By-laws.

from the respective States and Territories, to be chosen in such manner as the constitution and by-laws of said corporation shall direct, and that the said directors shall have power to make by-laws prescribing the duties of the officers of said corporation, their term of office, and to make all other rules and regulations for said corporation and the management of its affairs, subject to the provisions of this act.

Minor children of certain soldiers and sailors may be received, &c.;

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation shall have power to receive under its charge for support and education any minor child of any such soldier or sailor, if so placed in its charge by its surviving parent or guardian, or, in the absence of either, by any person having the care or custody of such orphan; and while such child remains under its care, and until withdrawn as hereinafter provided, or discharged according to the regulations of said corporation, it shall be subject to the same power and control by said corporation as any father or lawful guardian has by law over or relating to such minor child.

shall never be bound out;

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That no such orphan child shall ever be bound out by said corporation.

may be withdrawn by parent or guardian.

Minors over sixteen.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the surviving parent or legal guardian of any child placed under charge of said corporation may at any time be by them withdrawn therefrom; and any minor over sixteen years of age, upon his or her own request in writing, shall be discharged therefrom.

Minor child so withdrawn, to what extent still to be under the charge of the corporation.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That any minor child so withdrawn or discharged as provided in the preceding section of this act shall nevertheless continue until majority under charge of said corporation to such an extent as that the said corporation shall have the control and management of any moneys which may be due to such minor from the government of the United States by virtue of the services of the fathers of such minor children, paying to such minor child or children only such amount thereof as in the judgment of said corporation shall be necessary and beneficial for such minor.

Property of corporation to be exempt from tax.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the property of said corporation, held or occupied by them for the uses and purposes of their incorporation, shall be exempt from all taxes to be levied under the authority of the Congress of the United States, or any municipal corporation within the District of Columbia, and no person shall lose or acquire a legal settlement by residence in the Home to be established by said corporation.

Legal settlement not gained or lost by residence in the Home, &c.

This act may be amended, &c.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter repeal, alter, or amend this act.

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CHAP. CCL. — *An Act to amend "An Act to extend the Charter of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad," passed March third, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.*

Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown R. R. Co. may extend its road to connect with Washington branch of Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Route of extension.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Washington, Alexandria, and Georgetown Railroad Company, a corporation lawfully succeeding to the charter, rights, and privileges of the "Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company," be, and the same is hereby, authorized to extend said railroad from the track, as the same is now, or may hereafter be, laid through Maryland Avenue, at its intersection with Virginia Avenue, through and along said Virginia Avenue, in an easterly direction, to its intersection with D Street south; thence along D Street, and across the Washington canal, to New Jersey Avenue; thence by a curve to the left, of not less than one thousand feet radius, to a point in square number seven hundred and thirty-two; thence by an underground excavation or tunnel, passing under squares number seven hundred and thirty-two, seven hundred and sixty-two, seven hundred and sixty-one, seven hundred and sixty, seven hundred and eighty-seven, seven hun-

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dred and eighty-six, eight hundred and sixteen, eight hundred and fifteen, eight hundred and thirty-nine, eight hundred and thirty-eight, eight hundred and sixty-six, eight hundred and sixty-five, eight hundred and sixty-four, and the different streets and avenues intervening, to a point in square number eight hundred and ninety-three; thence, by a curve of not less than one thousand feet radius, into Eighth Street east; thence by the most direct and eligible route, to an intersection with the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

Provisions of certain sections of former act applicable to this extension.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the provisions of sections three and four of the act to which this is an amendment shall be applicable to the extension of said road or tracks as hereby authorized, and that it shall be lawful for said company to construct a draw or other bridge across the Washington canal at its intersection with D Street south, of such plans and dimensions as may be approved by the corporation of Washington, and so as not to interfere with the navigation of said canal. And also to use steam power in the transportation of passengers and freight over said railroad and branches, subject, however, to such restrictions and regulations as may be imposed by the corporate authorities of the city of Washington in respect to such portions thereof as may be located in said city.

Draw or other bridge across canal.

Steam power may be used.

Steam power may be used for eighteen months to draw cars on the structure across the Potomac River and in certain streets in Washington.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the consent of Congress be, and the same is hereby, granted for a period of eighteen months from the passage of this act, to the Alexandria, Washington, and Georgetown Railroad Company, to use steam power in drawing the cars of said company on the structure across the Potomac River erected by said company, under the provisions of the act entitled "An act to extend the charter of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, and for other purposes," approved March three, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and along the railway now laid by said company, or which may be hereafter laid, under the provisions of the said act, along Maryland Avenue and First Street west, in the city of Washington, to the present depot of the Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad, subject always, and in all particulars, to such restrictions and regulations concerning the use of said steam power as the corporation of Washington may, by its ordinances, [at] any time impose upon the said railroad company: *Provided*, That said company shall not propel their engines at a greater rate of speed than five miles per hour within the corporate limits of Washington city.

Limit to rate of speed.

Company to pay damages to private property from extension.

If owners and company cannot agree, amount of damages how to be determined.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said railroad company shall be required to pay any and all damages that may result to private property from the extension of said road, and the tunnelling under the several lots and squares of ground as heretofore provided; and that in the event the owner or owners of such property and the said company cannot agree as to the amount of such damages, or the value of any private property so appropriated for the purpose of such extension of said road, such proceedings shall thereupon be had for the appropriation and assessment of the damages thereof as are authorized and required under the laws now in force in the District of Columbia regulating appropriations and assessment of damages for opening roads, streets, and alleys in said District. That upon the payment to the owner or owners of the amount of such award of damages, or the lawful tender thereof, together with the payment of all costs of such proceedings, the said company shall acquire the right to use and occupy for the purposes of said railroad all such lands so appropriated, in such a manner as may be necessary for the proper working and running said road.

Use, &c. of lands how acquired.

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