

Promotion.

rank or promotion of any officer originally appointed before the adoption of the regulations of eighteen hundred and seventy-nine; and the President is authorized to nominate for confirmation the officers in the service on the date of the passage of this act.

Approved, January 4, 1889.

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CHAP. 20.—An act to incorporate the American Historical Association.

American Historical Association.
Incorporators.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Andrew D. White, of Ithaca, in the State of New York; George Bancroft, of Washington, in the District of Columbia; Justin Winsor, of Cambridge, in the State of Massachusetts; William F. Poole, of Chicago, in the State of Illinois; Herbert B. Adams, of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland; Clarence W. Bowen, of Brooklyn, in the State of New York, their associates and successors, are hereby created in the District of Columbia a body corporate and politic, by the name of the American Historical Association, for the promotion of historical studies, the collection and preservation of historical manuscripts, and for kindred purposes in the interest of American history and of history in America. Said association is authorized to hold real and personal estate in the District of Columbia so far only as may be necessary to its lawful ends to an amount not exceeding five hundred thousand dollars, to adopt a constitution, and to make by-laws not inconsistent with law. Said association shall have its principal office at Washington, in the District of Columbia, and may hold its annual meetings in such places as the said incorporators shall determine. Said association shall report annually to the Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution concerning its proceedings and the condition of historical study in America. Said Secretary shall communicate to Congress the whole of such reports, or such portion thereof as he shall see fit. The Regents of the Smithsonian Institution are authorized to permit said association to deposit its collections, manuscripts, books, pamphlets, and other material for history in the Smithsonian Institution or in the National Museum; at their discretion, upon such conditions and under such rules as they shall prescribe.

Purpose.

Reports.

Manuscripts, etc., to be deposited in Smithsonian Institution.

Approved, January 4, 1889.

January 8, 1889.

CHAP. 21.—An act to authorize the Cairo and Tennessee River Railroad Company to construct bridges across the Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers.

Cairo and Tennessee River Railroad Company may bridge Tennessee and Cumberland Rivers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Cairo and Tennessee River Railroad Company, organized under act of the general assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, be, and is hereby, authorized to construct and maintain bridges, and approaches thereto, over the Tennessee River at any point below Aurora, south boundary of Calloway County, in the State of Kentucky, and the Cumberland River at any point in Trigg County, State of Kentucky, and at any point in Monroe or Cumberland Counties, Kentucky, or in Clay County, Tennessee, on said river. Said bridges shall be constructed to provide for the passage of railway trains, and, at the option of the corporation by which they may be built, may be used for the passage of wagons and vehicles of all kinds, for the transit of animals, and for foot-passengers.

Railway, wagon, and foot bridges.

To be lawful structures and post-routes.

SEC. 2. That any bridge built under this act and subject to its limitations shall be a lawful structure, and shall be recognized and known