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CHAP. XXXVI. — An Act to prevent certain Officers of the United States and Territories from practising as Attorneys or Solicitors in Courts of the United States in certain Cases.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no clerk, assistant or deputy clerk, of any Territorial, district, or circuit court, or of the Court of Claims, or the Supreme Court of the United States, or marshal or deputy marshal of the United States within the district for which he is appointed, shall act as a solicitor, proctor, attorney or counsel in any cause depending in either of said courts, or in any district for which he is acting as such officer.

SEC. 2. That whosoever shall violate any provision of this act shall be stricken from the roll of attorneys by the court upon complaint, upon which the respondent shall have due notice, and be heard in his defence, and in the case of a marshal or deputy marshal so acting, he shall be recommended by the court for dismissal from office.

APPROVED, January 16, 1873.


Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of an act entitled "An act relating to members of Congress, heads of Departments, and other officers of the government," approved June eleventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, be so extended as to apply in all respects to Delegates from the Territories, and the District or Territory of Columbia.

APPROVED, January 16, 1873.

CHAP. XXXVIII. — An Act to authorize the Erection of a public Building at Evansville, Indiana.

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 cause to be erected at Evansville, in the State of Indiana, a suitable brick building for the accommodation of the custom-house, post-office, United States courts, and other offices of the United States, on plans to be determined by him, and at a cost, including the cost of the site thereof, of not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, and such site shall be of such extent as to leave the building independent and unexposed to fire from any and all adjoining buildings: Provided, That no appropriations for this purpose shall be used or expended until a valid title to said site shall be vested in the United States, and until the State of Indiana shall duly release and relinquish its right to tax said site and the property of the United States that may be and remain thereon, and its jurisdiction over the same.

APPROVED, January 16, 1873.

CHAP. XXXIX. — An Act to fix the Compensation of Gaugers and Measurers at the Port of Boston.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the compensation of gaugers and measurers at the port of Boston, shall be the same as provided for the same class of officers at the port of New York under existing laws.

APPROVED, January 17, 1873.
CHAP. XLIII. — An Act to authorize the Examination of certain Banks.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the comptroller of the currency, in addition to the powers now conferred upon him by law for the examination of national banks, is hereby further authorized, whenever he may deem it useful, to cause examination to be made into the condition of any bank in the District of Columbia organized under act of Congress. The comptroller, at his discretion, may report to Congress the results of such examination. The expense necessarily incurred in the execution of this act shall be paid out of any appropriation made by Congress for special bank examinations.

APPROVED, January 20, 1873.

CHAP. XLV. — An Act to incorporate the Loomis Aerial Telegraph Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mahlon Loomis, Alexander Elliott, and William N. Chamberlain, of Washington city, District of Columbia, P. R. Ammidon, of Boston, Massachusetts, and Isaiah Lukens, of Delaware, and their associates and successors, are hereby incorporated and made a body politic and corporate by the name of the Loomis Aerial Telegraph Company, and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be implored, in any court of law or equity of competent jurisdiction, and may have and use a common seal, and be entitled to use and exercise all the powers, rights, and privileges incident to such corporation: Provided, That the corporate powers created by this act shall not be exercised by said company within any State except by the consent of the legislature of such State, and under such rules and regulations as such State may prescribe.

SEC. 2. That said company may have a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars, with the privilege of increasing the same to two millions of dollars, if the interest of the said company shall require it.

SEC. 3. That the business and objects of said corporation shall be to develop and utilize the principles and powers of natural electricity, to be used in telegraphing, generating light, heat, and motive power, and otherwise make and operate any machinery run by electricity for any purpose.

SEC. 4. That there shall be five directors who shall be elected annually by the stockholders of said company at the annual meeting, to be designated by the stockholders at their first meeting to organize and elect directors of the company. The officers of the company shall be elected from and by the directors of the said company, and they shall serve one year and until their successors are elected and qualified. There shall be a president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer; the treasurer shall give such bonds as the board may determine; a majority of the board shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

SEC. 5. That the board of directors shall have power to make and prescribe such by-laws, rules, and regulations as they shall deem needful and proper for the disposition and management of the affairs, funds, property, and effects of the corporation not contrary to the laws of the United States or any State in or through which said company may operate any of its interests, and they shall have power to amend or alter the same as the interests of the corporation may require.

SEC. 6. That this act may at any time be altered, amended, or repealed by the Congress of the United States.

SEC. 7. That the capital stock of said company shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, and shall be deemed personal property, transferable in such manner as the by-laws of said company may direct.
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SEC. 8. That each stockholder of said company shall be individually liable for all debts and liabilities of said company to an amount equal to the amount of stock held by said stockholder, and no further.

SEC. 9. That there shall be an annual meeting of the stockholders for choice of directors, to be held at such time and place and under such conditions and upon such notice as the said company in their by-laws may prescribe; and said directors shall annually make a report in writing of their doings, to the stockholders.

SEC. 10. That within thirty days after the approval of this act, the corporators named in the first section of this act, or a majority of them, or if any refuse or neglect to act, then a majority of the remainder, shall cause books of subscription to the capital stock of said company to be opened and kept open in some convenient place in the city of Washington, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until three o'clock in the afternoon, for a period to be fixed by said corporators, not less than three days, unless the whole stock shall sooner be subscribed; and subscribers upon said books to the capital stock of said company shall be held to be stockholders: Provided, That every subscriber shall pay at the time of subscribing ten per centum of the amount by him subscribed to the treasurer appointed by the corporators. And when the books of subscription to the capital stock of the said company shall be closed, the corporators named in the first section, or a majority of them, or in case any of them refuse or neglect, then a majority of the remainder, shall, within thirty days thereafter, call a first meeting of the stockholders of said company to meet within twenty days thereafter for the choice of directors, and in all meetings of the stockholders each share shall entitle the holder to one vote, to be given in person or by proxy.

APPROVED, January 21, 1873.

CHAP. XLVI. — An Act to authorize the Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad Company to extend a Railroad into and within the District of Columbia.

Whereas it is represented to this present Congress that the Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad Company, organized on the twenty-fourth day of February, eighteen hundred and seventy-two, under the provisions of an act of the general assembly of the State of Maryland entitled "An act to provide for the creation and regulation of incorporated companies in the State of Maryland," approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy, desire to extend their railroad into and within the District of Columbia: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad Company shall be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to extend their railroad into and within the District of Columbia, to a point on the Eastern Branch of the Potomac river between the Potomac river and the point where the Baltimore and Potomac railroad crosses the said Eastern Branch; and a branch from the main stem of said railroad to a point at or near the southern terminus of the southeastern boundary line between the District of Columbia and the State of Maryland; and the said Washington City and Point Lookout Railroad Company are hereby authorized to exercise the same powers, rights, and privileges, and be subject to the same restrictions in the extension and construction of their said railroad into and within the said District as they may exercise or are subject to under the said act of the general assembly of Maryland, approved April fourth, eighteen hundred and seventy, in the construction and operation of their railroad within the State of Maryland; and shall be entitled to the same rights, compensation, benefits, and immunities in the use of said road, and in regard thereto, as are provided in said act of the general assembly of Maryland, it being expressly understood that the said Washington City and Point

Stockholders individually liable only to the amount of their stock.

Annual meeting and report.

Books of subscription to stock to be opened.

Payment of ten per cent of stock.

First meeting of stockholders.

Votes. Proxy.