at the several posts; hire of teamsters; transportation of funds for the pay and other disbursing departments; the expense of sailing public transports on the various rivers, the Gulf of Mexico, and the Atlantic and Pacific; and for procuring water at such posts as from their situation require that it be brought from a distance; and for clearing roads and removing obstructions from roads, harbors, and rivers, to the extent which may be required for the actual operations of the troops on the frontier, five million four hundred thousand dollars.

**Subsistence.** For subsistence in kind, one million two hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

**Military surveys, &c.** For surveys for military defences, geographical explorations, and reconnaissances for military purposes, five thousand dollars.

**N. E. Executive Building.** *Miscellaneous.*—For contingent expenses of the northeast executive building, viz: for fuel, light, and repairs, one thousand dollars.

**Stables, &c. at President's house.** For the erection of stables and conservatory at the President's house to replace those about to be taken down to make room for the extension of the treasury building, three thousand nine hundred and five dollars.

**Land surveys, &c. in California.** For surveying the public lands and private land claims in California, including office expenses incident to the survey of claims, and to be disbursed at the rates prescribed by law for the different kinds of work, being the amount of surveying liabilities incurred by the surveyor general during the fiscal year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, over and above that authorized under the appropriation of fifty thousand dollars for that period, two hundred and twenty thousand dollars.

**Temporary clerks in Post-Office Department.** For payment to clerks temporarily employed in the Post-Office Department on account of the extraordinary labors connected with the lettings of new contracts for the term commencing on the first July, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, and the increase of business in the inspection and depreciation office of said department, five thousand two hundred and eighteen dollars and eighty-nine cents.

**Lighting President's house, capitol, &c.** For lighting the President's house and capitol, the public grounds around them, and around the executive offices, and Pennsylvania Avenue, and Bridge and High streets, in Georgetown, five thousand dollars.

**Surveyor-general of Utah.** For compensation of the surveyor-general of Utah Territory, from first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, to thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, one thousand five hundred dollars.

**Purchase of Masonic Temple, Boston, for courts.** For purchase of the "Masonic Temple," in the city of Boston, for the

accommodation of the United States courts, upon the terms agreed on by the Secretary of the Interior and the proprietors thereof, in addition to the sum of one hundred thousand dollars appropriated by the act of third March, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, for the erection of a building for said purpose, five thousand dollars.

1857, ch. 108, § 10.  
Ante, p. 229.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of one million four hundred and sixty-nine thousand one hundred and seventy-three dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the revenue of the Post-Office Department for the year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.

Deficiency in revenue of Post-Office department.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the accounting officers of the treasury be authorized and directed to allow credit to the clerk of the House of Representatives for such payments out of its contingent fund as have been or may be made under allowances authorized by the House of Representatives during the last Congress: *Provided*, That said allowances shall have been duly approved by the committee on accounts. *And be it further provided*, That the said allowances be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Clerk of House to be credited with certain payments.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That, whenever hereafter contracts shall be made by the Secretary of War or the Secretary of the Navy by virtue of the sixth section of the act approved the first of May, eighteen hundred and twenty, entitled "An act in addition to the several acts for the establishment and regulation of the Treasury, War, and Navy Departments," he shall, if Congress be in session at the time, promptly report to both Houses thereof the reasons for making such contract, stating fully all the facts and circumstances which, in his judgment, rendered such contract necessary; if Congress be not in session at the time of making such contract, he shall, at the commencement of their next session, make such report to both Houses, and no such contracts shall be made hereafter, except in cases of pressing exigency.

Secretary of War and Navy to report hereafter to Congress reasons for making certain contracts.

1820, ch. 52, § 6.

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CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act for the Admission of the State of Kansas into the Union.*

May 4, 1858.

Whereas, the people of the Territory of Kansas did, by a convention of delegates assembled at Leecompton on the seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, for that purpose, form for themselves a constitution and State government, which constitution is republican; and *whereas*, at the same time and place, said convention did adopt an ordinance, which said ordinance asserts that Kansas, when admitted as a State, will have an undoubted right to tax the lands within her limits belonging to the United States, and proposes to relinquish said asserted right if certain conditions set forth in said ordinance be accepted and agreed to by the Congress of the United States; and *whereas* the said constitution and ordinance have been presented to Congress by order of said convention, and admission of said Territory into the Union thereon as a State requested; and *whereas* said ordinance is not acceptable to Congress, and it is desirable to ascertain whether the people of Kansas concur in the changes in said ordinance, hereinafter stated, and desire admission into the Union as a State as herein proposed: Therefore,

Post, p. 299.

Preamble.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the State of Kansas be, and is hereby, admitted into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, in all respects whatever, but upon this fundamental condition precedent, namely: That the question of admission with the following proposition, in lieu of the ordinance framed at Leecompton, be submitted to a vote of the people of Kansas, and assented to by them or a majority of the voters voting at an election to be held for that purpose, namely:

Kansas to be admitted upon condition.

Question of admission with