of July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, entitled "An
act relating to pensions," shall be so construed as to increase the amount
directed to be paid in any special act of Congress granting a pension;
nor shall said acts be construed so as to reduce the same whenever such
act fixes definitely the amount of pension to which the person therein
named shall be entitled, in excess of the rate fixed by general law for the
rank in respect to which such special pensions may have been or may
hereafter be granted.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this act shall have the effect
to restore to the persons affected hereby any sums heretofore withheld
from them by the construction hereinbefore prohibited.

APPROVED, July 7, 1870.

July 7, 1870. CHAP. CCXIV.—An Act to change the Times of holding the Circuit and District
Courts of the United States in the northern District of Ohio.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That, instead of the times now
fixed by law, the circuit and district courts of the United States for the
northern district of Ohio shall hereafter be held as follows: at Cleveland,
Ohio, on the first Tuesdays in the months of January, April, and October,
in each year; and all recognizances, indictments, or other proceedings,
civil and criminal, now pending in either of said courts, shall be entered
and have day in court, and be heard and tried according to the times of
holding said courts as herein provided.

APPROVED, July 7, 1870.

July 8, 1870. CHAP. CCXXXIV.—An Act to incorporate the United States Freehold Land and Emi-
gration Company, and to confirm certain Legislation in Colorado Territory.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United
States of America in Congress assembled, That William Gilpin, Ambrose
Freehold Land E. Burrside, S. L. M. Barlow, Charles A. Lambard, William H. Reynolds,
and Eigration E. Hitchcock, Henry W. Gray, Morton C. Fisher, and such
other persons as may be associated with them and their successors, are
hereby created a body politic and corporate, in the Territories of Col-
orado and New Mexico, by the name, style, and title of the "United
States Freehold Land and Emigration Company," and by that name shall
have succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be im-
pleaded, defend and be defended, in all proper courts of law and equity,
and may make and have a common seal.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That the capital stock of the said
corporation shall be two and one half millions of dollars, divided into
shares of one hundred dollars each, and the same shall be deemed to be
personal property and transferable on the books of the company only, and
such capital stock may be increased from time to time to the extent ne-
cessary to carry out the objects for which said company is formed, not ex-
ceeding in the whole the sum of ten million dollars, upon a vote of two
thirds in amount of the stock for the time being in favor of such increase.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That the said company shall have
power to make such by-laws as it deems proper for the disposition of its
property and estate, and for the management of its business and affairs,
for the regulation of the term of office of its officers and their duties, and
to carry out the general objects of the corporation, and the same to amend
or repeal at pleasure: Provided, That such by-laws shall not conflict with
any law of the United States; or of the Territories of Colorado and New
Mexico, or the States which may be formed therein.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That the corporators named in this
act shall be the directors for the first year from the organization of the
company, and until others are elected; and thereafter annual elections of