

CHAP. CCXLVIII. — *An Act providing for the Appointment of a Commission to examine and report upon certain Claims of the State of Iowa.*

July 25, 1866.

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 hereby is, authorized and required to appoint a commissioner, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on or before the first day of December next upon the claim of the State of Iowa for forage, transportation, subsistence, and clothing furnished by said State to certain volunteers of said State, who, under the command of Colonels Morledge and Edwards, and at the request of certain officers commanding troops of the United States in the State of Missouri, marched into the State of Missouri to co-operate with the troops of the United States in that State in suppressing the rebellion. Also the claim of the State of Iowa for repayment of certain moneys paid by said State in raising, arming, equipping, paying, and subsisting certain troops of the State maintained by the State on the southern and northwestern borders thereof during the late rebellion, for the purpose of defending the State against attacks by bushwhackers and Indians. And also the claim of said State for compensation for certain forage procured and barracks built by the State on the northwestern border thereof, and turned over by the State to and used by the United States.

Claims of the State of Iowa for expenses of certain volunteers, for moneys paid for troops to defend the State, and for forage and barracks, to be examined, &c.

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CHAP. CCXLIX. — *An Act to incorporate "The National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home."*

July 25, 1866.

See 1867, ch. 62. Post, p. 401.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mrs. Julia B. Grant, Mrs. Ellen E. Sherman, Mrs. H. D. Cooke, Mrs. Margaret Fahnestock, Mrs. Kathleen Carlisle, Miss Charlotte Taylor, Mrs. Jane Speed, Mrs. Mary J. Wells, Mrs. A. C. Harlan, Mrs. Jane L. Smith, Mrs. Mary K. Lewis, Mrs. Jane Farnham, Mrs. Eliza M. Morris, Mrs. Cecelia S. Sherman, Mrs. Ellen Boyer, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Howard, Mrs. Kate C. Sprague, Mrs. Elsie B. Nye, Mrs. Annie Rouse, Mrs. Kate L. Plants, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Todd, Mrs. Abby E. Hall, Mrs. J. M. Trumbull, Miss Sarah Wood, Mrs. Jane Anne Pirtle, Miss Elizabeth Howard, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name of the National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home, and by that name may sue and be sued in any court of the United States.

"The National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home" incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons named in the first section of this act, together with such as may be elected according to the form of the constitution under this act, shall be the first trustees of the corporation; and all vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise, in the office of trustee, shall be filled by the board, by ballot, without unnecessary delay, as may be provided in the constitution and by-laws of the corporation.

Trustees.

Vacancies, how filled.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That said corporation shall have power to provide a home for, and to support and educate the destitute orphans of soldiers or sailors who have died in the late war in behalf of the Union of these States, from whatever State or Territory they may have entered the national service, or their orphans may apply to enter the Home, and which is hereby declared to be the object and purpose of said corporation; and to such end, and for such use, the said corporation may take and hold property real or personal to an amount necessary for the support and maintenance of the Home and the orphans partaking of its benefits.

Powers, &c. of corporation.

Corporation may hold real and personal estate.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of not less than seventeen representing the District of Columbia, and of seven each,

Board of directors.

By-laws.

from the respective States and Territories, to be chosen in such manner as the constitution and by-laws of said corporation shall direct, and that the said directors shall have power to make by-laws prescribing the duties of the officers of said corporation, their term of office, and to make all other rules and regulations for said corporation and the management of its affairs, subject to the provisions of this act.

Minor children of certain soldiers and sailors may be received, &c.;

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall have power to receive under its charge for support and education any minor child of any such soldier or sailor, if so placed in its charge by its surviving parent or guardian, or, in the absence of either, by any person having the care or custody of such orphan; and while such child remains under its care, and until withdrawn as hereinafter provided, or discharged according to the regulations of said corporation, it shall be subject to the same power and control by said corporation as any father or lawful guardian has by law over or relating to such minor child.

shall never be bound out;

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That no such orphan child shall ever be bound out by said corporation.

may be withdrawn by parent or guardian. Minors over sixteen.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the surviving parent or legal guardian of any child placed under charge of said corporation may at any time be by them withdrawn therefrom; and any minor over sixteen years of age, upon his or her own request in writing, shall be discharged therefrom.

Minor child so withdrawn, to what extent still to be under the charge of the corporation.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That any minor child so withdrawn or discharged as provided in the preceding section of this act shall nevertheless continue until majority under charge of said corporation to such an extent as that the said corporation shall have the control and management of any moneys which may be due to such minor from the government of the United States by virtue of the services of the fathers of such minor children, paying to such minor child or children only such amount thereof as in the judgment of said corporation shall be necessary and beneficial for such minor.

Property of corporation to be exempt from tax.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the property of said corporation, held or occupied by them for the uses and purposes of their incorporation, shall be exempt from all taxes to be levied under the authority of the Congress of the United States, or any municipal corporation within the District of Columbia, and no person shall lose or acquire a legal settlement by residence in the Home to be established by said corporation.

Legal settlement not gained or lost by residence in the Home, &c. This act may be amended, &c.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter repeal, alter, or amend this act.

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CHAP. CCL. — *An Act to amend "An Act to extend the Charter of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad," passed March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.*

Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown R. R. Co. may extend its road to connect with Washington branch of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad. Route of extension.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown Railroad Company, a corporation lawfully succeeding to the charter, rights, and privileges of the "Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company," be, and the same is hereby, authorized to extend said railroad from the track, as the same is now, or may hereafter be, laid through Maryland Avenue, at its intersection with Virginia Avenue, through and along said Virginia Avenue, in an easterly direction, to its intersection with D Street south; thence along D Street, and across the Washington canal, to New Jersey Avenue; thence by a curve to the left, of not less than one thousand feet radius, to a point in square number seven hundred and thirty-two; thence by an underground excavation or tunnel, passing under squares number seven hundred and thirty-two, seven hundred and sixty-two, seven hundred and sixty-one, seven hundred and sixty, seven hundred and eighty-seven, seven hun-