of the public lands, on any of the unappropriated lands of the United States, which have been hitherto offered for sale; and which are now subject to entry at private sale.

APPROVED, May 23, 1828.

STATUTE I.
May 23, 1828.

CHAP. LXXXIV.—*An Act for the relief of Edward Allen Talbot.*

Letters patent for his improved reciprocating steam engine.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the State be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to issue letters patent, in the usual form, to Edward Allen Talbot, for his improvement in a reciprocating steam engine, for propelling vessels, upon his complying with all the provisions of the several acts of Congress relative to the issuing of letters patent for inventions and improvements, except so far as the said acts require, on the part of aliens, a residence of two years in the United States.

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STATUTE I.
May 24, 1828.
1832, ch. 108.

CHAP. LXXXVIII. — *An Act to incorporate the trustees of the Female Orphan Asylum in Georgetown, and the Washington City Orphan Asylum in the District of Columbia.*

John I. Stull and others appointed trustees.

Be it enacted, &c., That John I. Stull, William G. Ridgely and Daniel Bussard and their successors in office, duly elected or appointed in the manner hereinafter directed, be, and they are hereby made, declared and constituted a corporation and body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance forever, by the name, style, and title of "The Trustees of the Female Orphan Asylum of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia."

Wm. Hawley and others incorporated under the name of the Washington City Orphan Asylum.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That William Hawley, John P. Van Ness, Nathan Towson, Obadiah B. Brown, and James Larned, and their successors in office, to be appointed as is hereinafter directed, are hereby made, declared and constituted a corporation and body politic in law, and in fact, to have continuance forever, under the name, style, and title of "The Washington City Orphan Asylum."

Lands, &c. vested in and confirmed to the said corporations respectively.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all and singular the lands, tenements, rents, legacies, annuities, rights, privileges, goods, and chattels, heretofore given, granted, devised or bequeathed to either of said asylums, or to any person or persons for the use thereof, or that have been purchased for, or on account of the same, be, and they are hereby, vested in, and confirmed to, the said corporations respectively, and that they may purchase, take, receive, and enjoy any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, rights or privileges, or any goods, chattels or other effects, of what kind or nature soever, which shall, or may hereafter be given, granted, sold, bequeathed or devised unto either of them, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable of making such grant, and to dispose of the same: *Provided*, The clear annual income of property to be acquired by either of said corporations, shall at no time exceed the sum of three thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Said corporations capable to sue and liable to be sued, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporations respectively, by the name and style aforesaid, be, and shall be hereafter, capable, in law and equity, to sue and be sued, within the District of Columbia, and elsewhere, in as effectual a manner as other persons or corporations can sue or be sued, and that they shall adopt and use a common seal, and the same to use, alter or change at pleasure, to appoint a treasurer and secretary, and such other officers as they may deem necessary and proper, to assign them their duties, and fix their compensation, and to remove any or all of them, and appoint others, as often as they shall think fit, and to make such by-laws as may be useful for the government of the said asylum, and not inconsistent with

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