CHAP. LXXXVII. — An Act to establish a Post Route from West Alburgh, Vermont, to Champlain, in the State of New York, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the railroad bridge across Lake Champlain at Rouse's Point, connecting the Ogdensburgh and Lake Champlain railroad, in the State of New York, with the Vermont and Canada railroad, in the State of Vermont, be, and is hereby, declared a lawful structure, and is, and shall be, recognized and known as a post route.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the Ogdensburgh and Lake Champlain Railroad Company, their successors or assigns, and the Vermont and Canada Railroad Company, their successors and assigns, are hereby authorized to keep up, maintain and use the said bridge, for the transportation of the mails, and for the benefit of the general commerce between said States and the transportation of persons and property. And in place of the float now in use forming part of said bridge, they or either of them may construct and maintain two suitable draws, one of which shall be at least sixty feet wide, and the other at least ninety feet wide, and which shall always be opened by the railroad company which constructs the same, whenever required for the passage of vessels, except during and for fifteen minutes prior to the passage of mail trains. And which draws shall be so constructed and managed as at all times to afford reasonable and proper facilities for the passage of vessels: Provided, That this act shall be subject to amendment or repeal at the pleasure of Congress.

APPROVED, May 21, 1866.

CHAP. LXXXVIII. — An Act amendatory of "An Act to provide for the Reports of Decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the reporter of the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States shall hereafter be allowed the term of eight months for the publication of his reports instead of six, as provided by the act of August twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and forty-two.

APPROVED, May 21, 1866.

CHAP. LXXXIX. — An Act to regulate the Time and fix the Place for holding the Circuit Court of the United States in the District of Virginia, and for other Purposes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the circuit court of the United States in the district of Virginia shall be held at the city of Richmond, commencing on the first Monday in May and on the fourth Monday of November, in each year; and the said court may adjourn its session, now authorized, from Norfolk to Richmond, and there hold the same, and transfer to said last-named place all records, files, process, and property pertaining to said court. And all proceedings and process in or issuing out of said court, which are, or may be, made returnable to any other times or places appointed for holding said court than herein prescribed, shall be deemed legally returnable on the days specified and at Richmond, and not otherwise; and all suits and other proceedings in said court which stand continued to any other time or place shall be deemed continued to the place and time prescribed by this act. And special or adjourned terms of said court may be held at such time and on such notice as may be ordered and prescribed by the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, with the same power and jurisdiction as at regular terms. And said court, at any such regular, special, or adjourned terms,
shall have power to issue and enforce all writs and process, make all orders, and do all acts necessary for the due administration of justice and the exercise of their jurisdiction.

APPROVED, May 22, 1866.

May 24, 1866.

CHAP. XCVI. — An Act to incorporate the Academy of Music of Washington City.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Max Strakosch, William G. Pope, Max Maretzek, W. G. Metzerott, Joseph J. May, B. F. Isherwood, John G. Clark, Henry C. Sherman, Carl Bergman, and F. C. Adams, or any five of them, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to receive subscriptions to the capital stock of a company to be denominated "The Academy of Music of Washington, D. C.," who shall open a book for that purpose in the city of Washington, at the time and place to be by them designated, of which they shall give five days' notice in two or more of the daily papers of said city, and shall keep the same open until ten thousand shares of fifty dollars a share each shall have been subscribed; and any person of lawful age, and a citizen of the United States, shall be permitted to subscribe upon paying five dollars on each share at the time of subscribing. And it shall be lawful for the said corporation to have a common seal, sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, and have and exercise all the rights, privileges, and immunities, for the purpose of the corporation hereby created.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the affairs of the company shall be managed by nine directors, to be elected annually by ballot on the first Monday of October, by the stockholders or by their legally empowered agents; and each share of stock shall entitle the holders thereof to one vote; the election to be held at the office of the company at a general meeting of the stockholders convened for that purpose by ten days' public notice in two or more of the daily papers of the city of Washington: Provided, That the first election for directors shall be held pursuant to ten days' notice given in one or more papers of the city of Washington, by the persons named in the first section of this act, or any five of them, who shall designate the time when and the place where said election shall be held; and the stockholders shall then and there elect nine directors to serve until the next ensuing election, as provided for in this act. And at the first ensuing meeting of the directors after every election they shall appoint one of their number as president, who, together with themselves, shall hold office until the next ensuing election as herein provided for, and five members of said board shall compose a quorum. And in case that an election for directors should not be made when pursuant to this act it should have been made, the company for that cause shall not be dissolved, and it shall be lawful within forty days thereafter to hold and make an election for directors in such manner as the by-laws of the company may prescribe, and the president and directors for the time being shall be continued in office until such election take place. And in the event of death or resignation, or removal of any director from office, his place for the remainder of his term may be filled by the president and directors for the time being, in such manner as the by-laws may prescribe.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the president and directors shall have power to appoint a secretary and such other officers, agents, and clerks as may to them appear proper, to fix their compensation and pay the same.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the capital stock shall be called in and paid in such instalments and proportions, and at such times and places, as the president and directors for the time being may require and designate, who shall give fifteen days' notice thereof in two or more daily