CHAP. CXXIX.—*An Act to establish a Hydrographic Office in the Navy Department.* June 21, 1866.

A hydrographic office to be attached to bureau of navigation in Navy Department. Purposes thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be a hydrographic office attached to the bureau of navigation in the Navy Department, for the improvement of the means for navigating safely the vessels of the navy and of the mercantile marine, by providing, under the authority of the Secretary of the Navy, accurate and cheap nautical charts, sailing directions, navigators, and manuals of instructions, for the use of all vessels of the United States, and for the benefit and use of navigators generally.

Maps, charts, &c., to be published and furnished to navigators at cost of printing and paper. Copyrights to be purchased.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause to be prepared, at the hydrographic office attached to the bureau of navigation in the Navy Department, maps, charts, and nautical books relating to and required in navigation, and to publish and furnish them to navigators at the cost of printing and paper, and to purchase the plates and copyrights of such existing maps, charts, navigators, sailing directions and instructions, as he may consider necessary, and when he may deem it expedient to do so, and under such rules, regulations, and instructions as he may prescribe.

Money received from sales of maps, charts, &c., to be returned to treasury, and how used.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the moneys which may be received from the sale of all such maps, charts, and nautical books shall be returned by the Secretary of the Navy into the treasury of the United States, to be used in the further preparation and publication of maps, charts, navigators, sailing directions and instructions for the use of seamen, and to be sold at the rates as set forth in the preceding section.

APPROVED, June 21, 1866.

CHAP. CXXX.—*An Act to incorporate the "Howard Institute and Home" of the District of Columbia.* June 21, 1866.

The "Howard Institute and Home" of the District of Columbia incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That James M. Edmunds, Sayles J. Bowen, Cordial Storrs, Augustin Chester, John R. Elvans, J. Sayles Brown, and Linus D. Bishop, and their associates and successors, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of "The Howard Institute and Home" of the District of Columbia, and as such shall have perpetual succession, with power to receive, purchase, and hold real or personal property, and to be able to sue and be sued, and to plead and be impleaded in all courts of law and equity in the United States, and to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations as may be deemed necessary to carry into effect this act, and promote the objects of the corporation hereby created.

Powers.

Objects.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the object for which this corporation is created is declared to be the establishment of a charitable institution for the instruction of freedmen in the industrial pursuits of life and fit them for independent self-support, and to afford a temporary home for such freedmen as may, from sickness, misfortune, age, or infirmity, require fostering care until otherwise relieved.

Board of managers for one year.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That James M. Edmunds, Sayles J. Bowen, Cordial Storrs, Augustin Chester, John R. Elvans, J. Sayles Brown, and Linus D. Bishop, are hereby appointed a board of managers of said "Howard Institute and Home," for one year from and after the passage of this act; and that thereafter a board of managers, consisting of seven persons, shall be elected from and by the contributors to the means to establish said institution, for such time and according to such rules as said corporation may establish. And said board of managers shall have the exclusive control of all the property, real or personal, contributed or belonging to said corporation, and to appoint such officers as may be deemed requisite for the conduct of its business, for such time and at such salaries as they may determine, and to change either at pleasure.

Board to be afterwards elected.

Power of board.

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