CHAP. CCXLVIII. — *An Act providing for the Appointment of a Commission to examine and report upon certain Claims of the State of Iowa.* July 25, 1866.

Claims of the State of Iowa for expenses of certain volunteers, for moneys paid for troops to defend the State, and for forage and barracks, to be examined, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and required to appoint a commissioner, whose duty it shall be to examine and report on or before the first day of December next upon the claim of the State of Iowa for forage, transportation, subsistence, and clothing furnished by said State to certain volunteers of said State, who, under the command of Colonels Morledge and Edwards, and at the request of certain officers commanding troops of the United States in the State of Missouri, marched into the State of Missouri to co-operate with the troops of the United States in that State in suppressing the rebellion. Also the claim of the State of Iowa for repayment of certain moneys paid by said State in raising, arming, equipping, paying, and subsisting certain troops of the State maintained by the State on the southern and northwestern borders thereof during the late rebellion, for the purpose of defending the State against attacks by bushwhackers and Indians. And also the claim of said State for compensation for certain forage procured and barracks built by the State on the northwestern border thereof, and turned over by the State to and used by the United States.

APPROVED, July 25, 1866.

CHAP. CCXLIX. — *An Act to incorporate "The National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home."* July 25, 1866.

See 1867, ch. 62. *Post*, p. 401.

"The National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home" incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mrs. Julia B. Grant, Mrs. Ellen E. Sherman, Mrs. H. D. Cooke, Mrs. Margaret Fahnestock, Mrs. Kathleen Carlisle, Miss Charlotte Taylor, Mrs. Jane Speed, Mrs. Mary J. Wells, Mrs. A. C. Harlan, Mrs. Jane L. Smith, Mrs. Mary K. Lewis, Mrs. Jane Farnham, Mrs. Eliza M. Morris, Mrs. Cecelia S. Sherman, Mrs. Ellen Boyer, Mrs. Elizabeth A. Howard, Mrs. Kate C. Sprague, Mrs. Elsie B. Nye, Mrs. Annie Rouse, Mrs. Kate L. Plants, Mrs. Elizabeth G. Todd, Mrs. Abby E. Hall, Mrs. J. M. Trumbull, Miss Sarah Wood, Mrs. Jane Anne Pirtle, Miss Elizabeth Howard, and their successors, are constituted a body corporate in the District of Columbia, by the name of the National Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Home, and by that name may sue and be sued in any court of the United States.

Trustees.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the persons named in the first section of this act, together with such as may be elected according to the form of the constitution under this act, shall be the first trustees of the corporation; and all vacancies caused by death, resignation or otherwise, in the office of trustee, shall be filled by the board, by ballot, without unnecessary delay, as may be provided in the constitution and by-laws of the corporation.

Vacancies, how filled.

Powers, &c. of corporation.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall have power to provide a home for, and to support and educate the destitute orphans of soldiers or sailors who have died in the late war in behalf of the Union of these States, from whatever State or Territory they may have entered the national service, or their orphans may apply to enter the Home, and which is hereby declared to be the object and purpose of said corporation; and to such end, and for such use, the said corporation may take and hold property real or personal to an amount necessary for the support and maintenance of the Home and the orphans partaking of its benefits.

Corporation may hold real and personal estate.

Board of directors.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a board of directors consisting of not less than seventeen representing the District of Columbia, and of seven each,

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