

CHAP. CXXIX. — *An Act to establish a Hydrographic Office in the Navy Department.* June 21, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be a hydrographic office attached to the bureau of navigation in the Navy Department, for the improvement of the means for navigating safely the vessels of the navy and of the mercantile marine, by providing, under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, accurate and cheap nautical charts, sailing directions, navigators, and manuals of instructions, for the use of all vessels of the United States, and for the benefit and use of navigators generally.

A hydrographic office to be attached to bureau of navigation in Navy Department. Purposes thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be prepared, at the hydrographic office attached to the bureau of navigation in the Navy Department, maps, charts, and nautical books relating to and required in navigation, and to publish and furnish them to navigators at the cost of printing and paper, and to purchase the plates and copyrights of such existing maps, charts, navigators, sailing directions and instructions, as he may consider necessary, and when he may deem it expedient to do so, and under such rules, regulations, and instructions as he may prescribe.

Maps, charts, &c., to be published and furnished to navigators at cost of printing and paper. Copyrights to be purchased.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the moneys which may be received from the sale of all such maps, charts, and nautical books shall be returned by the Secretary of the Navy into the treasury of the United States, to be used in the further preparation and publication of maps, charts, navigators, sailing directions and instructions for the use of seamen, and to be sold at the rates as set forth in the preceding section.

Money received from sales of maps, charts, &c., to be returned to treasury, and how used.

APPROVED, June 21, 1866.

CHAP. CXXX. — *An Act to incorporate the "Howard Institute and Home" of the District of Columbia.* June 21, 1866.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That James M. Edmunds, Sayles J. Bowen, Cordial Storrs, Augustin Chester, John R. Elvans, J. Sayles Brown, and Linus D. Bishop, and their associates and successors, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Howard Institute and Home" of the District of Columbia, and as such shall have perpetual succession, with power to receive, purchase, and hold real or personal property, and to be able to sue and be sued, and to plead and be impleaded in all courts of law and equity in the United States, and to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry into effect this act, and promote the objects of the corporation hereby created.

The "Howard Institute and Home" of the District of Columbia incorporated.

Powers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the object for which this corporation is created is declared to be the establishment of a charitable institution for the instruction of freedmen in the industrial pursuits of life and fit them for independent self-support, and to afford a temporary home for such freedmen as may, from sickness, misfortune, age, or infirmity, require fostering care until otherwise relieved.

Objects.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That James M. Edmunds, Sayles J. Bowen, Cordial Storrs, Augustin Chester, John R. Elvans, J. Sayles Brown, and Linus D. Bishop, are hereby appointed a board of managers of said "Howard Institute and Home," for one year from and after the passage of this act; and that thereafter a board of managers, consisting of seven persons, shall be elected from and by the contributors to the means to establish said institution, for such time and according to such rules as said corporation may establish. And said board of managers shall have the exclusive control of all the property, real or personal, contributed or belonging to said corporation, and to appoint such officers as may be deemed requisite for the conduct of its business, for such time and at such salaries as they may determine, and to change either at pleasure.

Board of managers for one year.

Board to be afterwards elected.

Power of board.

Corporation to be established and maintained by gifts, &c.

Record thereof to be kept.

Annual report to Secretary of Interior.

Act may be altered, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* that the corporation hereby created shall be established and maintained by voluntary contributions, gifts, donations, or bequests of money and other property, made to the same for that purpose. And the board of managers shall cause a record to be kept of all such contributions, gifts, donations, and bequests, with the name and residence of each person making the same, and of all expenditures made by said board for the establishment and conduct of said institute and home, and make an annual report of the same, exhibiting the several items of expenditure and objects thereof, and generally the work accomplished by said corporation, to the Secretary of the Interior, a copy of which report shall be sent to each individual who shall have contributed not less than five dollars to said corporation during the year previous to the issuing of said report.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That Congress may, at any time, alter, amend, or annul this act.

APPROVED, June 21, 1866.

June 21, 1866. 1866, ch. 72. *Ante*, p. 43. Paymasters under the act of May 3, 1866, may be appointed from, &c.

CHAP. CXXXI. — *An Act to regulate the Appointment of Paymasters in the Navy, and explanatory of an Act for the better Organization of the Pay Department of the Navy.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the appointments to be made under the act entitled "An act to provide for the better organization of the pay department of the navy," approved May third, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, may be made from the number of acting assistant paymasters of the navy who performed duty as acting assistant paymasters during the war, and who at the time of their appointment under this act shall not be over the age of thirty-two years.

Examination of such officers as are on duty abroad may be waived; to be made after their return home.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to waive the examination of such officers in the pay department of the navy as are on duty abroad, and cannot at present be examined, as required by law: *Provided,* That such examinations as are required by law shall be made as soon as practicable after the return of said officers to the United States, and no officer found to be disqualified shall receive the promotion contemplated in the act herein referred to.

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CHAP. CXXXII. — *An Act authorizing the Restoration of Commander Charles Hunter to the Navy.*

Commander Charles Hunter to be restored to his rank in the navy.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized to restore Charles Hunter late a commander in the navy, to the position which he held on the retired list of the navy when dismissed therefrom.

APPROVED, June 21, 1866.

June 23, 1866.

CHAP. CXXXVIII. — *An Act making Appropriations for the Repair, Preservation, and Completion of certain Public Works heretofore commenced under the Authority of Law, and for other Purposes.*

Appropriation for the repair, preservation, and completion of certain public works.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following sums of money be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be expended under the direction and superintendence of the Secretary of War, for the repair, preservation, and completion of the following works, heretofore commenced under the authority of law, and for the other purposes hereinafter named, that is to say: