CHAP. 60.—An act to provide for celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the treaty of peace and the recognition of American Independence by holding an international exhibition of arts, manufactures, and the products of the soil and mine, in the city of New York, in the State of New York, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of the treaty of peace and the recognition of American Independence, an international exhibition of arts, manufactures, and products of the soil and mine, be held under the direction of the United States Internation Commission, a corporation to be created by this act, in the city of New York, in the State of New York, in the year eighteen hundred and eighty-three, to be continued so long as shall be in its judgment advantageous, subject to the provisions hereinafter contained and subject always to the supervision and under the auspices of the Government of the United States.


SEC. 3. That the said United States International Commission is hereby created a body corporate, and by that name shall have a corporate existence, until the object for which it is formed shall have been accomplished, and as such it shall be competent for it to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, defend and be defended, in all courts of law and equity in the United States, and may make and have a corporate seal, and may purchase, take, have, and hold, and may grant, sell,
and at pleasure dispose of all such real and personal estate as may be required in order to carry into effect the provisions of this act.

SEC. 4. That said commissioners, two for each State and one from each Territory and the District of Columbia, shall be appointed within sixty days from the passage of this act, by the President of the United States, on the nomination of the governors of the States and Territories respectively; and by the President from the District of Columbia; and in the same manner and within the same time there shall be appointed two alternate commissioners from each State and one from each Territory of the United States and the District of Columbia, as provided in section two, who shall assume and perform the duties of such commissioner or commissioners as may be unable to attend the meetings of the said commission.

SEC. 5. That the said United States International Commission shall hold its meetings in the city of New York, and that a majority of members present at the first meetings provided for in section nine shall be competent for the transaction of business, and the commission shall indicate by by-law the number requisite thereafter for a quorum. The commission shall have full power to make all needful rules for its government, and to appoint such officers as in its judgment shall be advisable.

SEC. 6. That the said commission shall submit to Congress for their consideration at the first session after the appointment of commissioners, as herein provided, a suitable date for opening and closing the exhibition; a schedule of appropriate ceremonies for opening and dedicating the same; the requisite custom-house regulations for the introduction into this country of any articles from foreign countries intended for exhibition, and such other matters as in their judgment may be important.

SEC. 7. That whenever the President of the United States shall be informed by the governor of the State of New York that provision has been made for the erection of suitable buildings for the purpose, and for the exclusive control of the grounds and buildings by the corporation herein provided for, the President, if after due examination he shall deem the preparations adequate, shall, through the Department of State, make proclamation of the same, setting forth the time at which the exhibition will open and close, and the place at which it will be held; and he shall communicate to the diplomatic representatives of all nations, copies of the same, together with such regulations as may be adopted by the commission, for publication in their respective countries, and shall in behalf of the government and people commend the exhibition to all foreign nations who may choose to take part therein.

SEC. 8. That the said commission shall have authority and is hereby empowered to receive subscriptions of capital stock to an amount not exceeding twelve millions of dollars, to be divided into shares of ten dollars each, and each subscriber shall pay not less than ten per cent of his subscription at the time he subscribes; and said commission shall issue to the subscribers of the stock certificates therefor, under its corporate seal, which certificates shall bear the signature of its president, secretary, and treasurer, and be transferable under such rules and regulations as may be prescribed for the purpose. All holders of said stock shall be entitled to one vote on each share in the election of a finance committee, to be elected as hereinafter provided. The proceeds of said stock, together with the receipts from any and all other sources, shall be used by said corporation for the erection of suitable buildings, with their appropriate and necessary fixtures and appurtenances, and for all other expenditures required in carrying out the objects of this act. And the said corporation shall keep regular minutes of its proceedings and full accounts with the vouchers thereof, and the same shall always be open to the inspection of any member or shareholder in the corporation, or to any committee appointed by such members or shareholders authorized to examine the same.
Sec. 9. That the United States International Commission shall be
called together by the Secretary of State of the United States in the
city of New York as soon as convenient after the appointment of the
commissioners as herein directed, and it shall then be their duty to
open books for subscription to the capital stock, as herein provided,
giving public notice of the time and place, and the terms upon which
subscriptions may be made, and such books shall be kept open during
sixty days, at the end of which time the members of said commission
shall be called together by public notice by the president and secretary
pro tempore of the same, for the election of permanent officers of said
commission, to consist of a president, secretary, treasurer, and such
other officers as said commission may designate, from among the mem-
bers thereof; said election of officers to take place immediately after
the election of the members of the committee of finance herein provided
for.

