

Secretary; and in cases where merchandise shall be imported in boxes or packages too large to be included within the safes, trunks, or 'pouches' as prescribed, such merchandise may be transported under the provisions of this act by such express companies, 'corded and sealed', in such manner as shall from time to time be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury; and 'passengers' baggage and effects arriving at any of the ports specified in section one of this act, which shall appear by the manifest of the importing vessel, or other satisfactory evidence, to be destined to any of the ports specified in the seventh section, may also be transported by express companies under the provisions of this act to any of the ports specified in the seventh section thereof, in such manner and under such rules and regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe'; and merchandise such as pig-iron, spiegle-iron, scrap-iron, iron-ore, railroad-iron, and similar articles commonly transported upon platform or flat cars may be transported under the provisions of this act upon such platform or flat cars; and the weight of such merchandise so transported shall be ascertained in all cases before shipment, and ordinary railroad seals may be used for such purposes; and inspectors shall be stationed at proper points along the designated routes, or upon any car, vessel, vehicle, or train, at the discretion of the Secretary of the Treasury, and at the expense of the companies, respectively. Such merchandise shall not be unladen or transshipped between the ports of first arrival and final destination, unless authorized by the regulations of the Secretary of the Treasury in cases which may arise from a difference in the gauge of railroads, or 'where the route is bonded for both land and water carriage', or from accidents, or from legal intervention, or when, by reason of the length of the route, the cars, after due inspection by customs officers, shall be considered unsafe or unsuitable to proceed further, or from low water, ice, or other unavoidable obstruction to navigation; and in no case shall there be permitted any breaking of the original packages of such merchandise."

Approved, February 23, 1887.

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CHAP. 216.—An act to authorize the construction of a bridge across the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River at the foot of Pennsylvania avenue east.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be constructed across the Eastern Branch of the Potomac River, at the foot of Pennsylvania avenue, in the District of Columbia, a substantial wooden, iron, or masonry bridge, with necessary approaches; and the sum of one hundred and ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the construction of said bridge and approaches, the same to be maintained as a free bridge for travel: *Provided*, That the said Secretary of War shall construct a bridge upon such plan as shall cost no more than the amount herein appropriated: *Provided further*, That no part of this appropriation shall be paid out of the Treasury until contracts shall have been entered into with responsible parties, with good and sufficient securities, to be approved by the Secretary of War, for the construction and completion of said bridge, including the approaches, at a cost not to exceed one hundred and ten thousand dollars: *And provided also*, That the sum which may be expended under this act shall be treated and regarded as part of the general expenses of the District of Columbia, and the United States shall be credited with the amount which it may pay under this act for the erection of said bridge upon its fifty per centum of the expenses of the District of Columbia, as provided in the act of June eleventh, eighteen hundred and seventy-six, entitled "An act providing

Secretary of War directed to bridge Eastern Branch of the Potomac, D. C.

Appropriation.

Provisos.
Limit.
Contract.

Included in District expenses.

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a permanent form of government for the District of Columbia": *Provided further*, That the Secretary of War shall, as soon as possible, cause a survey of the river to be made to determine the length, width, and height of said bridge, and thereupon advertise for plans and prices for the construction of said bridge, such advertisements to be inserted in one or more daily newspapers published in Washington, District of Columbia; New York; Cleveland, Ohio; Detroit, Michigan; Philadelphia Pennsylvania; Chicago Illinois; and Richmond, Virginia, for the space of one week: *And provided further*, That the sum of five thousand dollars shall be available at once for such investigation and surveys and such contingencies as the Secretary of War shall deem necessary.

Approved, February 23, 1887.

Survey.

Advertisements.

Part immediately available.

CHAP. 217.—An act to incorporate the trustees of the Young Woman's Christian Home in Washington, District of Columbia.

Feb. 23, 1887.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mary G. Wilkinson, Benjamin H. Warder, Octavius Knight, Thomas P. Morgan, Eliza N. Blair, Emma E. Dorsey, Nathaniel Wilson, Francis H. Smith, A. J. Falls, R. D. Mussey, E. D. Powell, Caroline M. Lawrence, Frances E. Childs, H. A. Hall, Elphonzo Youngs, Addison M. Smith, and their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby, constituted a body politic and corporate in law by the name and style of the "Trustees of Young Woman's Christian Home"; and by that name may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, have perpetual succession, and shall and may take, hold, manage, and dispose of, at all times, real and personal estate, and shall and may do and perform all other acts and things necessary or appropriate for the execution of the purposes, charities, and trusts for which the said corporation is created, and which are set forth in the second section of this act; and said corporation shall have power to adopt and make such constitution, by-laws, and regulations as may be appropriate and necessary for carrying out the purposes of the said incorporation, including provisions for the election of trustees and other officers and agents of the corporation, the filling of vacancies occurring in such offices and agencies, the taking holding, and management of the property of the corporation, and the sale and conveyance thereof, when necessary, for the purposes of such corporation, and the transaction of all other business appropriate and necessary to the purposes of such incorporation, with power to adopt and use a common seal for such corporation, and the same to alter at pleasure.

District of Columbia.
Trustees of Young Woman's Christian Home, incorporated.

SEC. 2. That the object purposes, and powers of said corporation shall be, and the same are hereby, limited to providing temporary home for young women coming to and being in the District of Columbia, who shall, from any cause, be in want of and willing to accept temporary home, care, and assistance in the said District; and for the purposes aforesaid the said corporation shall have power to take, hold, use, and enjoy all such real and personal property, endowments, and contributions, whether by devise, gift, otherwise, as may be appropriate for the establishment, maintenance, and success of the said institution; and also to acquire, take, hold, use, occupy, manage, and own, either in fee-simple or by lease or otherwise, such real estate in the said District, not exceeding in its appraised value the sum of two hundred thousand dollars, to be used, held, occupied, and enjoyed for the purposes of such home, and for the residence and use of the proper and necessary officers, employees, and agents of such corporation: *Provided*, That the property, whether real or personal, owned by the said corporation, and used exclusively for the charitable purposes of the said organization, shall be exempt from taxation.

Objects.

Proviso.
Property exempt from taxation.

Approved, February 23, 1887.