

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress shall, at all times, possess the power to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Act may be altered, &c.

APPROVED, May 24, 1870.

CHAP. CXI. — *An Act to incorporate the Trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and for other Purposes.* May 24, 1870.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That James M. Carlisle, James C. Hall, George W. Riggs, Anthony Hyde, James G. Berret, James C. Kennedy, Henry D. Cooke, and James C. McGuire, of the city of Washington, and of Georgetown, District of Columbia, and William T. Walters, of the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, created and constituted a body politic and corporate in law, by the name and style of the Trustees of the Corcoran Gallery of Art, and by that name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, have perpetual succession, and shall and may take, hold, manage, and dispose of, at all times, real and personal estate, and shall and may do and perform all other acts and things necessary or appropriate for the execution of the trusts created and conferred on them in and by a certain deed from William W. Corcoran, to them, the said parties hereinbefore named, which is dated the tenth day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, and was recorded on the eighteenth of the same month in liber D, number eight, folio two hundred and ninety-four, et sequitur, one of the land records of Washington county, District of Columbia, to which reference is hereby made for greater certainty; the intent of this charter of incorporation being that the same shall be in execution of the trusts in the said deed declared and set forth, and not to any other intent or purpose whatever.

Trustees of Corcoran Gallery of Art incorporated.

Powers of corporation.

Intent of charter.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of War, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of State be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to ascertain and settle, upon principles of justice, a fair and just compensation for the use of the ground and buildings described in the before-mentioned deed, while the same were occupied by the United States for the public service; and that the sum so ascertained and settled by them, or a majority of them, shall, upon their certificate and award thereof, be paid to the corporation hereinbefore created, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Pay for the use of certain ground and buildings to be determined and the amount paid to the corporation.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That any tax which may be claimed or due to the United States, by reason of the transfer of the property above mentioned, or the execution and delivery of the said deed from the said William W. Corcoran to the above-named trustees, be, and the same is hereby, remitted and released.

Tax remitted.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid buildings and grounds connected therewith, together with all the works of art that may be contained therein, shall be free from all taxes and assessments by the municipal authorities, or by the United States, so long as the same shall be held and used for the purpose hereinbefore set forth.

Buildings, &c. exempt from taxes.

APPROVED, May 24, 1870.

CHAP. CXIII. — *An Act creating an additional Land District in the Territory of Colorado.* May 27, 1870.

See Post, p. 298.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That all that portion of the Territory of Colorado embraced in the following described limits, to wit: commencing at the eastern boundary of the Territory at the intersection of the second correction line south and running thence west on that line to the line dividing ranges numbered seventy-five and seventy-six west of the sixth principal meridian; thence south with the range line to the

Arkansas Valley land district established in Colorado. Boundaries.