and countersigned by the secretary; and no promissory note or obligation, except contracts of insurance, shall be given without the previous vote of the board of directors; and no sale or transfer of stock or property shall be made, nor any bond or mortgage discharged, except in pursuance of a vote of the board of directors.

Transfer of shares.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors may call a general meeting of the stockholders for any purpose relating to the affairs of the company, giving at least two weeks' notice thereof in the newspapers published in the city of Washington; and any number of stockholders who, together, shall be proprietors of five hundred shares of stock, may at any time apply to the president and directors to call a general meeting of the stockholders for any purpose relating to the affairs of the company; and if the president and directors shall refuse to call such meeting, the said stockholders, proprietors of not less than five hundred shares of stock, shall have power to call a general meeting of the stockholders, giving at least two weeks' notice in the newspapers aforesaid, specifying in such notice the object of the meeting.

Other meetings of stockholders.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That should it so happen, from any cause whatsoever, that the annual election of directors should not take place in any year on the day hereinbefore mentioned for that purpose, this company shall not for that reason be dissolved; but such election may be lawfully held on such convenient day thereafter as may, for that purpose, be fixed on by the president and directors, they causing ten days' notice thereof to be given in one or more newspapers published in the city of Washington.

Effect of non-election of directors at the annual meeting.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the company to issue any note, token, device, scrip, or other evidence of debt, to be used as a currency.

Nothing to be issued as currency.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, except so far as it provides for a notice of the first election of directors, in the third section of this act, which shall go into operation two weeks prior to said first of June, and this act shall continue and be in force until the first day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight.

When this act shall take effect

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for Congress, at any time hereafter, to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

This act may be amended or repealed.

APPROVED, February 7, 1857.

CHAP. XLI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Edmund H. McCabe, Assignee of Antoine Soulard.*

Feb. 7, 1857.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legal representatives of Edmund H. McCabe, assignee of Antoine Soulard, be and they are hereby authorized to enter, of the public lands of the United States subject to entry, at not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, such quantity of land as has been sold by the United States within the boundaries of the claim of Antoine Soulard, confirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, at January term, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, from the time of filing the petition on which said confirmation was made to the issue of the patent under such confirmation, and that a patent or patents shall issue therefor.

E. H. McCabe, assignee of Antoine Soulard, authorized to enter certain land.

APPROVED, February 7, 1857.

CHAP. XLII.—*An Act for the Relief of Mary Reeside.*

Feb. 7, 1857.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the

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