

CHAP. CXVI. — *An Act to enable the accounting Officers of the Treasury to settle the Claim of the State of Kansas.* March 3, 1865.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized to receive secondary evidence, in lieu of the original vouchers, in support of a claim for expenses incurred by the State of Kansas, provision for reimbursement of which was made by the "Act to indemnify the states for expenses incurred by them in defence of the United States," approved July twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, said original vouchers having been destroyed by fire at the late massacre in Lawrence, Kansas: *Provided,* That, in the settlement of the above-mentioned claim, there shall not be allowed to the State of Kansas a sum exceeding the sum of twelve thousand three hundred fifty-one dollars and four cents (\$12,351.04).

Claim of the State of Kansas to be allowed to an amount not exceeding, &c. 1864, ch. 21. Vol. xii. p. 276. Secondary evidence to be received in lieu of original vouchers.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

CHAP. CXVII. — *An Act to extend the Provisions of the first Section of "An Act for the Government of Persons in certain Fisheries," approved June nineteenth, eighteen hundred and thirteen.* March 3, 1865.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the first section of "An act for the government of persons in certain fisheries," approved on the nineteenth of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, shall extend and apply to the master or skipper and seamen of vessels of the burthen of twenty tons or upwards, qualified according to law for carrying on the mackerel fisheries, bound from a port in the United States to be employed in such fisheries, in the same way as if such fisheries had been embraced in said act: *Provided,* That the agreement named in said section shall be duly made, indorsed, and countersigned.

1813, ch. 2, § 1. Vol. iii. p. 2.

Provisions relating to the cod fishery to apply to mackerel fishery.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

CHAP. CXVIII. — *An Act to incorporate the Colored Union Benevolent Association.* March 3, 1865.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Gurden Snowden, Charles Brown, James Wright, Sandy Alexander, Henry Logan, Charles Wilson, Henry Brooks, John Shorter, Joseph Shorter, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby, constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and title of the Colored Union Benevolent Association, located in the city of Washington, and by its corporate name said association shall have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued, to implead and be impleaded, in any court of the United States or of the District of Columbia of competent jurisdiction; to receive subscriptions, gifts, and benefits, and to make such rules and by-laws as shall be deemed necessary and expedient for the government of the association, and to alter the same, from time to time, in such mode as shall be prescribed therein: *Provided, always,* That such rules and by-laws shall be in nowise inconsistent with the constitution and laws of the United States, or with the objects of the association. The objects of the association are hereby declared to be to provide for the care and comfort of such members as shall be sick, disabled, or dependent, and of the families of such members, in cases where the proper officers of the association shall deem it expedient, and also to provide for the decent interment of such persons as may die in membership of the association or belonging to the families of such members.

Colored Union Benevolent Association incorporated.

Corporate powers.

By-laws.

Objects of the association.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said association shall have power to hold real estate, or personal and mixed estate, by purchase, gift, or devise, for the purposes of such association and no other, and to

May hold real and personal estate, &c.