meeting of the stockholders, for choice of directors, to be held at such
time and place, under such conditions, and upon such notice as the said
company in their by-laws may prescribe; and said directors shall annu-
ally make a report, in writing, of their doings to Congress and to the
stockholders.

SEC. 16. And be it further enacted, That the mayor, council of said
city, and the levy court of said county, and the several officers of these
corporations, and the said corporations, are hereby prohibited from doing
any act or thing to hinder, delay, or obstruct the construction or opera-
tions of said railway, as herein authorized.

SEC. 17. And be it further enacted, That the said company shall have
at all times the free and uninterrupted use of the road-way. And if any
person or persons shall wilfully and unnecessarily obstruct or impede
the passage or destroy the cars, depot-stations, or any other property belong-
ing to said railway company, the person or persons so offending shall for-
feit and pay for each such offence the sum of ten dollars to said company,
to be recovered and disposed of as other fines and penalties in said city
or county; and shall remain liable, in addition to said penalty, for any
loss or damage occasioned by his, her, or their act, as aforesaid; but no
suit shall be brought unless commenced within sixty days after such of-
fence shall have been committed.

SEC. 18. And be it further enacted, That unless said corporation shall
make and complete their said railway or railways between Pennsylvania
Avenue and Boundary Street within eight months after the company shall
have been organized, then this act shall be null and void, and no rights
be void whatsoever shall be acquired under it; and that the remainder of said
road shall be completed within four years to its proposed terminus in the
county of Washington.

SEC. 19. And be it further enacted, That there shall be no regulations
excluding any person from any car on account of color.

SEC. 20. And be it further enacted, That each of the stockholders in
the “Connecticut Avenue and Park Railway Company” shall be individ-
ually liable for all the debt[s] and liabilities of said company to an
amount equal to the amount of stock held by such stockholder.

SEC. 21. And be it further enacted, That it shall be the duty of said
company, when said road is completed between Pennsylvania Avenue and
Boundary Street, to have prepared tickets for passengers on their cars,
and to keep them at their office for sale by the package, at the rate of ten
for fifty cents, and twenty for one dollar.

SEC. 22. And be it further enacted, That all the provisions of the act
incorporating the Washington and Georgetown Railroad Company, re-
quiring reports of expenditures, earnings, and otherwise, shall be applica-
table to the company herein incorporated, which shall make reports as in
said act required.

SEC. 23. And be it further enacted, That all acts and parts of acts
hereunto passed, which are inconsistent with any of the provisions of
this act, are, for the purposes of this act, hereby repealed, so far as the
same are inconsistent herewith.

APPROVED, July 13, 1868.

July 13, 1868. CHAP. CXLII.—An Act to incorporate the National Hotel Company, of Washington
City.

National Hotel Company incorporated in Washington, D.
C. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That George H. Calvert, R.
C. Weiglman, James C. McGuire, Zeph English, George H. Calvert,
jr., and Charles B. Calvert, their associates, successors, and assigns, are
hereby created a body corporate and politic by the name of the National
Hotel Company, in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia,
and by that name they are made capable of taking, holding, managing, improving, purchasing, leasing, for the sole purpose of erecting and maintaining a hotel as aforesaid, real and personal estate within said city of Washington, not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars in value; said corporation to have a common seal, and the same may break, alter, and renew at pleasure; may prosecute and defend suits before all proper courts and tribunals; may make and ordain by-laws for the government of said corporation, and may have and enjoy all of those privileges and be subject to all of the liabilities which corporations for the holding, management, and improvement of real estate in the city of Washington, in the United States, usually enjoy or are made subject to.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, [That] the capital stock of the said company shall not be less than two hundred and twenty-seven thousand dollars, be divided into shares of five hundred dollars each, and shall be deemed personal estate, and be transferable upon the books of the said corporation.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, [That] the officers of the said corporation shall consist of a president and treasurer, with a board of directors, of whom the president and treasurer may be members, but the number of the directors may be fixed by the shareholders in the by-laws of the corporation. The president shall preside at the meetings of the corporation, sign certificates of the stock issued to stockholders, and shall have a general oversight over the business and affairs of the corporation; the treasurer shall safely keep and disburse all of the moneys of the corporation under the direction of the board of directors; the directors shall manage and control the property of the corporation, and make contracts in relation thereto; the treasurer, or other officer appointed by the by-laws, shall keep the records of the transactions of the corporation, and shall countersign the certificates of stock issued to the stockholders.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, [That] all the officers of the said corporation shall hold their offices for one year, and until their successors are elected and qualified to act, unless they shall be sooner removed by the directors. The first meeting of the corporation may be called by any person named herein by giving previous notice of not less than five days, to all the other persons herein named, of the time and place of such meeting. The annual meetings hereafter shall be called by the treasurer or other officer designated by the board, and be held in the city of Washington, at the National Hotel building, on the first Wednesday in January in each year, notice of which shall be sent to the post-office address of each stockholder for ten days before the time for the holding of such meeting; and special meetings of the corporation may be called in the manner and time to be prescribed by the stockholders.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That each stockholder shall be individually liable for the debts of the corporation to the amount of stock held by each respectively; and Congress hereby reserves the right to amend, alter, or repeal this charter at pleasure.

APPROVED, July 13, 1868.

CHAP. CXLII. — An Act to amend the Act of third March, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, providing for the Construction of certain Wagon Roads in Dakota Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of the unexpended balance of an appropriation made March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, for the construction of certain wagon roads in the Territory of Dakota, as shall not exceed the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, be, and the same is hereby, applied to the completion of the bridge over the Dakota river, on the line of the government road leading