Suits grounded on any trespass or injury to the works, where to be brought.

Sec. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That any suit, action, or complaint, by the said corporation, against any person or persons whomsoever, on account of, or grounded on, a trespass or injury done to the said works, or any tunnels, conduits, canals, water-courses, mound, plug, cock, reservoir, dyke, engine, machine or thing, appertaining to the same, shall, in every instance, be held and deemed as transitory in its nature, and may be brought, sustained, and tried, in any court in this district having jurisdiction in such like cases.

Penalties for polluting the water, &c.

Sec. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person shall wilfully pollute the said water, between the pumping-house of said company and Georgetown, District of Columbia, by throwing any dead animals or other impure substances into the same, or by swimming, bathing, or washing themselves, or by washing clothes, or skins of any dead animals, or other impure things therein, or by erecting any necessary or other nuisance so near the said water as to pollute the same, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said company a sum not exceeding twenty dollars for every such offence, to be recovered by warrant, before any magistrate of the district or county of Washington, and shall be obliged to remove the said nuisance, or forfeit and pay the sum of ten dollars for every day the same shall continue, to the use of the corporation of Georgetown, District of Columbia, to be recovered by action of debt at the suit of the United States.

Corporation prevented from dealing in bills, notes, &c.

Sec. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall not be lawful for the said corporation to enter into any negotiation on bills or notes, nor to deal in exchange, discount, or other commercial or banking operation, or other business in their corporate capacity, other than to vest their capital in stocks of chartered companies, or in public securities, or to borrow money as may be found necessary for the carrying on the works proposed: and dividends of the profits of the stock shall be annually made, reserving only, at the discretion of the directors, such proportion as they, or a majority of stockholders, shall deem sufficient and necessary to promote or attain the object of this incorporation; and if the said corporation shall not carry into effect the intentions of this act within two years from the passage thereof, in that case all the powers hereby vested in them shall cease and determine.

Dividends.

Approved, April 13, 1814.

Statute II.

April 18, 1814.

Chap. LXIII.—*An Act for the relief of Augustus M'Kinney and Layzel Bancroft.*

Penalties remitted.

Be it enacted, &c., That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized and required to remit the fines, penalties, and forfeitures incurred by Augustus M'Kinney and Layzel Bancroft, who imported, in an open and public manner, into the district of Whitehall, on the twenty-seventh day of June, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, from Montreal, nine barrels of nitre.

Approved, April 18, 1814.

Statute II.

April 18, 1814.

Chap. LXIV.—*An Act for the relief of John P. Williamson and Thomas Rice.*

Account to be settled.

Be it enacted, &c., That the comptroller of the treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to adjust and settle, on equitable principles, the accounts of Benjamin Wall, late marshal of the state of Georgia, and to allow any credit which the said Wall might have claimed against the United States as an offset to a judgment obtained at the suit of the United States against John P. Williamson and Thomas Rice, as securities of the said Wall.

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