in its corporate powers under an act of the legislature of the State of Illinois, approved eighteen hundred and sixty-four, or any other bridge company organized under the laws of Missouri and Illinois, be, and the same is hereby, empowered to erect, maintain, and operate a bridge across the Mississippi River, between the city of Saint Louis, in the State of Missouri, and the city of East Saint Louis, in the State of Illinois, subject to all the conditions contained in said act of incorporation and amendments thereto, and not inconsistent with the following terms and provisions contained in this act. And in case of any litigation arising from any obstruction or alleged obstruction to the free navigation of said waters, the cause may be tried before the district court of the United States of any State in which any portion of said obstruction or bridge touches.

Question of obstruction, where may be tried.

Bridge to be built with unbroken spans.

Conditions. Height and length of spans.

Sec. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That the bridge authorized by the preceeding section to be built shall not be a suspension bridge, or draw-bridge, with pivot or other form of draw, but shall be constructed with continuous or unbroken spans, and subject to these conditions: First, that the lowest part of the bridge or bottom chord shall not be less than fifty feet above the city directrix at its greatest span. Second, that it shall have at least one span five hundred feet in the clear, or two spans of three hundred and fifty feet in the clear of abutments. If the two latter spans be used, the one over the main steamboat channel shall be fifty feet above the city directrix, measured to the lowest part of the bridge at the centre of the span. Third, no span over the water at low-water mark, shall be less than two hundred feet in the clear of abutments.

Act may be altered, &c.

Sec. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the right to alter or amend this act, so as to prevent or remove all material obstructions to the navigation of said river by the construction of bridges, is hereby expressly reserved.

Approved, July 25, 1866.

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CHAP. CCXLVII. — *An Act to authorize W. J. Sibley and others, Trustees, to sell and convey Lot Number nine, in Square Number Seventy-six, in the City of Washington.*

Preamble.

Whereas lot number nine, in said square number seventy-six, in the said city of Washington, was conveyed by J. H. M'Blair to W. J. Sibley, Ro. Ricketts, R. W. Bates, R. L. Sanders, Benjamin M'Coy, and G. Spoarder, in trust, to erect thereon a place of worship for the use of the people of color, members of the Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States; and whereas the said trustees have not had the means of erecting such church, and the purpose has been abandoned, and another church, called the Asbury Chapel, has been erected in or near the neighborhood of the said lot, which the said trustees desire to sell, and apply the proceeds to the benefit of the congregation worshipping in said Asbury Chapel, a purpose which the said J. H. M'Blair, as far as he had any interest therein, has approved by his subsequent deed made to the said trustees: therefore,

Trustees may sell lot number nine, square seventy-six.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said W. J. Sibley, Ro. Ricketts, R. W. Bates, R. L. Sanders, Benjamin M'Coy, and G. Spoarder, trustees of the said lot above mentioned, or the survivors of them, be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to sell and convey the said lot number nine, in square number seventy-six, in the said city of Washington, for such price as they shall think proper, or to confirm and carry out any contract for sale already made by them with any person, and to convey the same accordingly, freed and discharged of the trust upon which the same was originally conveyed to them, and to apply the proceeds of sale to the benefit of the congregation worshipping in the said Asbury Chapel, as the proper and legal authority thereof may deem expedient, and for no other purpose whatever.

Proceeds of sale, how applied.

Approved, July 25, 1866.

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