SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That in all matters relating to pay, allowances, rank, duties, privileges, and rights of officers and soldiers of the army of the United States, the same rules and regulations shall apply without distinction for such time as they may be or have been in the service, alike to those who belong permanently to that service and to those who, as volunteers, may have been commissioned or mustered into the military service under the laws of the United States for a limited period. But nothing in this act shall be construed as affecting or in any way relating to the militia of the several States when called into the service of the United States.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the act entitled “An act to increase the pay of soldiers in the United States army and for other purposes,” approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall not be so construed as to increase the emoluments of the commissioned officers of the army at the date of its passage, and the first section of the act entitled “An act to amend the several acts heretofore passed to provide for the enrolling and calling out the national forces and for other purposes,” approved March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, was not intended to be retrospective or retroactive in its operation, and shall not be so construed.

APPROVED, March 2, 1867.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress be, and the same is hereby, granted to the Alexandria, Washington, and Georgetown Railroad Company to use steam power in drawing the cars of said company on the structure across the Potomac river erected by said company, under the provisions of the act entitled “An act to extend the charter of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, and for other purposes,” approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and along the railway now laid by said company, or which may be hereafter laid, under the provisions of the said act, along Maryland Avenue, in the city of Washington, to the present depot of the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, subject always, and in all particulars, to such restrictions and regulations concerning the use of such steam power as the corporation of Washington may, by its ordinances, at any time impose upon, or at any time require of, the said railroad company.

APPROVED, March 2, 1867.

CHAP. CLXI. — An Act authorizing limited Partnerships in the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That limited partnerships for the transaction of any mercantile, mechanical, or manufacturing business within the District of Columbia may be formed by two or more persons upon the terms, with the rights and powers, and subject to the conditions and liabilities herein prescribed.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That such partnership may consist of one or more persons, who shall be called general partners, and who shall be jointly and severally responsible as general partners are by law, and of one or more persons, who shall contribute in actual cash payments a specific sum as capital to the common stock, who shall be called special partners, and who shall not be liable for the debts of the partnership beyond the fund so contributed by him or them to the capital; but the number of special partners shall in no partnership exceed six.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That persons desirous of forming...