Congress may alter, &c., this act.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That congress may at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal the foregoing act.

APPROVED, May 4, 1858.

May 4, 1858.

CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act to incorporate the Benevolent Christian Association of Washington City.*

Corporators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each of the Christian churches in the city of Washington, without distinction of sect or creed, be, and they are hereby, authorized, on or before the last day of August of each and every year, to appoint one person, and that the persons so appointed, and their successors be, and they are hereby, made a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Benevolent Christian Association of Washington City," and, as such, may purchase, have, hold, use, and acquire, by donation or any lawful means, estate, real and personal, not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars in value, and the same may lease, let, sell, transfer, and convey, and otherwise dispose of; and may sue and be sued, and plead and be impleaded; and may have a common seal, and the same may change at pleasure; and may make by-laws, rules, and regulations for the management of their affairs.

Corporate name and powers.

Objects.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the purpose of the said association shall be to relieve the wants of the destitute poor of Washington city; and that the persons named as aforesaid by the several Christian churches, shall be directors of the said association, and continue in office until the first day of October in each year, and until their successors be appointed, and as such shall have power to appoint appropriate officers, and to employ and compensate such agents as they deem expedient, and to appropriate the funds and property of the association to such use as in their discretion they deem best suited to promote the purpose of their incorporation, and with this view they may associate with them as auxiliaries, under such rules and regulations as they may prescribe, any other and all such benevolent associations or societies as now exist, or may hereafter be organized in the city of Washington, for the purpose of aiding or contributing to the relief of the poor and destitute persons in said city.

Directors' term of office and powers.

Shall not issue notes, &c. as currency.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize this said corporation to issue any note, token, device, scrip, or any other evidence of debt, to be used as a currency.

Corporators individually liable.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the corporators in said corporation shall be held liable, in his individual capacity, for all the debts and liabilities of said corporation, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit, as other debts or liabilities, before any court of competent jurisdiction.

Congress may alter, &c. this act.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That congress may at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal the foregoing act.

APPROVED, May 4, 1858.

May 4, 1858.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act to supply Deficiencies in the Appropriations for the Service of the Fiscal Year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight.*

Deficiency appropriation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the following sums be, and the same are hereby, appropriated, to supply deficiencies in the appropriations for the service of the fiscal year ending the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty eight, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, namely:

Officers, &c. of House of Representatives.

For compensation of the officers, clerks, messengers, and others receiving an annual salary, in the service of the House of Representatives, viz: Six messengers, by resolution of the House of Representatives twenty-

AUTHENTICATED U.S. GOVERNMENT INFORMATION GPO