Jan. 3, 1855.

CHAP. XXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Herman Chittenden.*

Herman Chittenden to be placed on pension roll for life, at $8 per month, from March 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, required to place the name of Herman Chittenden upon the pension roll, and cause to be paid to him the sum of eight dollars per month so long as he shall live, commencing March first, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, January 3, 1855.

Jan. 10, 1855.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act to Incorporate the Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Ulysses Ward, Thomas Blagden, F. Howard, J. C. McKelden, John Van Reswick, P. W. Browning, and Matthew G. Emery, and their present and future associates, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate under the name and

Corporate name. style of the "Mutual Fire Insurance Company of the District of Columbia;" and by the same name shall have perpetual succession; and

General powers. shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and to make and to have a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure; to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, and generally to do such acts and things as are or may be necessary to carry into effect this act and promote the objects and designs of this corporation.

Purpose of the corporation. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the purposes and designs of this corporation shall be to insure the respective dwelling-houses and other buildings, furniture, and every description of property of the members thereof, against loss or damage by fire.

Capital stock. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of this company shall consist of the premium notes given by the insured, and of the cash paid in as interest on said premium notes, which cash shall never

Notes to be on demand and to be a lien. exceed twenty thousand dollars. Said notes shall be payable on demand, and shall constitute and be a lien to the amount thereof, respectively, upon all buildings insured by said company, and the land upon which they stand, and the appurtenances to such land, and upon the estate and interest, legal or equitable, of the assured in such buildings, lands, and appurtenances, and upon the other property insured by said company in consideration thereof: *Provided*, That said company shall file in the

How such lien is to be effectuated. office of the clerk of the circuit court of the District of Columbia a memorandum of the name of the individual insured, a description of the property, and the amount of the premium note unpaid; and the said note, upon the filing of said memorandum, shall be deemed and taken to be in all respects as a judgment entered upon confession by virtue of a warrant of attorney, and execution may at any time be had thereon for so much as by virtue of the provisions of this act may be due and demeanable; but the lien thereof shall commence with the filing of the memorandum in the said office: *Provided*, That such lien shall not be construed to take from such person insured as aforesaid the privilege of a freeholder: *Provided, further*, That the privileges, immunities, and franchises granted by this act shall be confined to the District of Columbia.

All insured to be members. SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all persons who shall hereafter insure with said corporation, and also their heirs, executors, administrators, and assigns, continuing to be insured by said corporation, shall thereby become members thereof during the period they shall remain insured by said corporation, and no longer.

Withdrawal of insured. SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That any member of the said corporation shall have full power to withdraw therefrom at any time by

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