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

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 commis-
sioner, 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 re-
payment of certain moneys paid by said State in raising, arming, equip-
ing, 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 bush-
whackers and Indians. And also the claim of said State for compensa-
tion 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.

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CHAP. CCXLIX.—An Act to incorporate “The National Soldiers’ and Sailors’ Orphan
Home.”

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. Sher-
man, 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.

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 un-
necessary delay, as may be provided in the constitution and by-laws of
the corporation.

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 or-
phans 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.

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,
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.

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.

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

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.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That any minor child so withdrawn, to what extent still to be under the charge of the corporation.

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, &c. This act may be amended, &c.

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