Sec. 10. The first meeting of the shareholders shall be called at the
same time and in the same manner as provided for in the last section,
and shall proceed to the election of twenty-five from their number, or
from the members of the commission, who, when elected, shall, if not
already so appointed, be ex officio members of said commission, and who,
together with the executive officers of said commission, shall constitute
a committee of finance. In this election each subscriber shall be entitled
to a vote for each share subscribed for, on which at least ten per centum
in cash shall have been previously paid, under such regulations as may
be prescribed by said commission. Upon the organization of said com-
mittee of finance, said commission shall transfer to it the stock-books
and moneys collected, together with all papers and business pertaining
to the receiving and collecting of subscriptions of stock, and shall furnish
to said committee a full statement of all its financial transactions up to
that date; and the commission may require good and sufficient security
from all its collecting and disbursing agents, including those of the
finance committee.

Sec. 11. It shall be the duty of the committee of finance so elected to
select suitable depositories for the deposit of all moneys received for said
commission; to devise methods for raising funds for the commission with
which to carry out the provisions of this act; to confer and advise with
the commission as to all contracts to be made involving the expenditure
of moneys; to carefully audit all accounts; to recommend a system of
checks and safeguards, with a view of enforcing economy and efficiency
in the financial administration of the said commission, and to make full
reports to the commission at least once every three months. It shall
also be the duty of said committee of finance, from time to time, as occa-
sion may require, to open the books for further subscriptions to the cap-
ital stock, and take all measures that are needful to secure a collec-
tion of the same, using, if necessary, the name of the commission for the
purpose, but the moneys so collected shall at all times be subject to con-
trol of the commission.

Sec. 12. That the officers of said commission and the members of said
committee of finance shall hold their respective positions for the term of
one year from the day of their election, before the expiration of which
time and for each year during which the commission shall exist a new
election shall be held at such time and place as said commission shall
designate by public notice, and in the mode following, to wit: the
members of the committee of finance shall first be elected by the share-
holders, immediately after which the commission shall proceed to the
election of its officers. Any person elected as a member of said commit-
tee of finance or an officer of said commission shall be ineligible to re-
election. Said commission shall have power at any time to fill any vacancy
occurring among the officers, and said shareholders shall have like power
to fill any vacancy occurring in the members of said committee of finance,
and said commission shall also have the power of removing any officer
for cause. Vacancies in the commission may be filled in the same man-

Classification of exhibits.
Judges, examiners, and subordinate officers; intercourse with foreign nations.

SEC. 13. That the United States International Commission shall prepare a complete classification of exhibits, and shall appoint all judges and examiners, guards and other subordinate officers of the exhibition, and award all premiums, and generally have charge of all intercourse with the representatives of foreign nations. It may, at any regular meeting, elect an executive committee, which, in the absence of the commission, shall have full power to act in its stead until its next meeting.

Bonds.

SEC. 14. That the corporation hereby created shall have authority to issue bonds not in excess of the amount actually paid in upon its capital stock, and secure the payment of the same, principal and interest, by mortgage upon its property, and income, present and prospective.

Preparation of stock certificates.

