

Comptroller of the Currency, and thereupon such change of location shall be effected and the operations of discount and deposit of said bank shall be carried on in the city of Holyoke.

SEC. 2. That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as in any manner to release the said bank from any liability or affect any action or proceeding in law in which the said bank may be a party or interested; and when such change shall have been determined upon as aforesaid, notice thereof, and of such change, shall be published in two weekly papers, one in Greenfield and one in Springfield, in the State of Massachusetts, not less than four weeks.

Liabilities not affected.

SEC. 3. That whenever the location of said bank shall have been changed from the town of Conway to the city of Holyoke, in accordance with the first section of this act, its name shall be changed to the City National Bank of Holyoke, if the board of directors of said bank shall accept the new name by resolution of the board, and cause a copy of such resolution, duly authenticated, to be filed with the Comptroller of the Currency.

Change of name.

SEC. 4. That all the debts, demands, liabilities, rights, privileges, and powers of the Conway National Bank of Conway shall devolve upon the City National Bank of Holyoke whenever such change of name is effected.

Rights, etc., saved.

SEC. 5. That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.

Effect.

Approved, June 27, 1879.

CHAP. 43.—An act to provide for the appointment of a "Mississippi River Commission" for the improvement of said river from the Head of the Passes near its mouth to its headwaters.

June 28, 1879.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a commission is hereby created, to be called "The Mississippi River Commission", to consist of seven members.

Mississippi River Commission.

SEC. 2. The President of the United States shall, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, appoint seven commissioners, three of whom shall be selected from the Engineer Corps of the Army, one from the Coast and Geodetic Survey, and three from civil life, two of whom shall be civil engineers. And any vacancy which may occur in the commission shall in like manner be filled by the President of the United States; and he shall designate one of the commissioners appointed from the Engineer Corps of the Army to be president of the commission. The commissioners appointed from the Engineer Corps of the Army and the Coast and Geodetic Survey shall receive no other pay or compensation than is now allowed them by law, and the other three commissioners shall receive as pay and compensation for their services each the sum of three thousand dollars per annum; and the commissioners appointed under this act shall remain in office subject to removal by the President of the United States.

Number.

Selection.

Vacancies.

President.

Compensation.

Tenure of office.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of said commission to direct and complete such surveys of said river, between the Head of the Passes near its mouth to its headwaters as may now be in progress, and to make such additional surveys, examinations, and investigations, topographical, hydrographical, and hydrometrical, of said river and its tributaries, as may be deemed necessary by said commission to carry out the objects of this act. And to enable said commission to complete such surveys, examinations, and investigations, the Secretary of War shall, when requested by said commission, detail from the Engineer Corps of the Army such officers and men as may be necessary, and shall place in the charge and for the use of said commission such vessel or vessels and such machinery and instruments as may be under his control and may be deemed necessary. And the Secretary of the Treasury shall, when requested by said commission in like manner detail from the Coast and Geodetic Survey

Duties.

Detail of assistants, etc.

- such officers and men as may be necessary, and shall place in the charge and for the use of said commission such vessel or vessels and such machinery and instruments as may be under his control and may be deemed necessary. And the said commission may, with the approval of the Secretary of War, employ such additional force and assistants, and provide, by purchase or otherwise, such vessels or boats and such instruments and means as may be deemed necessary.
- Additional force.**
- Duties.** SEC. 4. It shall be the duty of said commission to take into consideration and mature such plan or plans and estimates as will correct, permanently locate, and deepen the channel and protect the banks of the Mississippi River; improve and give safety and ease to the navigation thereof; prevent destructive floods; promote and facilitate commerce, trade, and the postal service; and when so prepared and matured, to submit to the Secretary of War a full and detailed report of their proceedings and actions, and of such plans, with estimates of the cost thereof, for the purposes aforesaid, to be by him transmitted to Congress: *Provided*, That the commission shall report in full upon the practicability, feasibility, and probable cost of the various plans known as the jetty system, the levee system, and the outlet system, as well as upon such others as they deem necessary.
- Report.**
- Proviso.**
- Immediate works.** SEC. 5. The said commission may, prior to the completion of all the surveys and examinations contemplated by this act, prepare, and submit to the Secretary of War plans, specifications, and estimates of costs for such immediate works as, in the judgment of said commission, may constitute a part of the general system of works herein contemplated, to be by him transmitted to Congress.
- Secretary.** SEC. 6. The Secretary of War may detail from the Engineer Corps of the Army of the United States an officer to act as secretary of said commission.
- Appropriation.** SEC. 7. The Secretary of War is hereby authorized to expend the sum of one hundred and seventy-five thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the payment of the salaries herein provided for, and of the necessary expenses incurred in the completion of such surveys as may now be in progress, and of such additional surveys, examinations, and investigations as may be deemed necessary, reporting the plans and estimates, and the plans, specifications, and estimates contemplated by this act, as herein provided for; and said sum is hereby appropriated for said purposes out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, June 28, 1879.

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**CHAP. 44.**—An act to establish post-roads in certain States therein named.

Post-routes.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the following post-routes be and the same are hereby established

Alabama.

ALABAMA.

From Victoria to Clintonville.  
From Town Creek to Bellevue.

California.

CALIFORNIA.

From Burnt Ranch to Forks New River.

Delaware.

DELAWARE.

From Laurel to Lewisville.