lease, sell, or convey such real estate, or mixed estate, or personal property, as may be devised or donated to such association, and the leasing or sale of which will promote the interests of said association.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That congress shall have the right, at any time, to modify, amend, or repeal this act.

Approved, March 3, 1865.

March 3, 1865.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That an act entitled “An act to incorporate the Metropolitan Railroad Company in the District of Columbia,” approved July first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be, and the same hereby is, amended as hereinafter set forth, namely, that the first section be, and hereby is, amended by striking out all after the words “along H street north to Seventeenth street west, intersecting the double-track road,” and inserting: also a double or single track railway, commencing at the intersection of D street north and Four-and-a-half street west, along Four-and-a-half street west to the gate of the arsenal; also a double or single track branch railway, commencing at the intersection of Ninth street west and the Washington canal, along Ninth street west to M street north, along M street north to Twelfth street west, and along Twelfth street west to the Washington canal and Maryland avenue to the Potomac River; also a double or single track branch railway, commencing at the intersection of Massachusetts avenue and H street north, along Massachusetts avenue to K street north, along K street north to the circle, with the privilege of extending the said branch road at any time along K street north to Rock creek, across the bridge over Rock creek to Water street, Georgetown, along Water street in Georgetown to Green street, along Green street to Gay street, and along Gay street and First street to Fayette street, Georgetown, with the privilege of extending at any time the road now in operation from Seventeenth street west to the Capitol, from the present terminus of said road on A street north, along A street north to First street east, along First street east to East Capitol street, along East Capitol street to Ninth street east, along Ninth street east to L street south, with the right to run public carriages thereon, drawn by horse power, receiving therefor a rate of fare not exceeding eight cents per passenger, for any distance between the termini of either of the said main railways, or between the termini of said branch railways, or between either terminus of said main railway and the terminus of either of said branch railways: Provided, That the use and maintenance of the said road shall be subject to the municipal regulations of the city of Washington within its corporate limits.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That section eight be, and hereby is, amended by striking out the words “five hundred thousand dollars, and inserting the words “one million dollars:” Provided, That the directors of said Metropolitan Railroad Company shall have power to require the subscribers to the capital stock to pay the amount by them respectively subscribed at such time, in such manner, and in such instalments as they may deem proper; and if any stockholders shall refuse or neglect to pay any instalments, as required by a resolution of the board of directors, after reasonable notice of the same, the said board of directors may sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, so many shares of said stock as shall pay said instalments, (and the highest bidder shall be taken to be the person who offers to purchase the least number of shares for the assessment due,) under such general regulations as may be adopted in the by-laws of said corporation, or may sue for and collect the same in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That section seventeen be, and
hereby is, so amended as to allow the said corporation three years from
the date of the approval of this act in which to complete the railways
herein described and those described in the act to which this is an amend-
ment.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the twenty-second section be,
and hereby is, amended by striking out the words “at the rate of twenty-
five for one dollar,” and inserting the words “at the rate of sixteen for
the dollar.”

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the provision prohibiting any
exclusion from any car on account of color, already applicable to the
Metropolitan Railroad, is hereby extended to every other railroad in the
District of Columbia.

APPROVED, March 3, 1865.

CHAP. CXX.—An Act to incorporate the Continental Hotel Company of the City of
Washington.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That Lewis Delmonico, of New
York City, B. B. French, Henry D. Cooke, John W. Forney, of Wash-
ington City, Stephen Flanagan, William Overfield, Jr., J. Warren Brown,
of Maine, Thornton Smith, George D. Kellogg, and George Plowman, of
Philadelphia, and their associates, and all persons who now or hereafter
may be holders of the stock hereinafter mentioned, shall be, and they are
hereby, declared to be constituted a body politic or corporate by the style
of the Continental Hotel Company, to have perpetual succession, to be
capable in law of suing and being sued, to have a common seal, and to
have, hold, receive, enjoy, and take, either by absolute conveyance in fee
simple or upon ground rent, and in case of a conveyance upon ground
rent with power to execute the necessary covenant for securing the pay-
ment thereof, such real estate as may be necessary or proper for the con-
struction of a hotel in the city of Washington, with such supplementary
buildings as may be adapted to and form part of the general plan and de-
dign thereof, with power to furnish and equip the same for the accommo-
dation and use of any parties who may be desirous of renting and occup-
ying the same, and the real estate, or any part thereof, when in the opinion
of said corporation it may be proper to do so, to sell and to convey to any
person or persons who may be desirous of purchasing the same the furni-
ture and equipment thereof.

SEC. 2. [And be it further enacted,] That the capital stock of said
corporation shall not exceed two million dollars, divided into twenty thou-
sand shares of one hundred dollars each, and that it shall be held as per-
sonal property, and may be transferred under such regulations as the
corporators shall judge convenient.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That a general meeting of the cor-
porators shall be annually held on the second Monday of January, for the
election of five managers, and the transaction of other business; but if
such meeting or election shall not then take place, the corporation shall not
for that cause be dissolved, but such meeting or election shall take place
as soon thereafter as may be, one week’s public notice thereof being first
given in at least two daily newspapers in the city of Washington.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the election of managers shall
be by ballot from among the corporators, and that in the enactment of by-
laws for the government of the corporation and its officers, and in the de-
cision of all questions, whether of election of officers or disfranchisement
of corporators, either because of their delinquency in paying for the
amount of stock by them purchased of the corporation, or for other causes,
and on all questions at the meetings of the corporation, the corporators
present, either in person or by proxy, shall severally vote once for each
share of stock held by them.