July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-one, of amounts paid to second assistant and other surgeons, for services rendered in connection with raising and organizing volunteers within the State during the rebellion, are not admissible under the law, for the reason that the employment of the said medical officers was not authorized prior to the act of July second, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and whereas it appears that said officers actually rendered said services, and were paid in good faith by the said State, and were subsequently mustered or employed in the service of the United States: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed, out of any money appropriated to continue the settlement of accounts presented under the act of July twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to pay to the governor of Connecticut, or to his duly authorized agents, any amounts advanced by the said State, in payment of extra surgeons or assistant surgeons for services rendered prior to their muster into the service of the United States; the said claims to be settled upon proper vouchers to be filed and passed upon by the proper accounting officers of the treasury.

SEC. 2. That where the vouchers of other States, for payments made to extra surgeons or assistant surgeons of militia or volunteers accepted into the service of the United States, are situated similarly with those of Connecticut, the Treasury Department adjust and settle them according to the provisions of the foregoing section.

APPROVED, June 8, 1872.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to purchase a lot of ground in the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, suitable for a site for the accommodation of the post-office and United States courts in said city, either adjoining the site of the present building used for said purpose, or elsewhere in said city, and to erect a building thereon at a cost, including the cost of the ground and premises so purchased, not exceeding the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars; the plans for said building to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster-General: Provided, That no money which may hereafter be appropriated for this purpose shall be used or expended for the purposes herein mentioned until a valid title to the land for the site of such building shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of Pennsylvania shall cede its jurisdiction over the same, and shall also duly release and extinguish to the United States the right to tax or in any way assess said site, and the property of the United States that may be thereon, during the time that the United States shall be or remain the owners thereof.

APPROVED, June 8, 1872.

CHAP. CCCLXIII. — An Act to authorize the Orange, Alexandria, and Manassas Railroad Company to run Trains and transport Freight and Passengers within the District of Columbia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful for the Orange, Alexandria, and Manassas Railroad Company, a corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Virginia, to exercise its functions as a common carrier, and transport passengers and freight within the District of Columbia, and for this purpose shall have authority to run