

No banking
powers given.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize this corporation to issue any note, token, device, scrip, or other evidence of debt to be used as currency.

Individual lia-
bility of stock-
holders.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That the members of the said corporation shall each be liable in his or her individual capacity for all debts created by such corporation in favor of persons not members thereof, to be recovered by action of debt in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Duration of
this act. May be
amended, &c.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be and continue in force for and during the term of thirty years from and after the date of its passage, but Congress may, at any time hereafter, amend or repeal the same.

APPROVED, February 16, 1857.

Feb. 17, 1857.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act providing for the regular Transmission of the Mail on Route six thousand eight hundred and forty-two.*

Payment to
George Bucknam
for mail service.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be and he is hereby authorized to allow and pay to George Bucknam, such sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars per annum as he may deem just and reasonable for the transportation of the mail for the balance of the term of his contract for that service, on route six thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between Bainbridge, Georgia, and Apalachicola, Florida, unless the Postmaster-General, after giving thirty days' notice, shall be able to let a contract to some responsible person, who will perform such service for a less sum: *Provided*, That if such increased sum over and above the contract price, be paid to the present contractor, it shall only be so paid at the end of each year, and upon the faithful performance of this contract.

APPROVED, February 17, 1857.

Feb. 18, 1857.

CHAP. LII.—*An Act for the Relief of Dr. James Morrow.*

Payment to
Dr. James Mor-
row for services
as agriculturalist
to the Japan Ex-
pedition.

1857, ch. 108.

Ante, p. 227.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be authorized, and he is hereby required, to pay to Dr. James Morrow, for his services as agriculturist to the Japan Expedition under Commodore Perry, compensation at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, during the time he was actually employed in such service, the same being additional to his compensation of twenty-five dollars per month as master's mate; the same being in full for his services of every nature on behalf of the Government during his connexion with said expedition.

APPROVED, February 18, 1857.

Feb. 18, 1857.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Officers and Privates of the "Clinton Guards," of the County of Macomb, in the State of Michigan.*

Accounts of
the Clinton
Guards to be au-
dited and paid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be and they are hereby authorized and required to audit and settle, at the like rates which similar services have been heretofore audited and paid, the accounts of the Company of Michigan Militia, known as the "Clinton Guards," of the third regiment, third brigade, third division of Michigan militia, in the county of Macomb, in said State, upon satisfactory proof that they were ordered into service of the United States by the Governor of the said State of Michigan, on requisition of the United States marshal, for the maintenance of the neutral obligations and laws of the United States, in the year Anno Domini eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and that they rendered service in pursuance of said re-