by any number, not less than one third in amount of shares of the stockholders, at which meeting members present, and representing a majority of the whole capital stock, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business: and the stockholders at such meetings, or at any general annual meeting, where such majority of stock is represented, shall have full power to alter or repeal any by-law or regulation made by the president and directors, and may make new rules and by-laws, which shall be binding on the said president and directors: *Provided*, That the same be not contrary to the provisions of this act.

Taxation.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to exempt the property of said corporation from such taxation as similar property, belonging to any other individual or corporation, is subject to.

Banking forbidden.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize the said company to exercise banking privileges, or to issue any note in the form of a bank note, or certificate payable to bearer.

Stockholders liable for the debts.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the stockholders in the said National Hotel Company of Washington City shall be held liable in his or her individual capacity for all the debts and liabilities of the said company, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit as other debts or liabilities, before the court or tribunal having jurisdiction of the case.

This act subject to repeal, &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That it may be lawful for Congress hereafter to alter, amend, change, or repeal the foregoing act.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCV.—*An Act for the Relief of William J. McElhiney, E. P. Matthews, and Lawrence Cribben.*

Wm. J. McElhiney, E. P. Matthews, and L. Cribben, are severally authorized to enter certain lands now in their possession, upon certain conditions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William J. McElhiney, E. P. Matthews, and Lawrence Cribben, shall be, and they are hereby, respectively authorized to enter the portions of the southeast fractional quarter of fractional section ten, and the southwest fractional quarter of fractional section eleven, west of the St. Charles Commons, in township forty-six north, of range four east, in the district of lands subject to sale at St. Louis, Missouri, now in possession of each of them, upon producing proof to the satisfaction of the land officers for said district, of the extent of their possessions, respectively, in said fractional sections, and paying therefor the minimum price of the public lands; and, upon such proof and payment being made, certificates and patents shall be issued therefor, as in other cases of the sale of public lands.

When patent to issue therefor.

APPROVED, Aug. 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Helen Mackay, Widow of the late Colonel Æneas Mackay, Deputy Quartermaster-General United States Army.*

$6,537.09 to be paid to widow Mackay as commissions for disbursements made by her husband before Sept. 30, 1838.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of six thousand five hundred and thirty-seven dollars and nine cents be paid to Mrs. Helen Mackay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same being allowance of commissions for disbursements of special appropriations by her late husband, Colonel Æneas Mackay, prior to the thirtieth September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight.

APPROVED, Aug. 3, 1854.

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