are satisfied, be divided among the families of deceased members, according to the sums paid in by such members respectively.

Debts not to exceed the value of the property.

22d. The debts which the said corporation may, at any time, owe, shall not exceed the value of the property lawfully held and owned by them; and, in case of excess, the directors who may have been assenting thereto, shall be liable for the same in their natural and individual capacities; and an action of debt may, in such case, be brought against them, or any of them, in the proper court, by any creditor or creditors, of the said corporation, and may be prosecuted to judgment and execution, any condition, covenant, or agreement, to the contrary notwithstanding: And the property of the corporation shall also be liable for and chargeable with the excess.

Property liable for excess.

Corporation not to deal or trade as a bank, &c.

23d. It shall not be lawful for the said corporation to deal or trade in the manner of a bank, nor issue any note in the nature of a bank note, nor transact any other kind of business, or deal in any other manner or thing, than is expressly authorized by the eleventh article of the second section of this act; and any director or directors, who shall have assented to any such dealing or trade, shall, on conviction thereof, in the proper court, forfeit and pay the sum of one thousand dollars; one half to the use of the poor of the city of Washington, and the other half to the use of the person who may prosecute for the same: *Provided always*, That Congress may, at any time, amend, alter, or annul, this act.

Forfeit.

Congress may alter or annul this act.

Approved, February 15, 1819.

Statute II.

Feb. 16, 1819.

Chap. XXIV.—*An Act for the relief of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath.*

Compensation for property destroyed.

Be it enacted, &c., That the accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to settle the claim of Daniel Renner and Nathaniel H. Heath, on account of cordage, spunyarns, and hemp, burned in their ropewalk on the twenty-fourth day of August, eighteen hundred and fourteen, upon their exhibiting such proof of the quantity and value of said articles, considering the circumstances they were under at the time, as shall be satisfactory to the officers aforesaid: *Provided*, That the amount shall not exceed the sum of nineteen thousand eight hundred three dollars and sixty cents.

Proviso.

Appropriation.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the amount thereof, when so ascertained, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, February 16, 1819.

Statute II.

Feb. 16, 1819.

Chap. XXVI.—*An Act to incorporate the Medical Society of the District of Columbia.*

C. Worthington and others incorporated.

Be it enacted, &c., That Charles Worthington, James H. Blake, John T. Shaaff, Thomas Sim, Frederick May, Joel T. Gustine, Elisha Harrison, Peregrine Warfield, Alexander M. Williams, George Clark, Henry Huntt, Thomas Henderson, John Harrison, Benjamin S. Bohrer, Samuel Horseley, Nicholas W. Worthington, William Jones, James T. Johnson, Richard Weightman, George May, Robert French, and such persons as they may, from time to time, elect, and their successors, are hereby declared to be a community, corporation, and body politic, for ever, by and under the name and title of the Medical Society of the District of Columbia; and by and under the same name and title they shall be able and capable in law to purchase, take, have, and enjoy, to them and their successors, in fee or for lease, estate or estates, any land, tenements, rents, annuities, chattels, bank stock, registered debts, or other public securities within the District, by the gift, bargain, sale, or demise, of any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable to make the same, and the same, at their pleasure, to alien, sell, transfer,

Capacity of the society.

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