road National Bank of Boston, in the city of Boston, county of Suffolk, and State of Massachusetts.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as in any manner to release the said bank from any liability or affect any action or proceeding in law in which the said bank may be a party or interested. And when such change shall have been determined upon as aforesaid, notice thereof and of such change shall be published in at least in one weekly newspaper in each of the counties of Middlesex and Suffolk, in the State of Massachusetts, for not less than four successive weeks.

SEC. 3. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

CHAP. CCXLV.—An Act conferring upon the Court of Claims Power to hear and determine the Claim of J. W. Parish and Company for Damages for the alleged Violation of their Contract with the United States for the Delivery of Ice.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That authority is hereby given to J. W. Parish and Company to commence a suit against the United States in the court of claims for the recovery of such damages as shall appear to have been sustained by them by reason of the alleged violation by agents of the United States of the contract entered into on the fifth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, by and between Henry Johnson, medical storekeeper United States army, and acting medical purveyor, and the said J. W. Parish and Company, for the delivery by said firm of the whole amount of ice required to be consumed at Nashville, Saint Louis, Cairo, and Memphis during the remainder of that year; and said court is hereby invested with full power and authority to hear and determine the validity of said claim, and the amount, if any, of the damages of said J. W. Parish and Company, resulting solely from the violation of the contract, in the refusal of the government to receive the entire thirty thousand tons named in said contract.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

CHAP. CCXLVI.—An Act for the Relief of John Potts, chief Clerk of the War Department.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two thousand dollars be paid to John Potts, chief clerk of the War Department, for services as disbursing clerk, at the rate of two hundred dollars per annum, from the fifteenth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: Provided, That it shall be lawful hereafter to pay for such services, at such rate, whether such clerk shall have been appointed from class four, or from a higher grade, any existing law to the contrary notwithstanding.

APPROVED, May 31, 1872.

CHAP. CCLIII.—An Act to prescribe the Time for holding the Election for Electors of President and Vice-President in the State of Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the State of Louisiana the election of representatives to the forty-third Congress, and the appointment of electors of President and Vice-President for said State, shall be on the first Monday of November, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy-two; not thereafter such elections and appointment shall be on the day designated by law for the other States.

APPROVED, June 1, 1872.