

dred and sixty-seven, and eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, made by the governor in accordance with the laws of said Territory, be, and is hereby, declared legal and valid under the organic act.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That an election for members of the next legislative assembly, and for all township, county, and district officers, and for delegate to the Forty-second Congress of the United States, shall be held upon the Tuesday after the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and the governor shall order such election by proclamation to be issued not less than two months previous to said day. In said proclamation he shall declare the number of members of each branch of the legislature to which each county or district of said Territory shall be entitled, and such apportionment shall be based upon the population as shown by the census to be taken in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, under the law of the United States, and if such census is not completed in time, then the apportionment shall be made according to the population as shown by the best information to be obtained. Said election shall be conducted in conformity to the laws of the Territory and of Congress; and the term of office of all township, county, and district officers shall expire upon the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy, and that of all officers elected as herein provided shall begin upon the first day of January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Election to be held in November, 1870;

how ordered and conducted.

Apportionment.

Term of office.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons thus elected to the next legislative assembly shall meet at the Capitol on the second Wednesday in January, eighteen hundred and seventy-one.

Next legislative assembly, where to meet.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the governor shall fill by appointment all vacancies in township, county, or district offices in said Territory, until the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and seventy; and until the same time he may remove township, county, and district officers, and fill their places whenever in his judgment the public interest will be promoted thereby.

Governor may fill certain vacancies and make removals.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That justices of the peace in said Territory of Arizona shall not have jurisdiction of any matter in controversy where the title or boundaries of land may be in dispute, or where the debt or sum claimed shall exceed three hundred dollars.

Jurisdiction of justices of the peace in Arizona limited.

APPROVED, March 23, 1870.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act prescribing the Duty of the Secretary of the Treasury in certain Cases therein named.*

March 25, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That whenever any State shall have been, or may be, in default in the payment of interest or principal on investments in stocks or bonds issued or guaranteed by such State and held by the United States in trust, it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to retain the whole, or so much thereof as may be necessary, of any moneys due on any account from the United States to such State, and to apply the same to the payment of such principal and interest, or either, or to the reimbursement, with interest thereon, of moneys advanced by the United States on account of interest due on such stocks or bonds.

Moneys due from the United States to any State to be withheld, &c. if State is in default in payment of interest or principal on stocks, &c. issued, &c. by it, and held in trust by the United States.

APPROVED, March 25, 1870.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act relating to Acknowledgments of Deeds or other Instruments of Writing in the District of Columbia.*

March 25, 1870.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That from and after the passage of this act the acknowledgment of any deed, contract, bond, or power of attorney, concerning lands in the District of Columbia, hereafter made

Acknowledgments of deeds, &c. of land in

the District of Columbia, how may hereafter be made.

before one justice of the peace only, either in said District or any State or Territory of the United States, shall be held and deemed as valid and effectual for all purposes, as though such acknowledgment had been made before two or more justices of the peace.

APPROVED, March 25, 1870.

March 25, 1870. CHAP. XXXII. — *An Act to extend the Time for the Completion of the lateral Branch of the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad, authorized by the Act approved February fifth, 1867, ch. 29. Vol. xiv. p. 387.* *eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, and to change the Location in the City of Washington along the Bank of the Canal.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS a charter was granted by an act of Congress, approved February fifth, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, giving to the Baltimore and Potomac Railroad Company the privilege of constructing a lateral branch of their railroad into the District of Columbia and the city of Washington; and whereas under the said act the time for the completion of said lateral branch was within four years from the passage of the act, and as the work on the line of the road within the city of Washington is very heavy and will consume a long time in its construction; and whereas the work has already been delayed in submitting the plans and location to Congress for their approval: Therefore,

See 1870, ch. 142. *Post*, p. 161, for supplementary act.

Seventh section of act repealed.

Time for completion of lateral branch extended.

Line of road in the city of Washington. 1869, ch. 2. *Ante*, p. 1.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the seventh section of the act to authorize the extension, construction, and use of a lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad into and within the District of Columbia be, and the same is hereby, repealed; and the time for the completion of the said lateral branch of the Baltimore and Potomac railroad be, and the same is hereby, extended to the first day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-five.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said company, if it shall so elect, is hereby authorized to adopt a line in the city of Washington from some point west of East Fourth Street, in the line designated in the act of Congress approved March eighteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, as passing along South K Street, thence crossing to and passing along the south bank of the canal, to South Capitol Street, and thence northwestwardly to Virginia Avenue, there intersecting and passing along the line described in said act approved March eighteen, eighteen hundred and sixty-nine, as passing along Virginia Avenue northwestwardly to the intersection of South C and West Ninth Street.

APPROVED, March 25, 1870.

March 25, 1870. CHAP. XXXIII. — *An Act to incorporate the Washington Mail Steamboat Company.*

Washington Mail Steamboat Company incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Charles Spear, Paul Stevens, W. H. Tenney, William L. Wall, William H. Philp, George H. Plant, J. L. Savage, D. C. Forney, H. Kilbourne, S. P. Brown, Alexander Ray, A. H. Herr, John Pearson, and their associates and successors, or a majority of them, are hereby created and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Washington Mail Steamboat Company.

Capital stock.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of said company shall not be less than two hundred and fifty thousand dollars nor more than five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each. And each corporator shall be individually liable, during the time he is a stockholder, for all debts of the company, to the amount of his stock therein, and for one year after any transfer of the same.

Individual liability of stockholders.

Powers of the corporation.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said company is authorized and empowered to establish and run a line or lines of steamers between the cities of Washington and Norfolk and other ports.