SEC. 15. That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, as soon as practicable, after the passage of this act, to cause to be prepared, at the cost of the said commission, in accordance with a design approved by the United States International Commission and the Secretary of the Treasury, a sufficient number of certificates of stock to meet the requirements of this act; and any person found guilty of counterfeiting, or attempting to counterfeit or knowingly circulating false certificates of stock, herein authorized, shall be subject to the same pains and penalties as are or may be provided by law for counterfeiting United States notes; but nothing in this act shall be so construed as to create any liability of the United States, direct or indirect, for any debt or obligation incurred, nor for any claim by the United States International Commission for aid or pecuniary assistance from Congress or the Treasury of the United States in support or liquidation of any debts or obligations created by said commission: And provided, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to override or interfere with the laws of any State; and all contracts made in any State for the purposes of the international exhibition shall be subject to the laws thereof: And provided further, That no member of said corporation, whether shareholder or otherwise, shall be personally liable for any debt or obligation which may be created or incurred by the United States International Commission.

Counterfeits.

SEC. 16. That as soon as practicable after the said exhibition shall have been closed, it shall be the duty of said corporation to convert its property into cash, and, after the payment of all its liabilities, to divide its remaining assets among its stockholders, pro rata, in full satisfaction and discharge of its capital stock. And it shall be the duty then of the United States International Commission to submit, in a report to the President of the United States, the financial results of the international exhibition.

United States not liable.

SEC. 17. That it shall be the duty of the United States International Commission to make report, from time to time, to the President of the United States of the progress of the work, and, in a final report, present a full exhibit of the results of the United States International Exhibition.

Final report.

SEC. 18. The corporation hereby authorized shall exist no longer than until the first day of January eighteen hundred and eighty-five.

United States not liable.

SEC. 19. That the United States shall not in any manner or under any circumstances be liable for any of the acts, doings, proceedings, or representations of the said commission, its officers, agents, servants, or employees, or any of them, or for the services, salaries, labors, or wages of said officers, agents, servants, or employees, or any of them, or for any subscriptions to the capital stock, or for any certificates of of stock, bonds, mortgages, or obligations of any kind issued by said commission, or for any debts, liabilities, or expenses of any kind whatever attending such commission or exhibition, or accruing by reason of the same.

Reserved rights by Congress.

SEC. 20. Congress may at any time alter, amend or repeal this act, as in its judgment the public good shall require: Provided, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to require the governor of any
state to appoint the commissioners provided for in section two, nor shall said commissioners or any of them incur any liability for their failure or refusal to accept such position or perform the duties thereof.

SEC. 21. Not less than one million of dollars shall be subscribed and not less than ten per centum thereof shall be paid in before said corporation shall do any corporate act other than the acts necessary to its organization. And no part of the capital stock or assets of said corporation shall be withdrawn by, refunded to, or divided among the stockholders or any of them, until all the debts and liabilities of said corporation shall be fully discharged.

Approved, April 23, 1880.

CHAP. 61.—An act to amend an act entitled “An act for the removal of certain Indians in New Mexico”, approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso to the act approved June twentieth, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, making an appropriation for the removal of the band of Apaches at Cimarron, New Mexico, to the Mescalero Apache Reservation at Fort Stanton, New Mexico, requiring the removal of said Indians within thirty days after the passage of the act, and forbidding the issue of rations and annuities to said Indians, except at the Mescalero Apache Agency, New Mexico, be, and the same is hereby, repealed, and the Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to issue to said Indians their supplies and annuities at the Abiquiu Agency, New Mexico.

Approved, April 23, 1880.

CHAP. 67.—An act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to repair and extend the public building owned by the government at Cleveland Ohio.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to repair and extend, for the use of the government offices at Cleveland, Ohio, in accordance with plans and specifications submitted by the Supervising Architect of the Treasury, the government building at Cleveland Ohio: Provided, The cost of the same shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, and this sum or so much thereof as is necessary is hereby appropriated out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, April 24, 1880.

CHAP. 71.—An act for the establishment of a land-office in the Territory of Montana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all that portion of the Territory of Montana which lies east of the twenty-seventh range east of the principal meridian which is not now or hereafter may be included in any Indian reservation, be, and the same is hereby, designated as the district of the Yellowstone, and constituted a separate land district, with a United States land-office at Miles City, within said district.

SEC. 2. The President shall appoint a register and a receiver for said office, who shall be entitled to such compensation as is now provided by law, which compensation shall be paid from the fund appropriated for such purposes.

Approved, April 30, 1880.