Compensation of commissioners.

Provisions of this act to apply to Ohio.

Appropriation.

March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XV. — An Act to grant to the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, of New York, the right of Way and Privilege to lay, land, and operate a Submarine Telegraph Cable on the Atlantic Coast of the United States, and establish Telegraph Communication between the United States and Europe, via the Bermudas and Azores Islands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, of New York, be, and are hereby, vested with the right, power, and privilege, having acquired the necessary land therefor, to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables on the Atlantic coast, except the coast of Florida, within the jurisdiction of the United States, and the right, power, and privilege so to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables shall be vested in the said American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company for the period of twenty years from the approval of this act: Provided, That the said company shall commence active operations within the space of two years from the approval of this act.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the American Atlantic Cable Telegraph Company, having acquired the necessary land therefor, shall have the right, power, and privilege to lay, land, and operate their cable or cables within any of the harbors, waters, inlets, towns, and cities on the Atlantic coast, except the coast of Florida, offering the most practical and convenient landing, and to construct or erect all the necessary fixtures to accomplish the object of this act.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the government of the United States shall at all times have the preference in its use, upon terms that may be agreed upon between the Postmaster-General and the said company.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That Congress shall have power to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XVI. — An Act to establish a Port of Delivery at Chester, Pennsylvania.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Chester, in the district of Philadelphia, shall be a port of delivery, and a surveyor shall be appointed, who shall reside at said port of delivery and receive a salary of five hundred dollars per annum.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XVII. — An Act to increase the Force in the Patent-Office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of patents is authorized from time to time to appoint, in the manner already
provided for by law, such an additional number of principal examiners, first assistant examiners, and second assistant examiners, as may be required to transact the current business of the office with despatch: Provided, That the whole number of such additional examiners shall not exceed four of each class, and that the total annual expense of the patent-office shall not exceed its annual receipts.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XVIII. — An Act to incorporate the Lincoln Monument Association.


SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the persons named in the first section of this act shall be the first trustees of the corporation, and shall have power to fill vacancies in their number, and to add to their number, not exceeding one from each State in the Union.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That said corporation shall have power to own and control such property as may be necessary for the carrying out of the objects of the association.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That said corporation shall have power to collect money, and to make such rules and regulations as they may deem necessary or expedient.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That said corporation shall have power to appoint a president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, and also a board of managers, consisting of not less than seven nor more than thirteen, who shall have a general control of the affairs of the association, and who may be selected from persons not included in the list of corporators. The treasurer shall execute a bond in such penalty as may be required, conditioned for the safe-keeping of the funds of the corporation which may come into his hands, and for the faithful discharge of the duties required of him.

SEC. 6. 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 United States, or of any municipal corporation within the District of Columbia.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That Congress may at any time hereafter repeal, alter, or amend this act.

APPROVED, March 29, 1867.

CHAP. XX. — An Act to authorize the Appointment of certain Watchmen, 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 eight watchmen on the dome of the Capitol, at the congressional stables, the gate-keeper, and watchmen of the grounds surrounding the Capitol, be hereafter appointed by the sergeant-at-arms of the Senate, and the sergeant-at-arms of the