FORTY-FIRST CONGRESS. Sess. II. Ch. 35, 36, 39. 1870.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act to incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia, approved January ten, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, be so amended as to authorize the interest on the premium notes held by said company to accumulate to the extent of one hundred thousand dollars; and also to authorize said company to acquire and hold real estate, not exceeding fifty thousand dollars, cash value, at any one time.

Approved, March 25, 1870.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act to incorporate a Fire Insurance Company, in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia," approved the second March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one; and the act entitled "An act to amend the charter of the Potomac Insurance Company, of Georgetown," approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven; and the act entitled "An act to renew and continue in force the charter of the Potomac Insurance Company, of Georgetown," approved the twenty-seventh of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, be, and the same are hereby, re-enacted and extended from the date of the expiration of the last-mentioned act, until the repeal of this act.

Sec. 2. And be it further enacted, That so much of section eight of the original charter as restricts the company to having its office in Georgetown, District of Columbia, is hereby amended so as to permit the company to remove its place of business to Washington, District of Columbia, if it so elects.

Approved, March 25, 1870.

March 30, 1870. CHAP. XXXIX.—An Act to admit the State of Texas to Representation in the Congress of the United States.

Preamble. WHEREAS the people of Texas have framed and adopted a constitution of State government which is republican; and whereas the legislature of Texas elected under said constitution has ratified the fourteenth and fifteenth amendments to the Constitution of the United States; and whereas the performance of these several acts in good faith is a condition precedent to the representation of the State in Congress: Therefore, 

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said State of Texas is entitled to representation in the Congress of the United States: Provided, That before any member of the legislature of said State shall take or resume his seat, or any officer of said State shall enter upon the duties of his office he shall take and subscribe and file in the office of the secretary of State, for permanent preservation, an oath or affirmation in the form following: "I,———, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have never taken an oath as a member of Congress, or as an officer of the United States, or as a member of any State legislature, or as an executive or judicial officer of any State, to support the Constitution of the United States, and afterward engaged in insurrection or rebellion against the same, or given aid or comfort to the enemies thereof, so help me God"; or under the pains and penalties of perjury (as the case may be); or such person shall, in like manner, take, subscribe, and file the following oath or affirmation: "I,———, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I have, by act of Congress of the United States, been relieved from the disabilities imposed upon me by the fourteenth amendment of the