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Chap. LIV.—*An Act for the relief of Sarah Dewees, relict and widow of William Dewees, deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said William Dewees.*

$8000 to be paid to her.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be paid to Sarah Dewees, relict of Colonel William Dewees, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said Colonel William Dewees, deceased, the sum of eight thousand dollars, in full of all claims the estate of the said deceased may have against the United States, for the loss of property, owing to its being taken for public use; and that the said sum be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, April 11, 1818.

Statute I.
April 13, 1818.

Chap. LV.—*An Act for the relief of General Moses Porter.*

Warrant for 200 acres of land granted to him.

May be located, where.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby authorized to grant to Moses Porter, a warrant for the quantity of two hundred acres of land, for his services as a lieutenant in Crane's, or the Massachusetts regiment, in the revolutionary war, which warrant is in lieu of one heretofore granted for said services, and which has been lost or destroyed; which warrant may be located on any lands appropriated for satisfying the warrants granted for military services performed in the revolutionary war.

Approved, April 13, 1818.

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April 13, 1818.

Chap. LVII.—*An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria.*

Incorporation.

Be it enacted, &c., That the society known by the name of the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria, be, and the same is hereby, created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the "Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria," and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with a capacity to purchase, receive, and possess, goods and chattels, lands and tenements, in fee or otherwise, and the same to grant, sell, let, or assign: *Provided, however*, They shall not purchase, receive, or possess, more lands and tenements than shall be sufficient to enable them to erect a seminary of learning for the instruction of youth, and the necessary accommodation and convenience of the said society; and by the name aforesaid may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all causes in law or equity.

Proviso, as to lands and tenements.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the affairs of said society as relates to the erection and superintendence of the said seminary of learning, shall be and remain under the direction of the following named trustees and their successors, to wit: John Longden, Dederick Shekell, William F. Thornton, Lewis Hipkins, James Galt, Charles Pascoe, James S. Scott, John Cohagen, Bernard Cook, Alexander Baggett, James Carson, Adam Lynn, Greenberry Griffith, Horace Field, and Amos Alexander; the said trustees shall have power to fill any vacancies which may occur in their own body: *Provided*, That the trustees named and created by this act shall continue and serve until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, or until others shall be appointed; and on that day, or as soon thereafter as convenient, not exceeding thirty days, and annually, the like number of trustees, they being members thereof, shall be elected by said society.

Erection and superintendence of the seminary to remain under the direction of the trustees named &c.

Trustees may fill vacancies. Proviso.

Annual election of trustees.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof, and for the term of twenty years thereafter.

This act in force for 20 years.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the amount of real and personal property which may, at any time, be held by this society, shall not

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