the laws of the United States, or the laws in force in the District of Columbia, and the same to alter, amend or abrogate at pleasure.

Annual meeting of contributors to Orphan Asylum of Georgetown.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be an annual meeting of the contributors to the Orphan Asylum of Georgetown, on the first Monday in June, in every year, at which they shall appoint a first female directress, a second female directress, and ten female managers, who shall have power to superintend and manage the internal affairs of the asylum, and to fill vacancies in their own board, and any vacancy that may happen by death or otherwise among the trustees, and to serve until their successors are duly appointed; and a majority of the said trustees shall be a quorum, and authorized to act.

Present managers of the Washington City Asylum to discharge the duties of the same until the 2d Tuesday in October next.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the present managers of the Washington City Asylum, called by the article of association "a board of trustees," may continue in office, discharging the duties of the same, until the second Tuesday in October next, at which time, and on the same day in each year thereafter, said corporation, by those who from their by-laws may be qualified to vote, shall be regulated, and the officers thereof appointed, agreeably to the provisions of this act; that is to say, there shall be appointed a first, and a second female directress, and also fifteen female managers; and these directresses and managers, a majority of whom shall be necessary to do business, at such time and place as they may direct, shall appoint a treasurer and secretary, and such other officers; and also perform such other duties as the by-laws may direct: *Provided*, No by-law shall be enacted inconsistent with any law now existing in the District of Columbia.

Proviso.

When any destitute male or female child be received into the Asylum, &c.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That when any destitute male or female child may be received into the asylum with the approbation of the parent, guardian or friends who may have the care of said child, they shall not thereafter be at liberty to withdraw or leave the asylum without the consent of the directors, until, if a male, he shall attain the age of twenty-one years, or if a female the age of eighteen years: but, up to the periods and ages aforesaid, they shall remain subject to the direction of the asylum, or those to whom, by said asylum, they may be bound, unless by consent given by those directing the institution they may be exonerated from service previous to attaining those respective ages.

Vacancies, how to be filled.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That any vacancy which from death, resignation, or otherwise may happen in any of the offices or places of said asylum, shall be supplied or filled after the mode to be prescribed in their by-laws; and also in pursuance of said by-laws, power shall be possessed to alter and amend the same from time to time, and to remove and appoint to office whenever it shall be deemed advisable to do so.

Approved, May 24, 1828.

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May 24, 1828.

Chap. XCII.—*An Act to confirm claims to Lands in the District between the Rio Hondo and Sabine Rivers, founded on habitation and cultivation.*

Claims to lands reported for confirmation by the Register, &c. of the Southwestern District of Louisiana, in report of Nov. 1, 1824, confirmed, except claim No. 42, &c.

Be it enacted, &c., That the claims to lands founded on habitation and cultivation, reported for confirmation by the register and receiver of the southwestern district of Louisiana, in their report, dated November first, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, in conformity to the provisions of the acts of Congress, of the third of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, and twenty-sixth of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, contained in the third class of the report of said register and receiver, be, and the same are hereby, confirmed, except claim number forty-two, near Cantonment Jesup, and the claims of Leonard Dyson, numbers fourteen and eighteen; Samuel Norris, numbers ten and thirteen; Baptiste Poiret, brother and sisters, number nineteen; Baptiste

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Poiret, senior, number twenty; Henry Stockman, number thirty-one; Peter Stockman, number ———; Moses Robison, number twenty-one; James Pharis, number twenty-four; Cesaré Wallace, number thirty-four and fifty-six; John Montgomery, junior, number sixty-nine; and Emanuel Trickel, number two hundred and thirty-one; which claims are suspended until it is ascertained whether they are situated within the limits of the lands claimed by the Caddoe Indians.

Confirmations by this act not to be construed to extend further than to a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the confirmations made by this act shall not be construed to extend farther than to a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and the claims hereby confirmed shall be located under the direction of the Register and Receiver of the proper Land Office, in conformity with the legal subdivisions of the public surveys, so far as practicable, and shall include the improvements of the claimants respectively.

Approved, May 24, 1828.

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Trustees of the University of the State of Alabama authorized to surrender the patents issued for section 12, &c., for a seminary of learning, and to receive, &c.

Chap. CVI.—*An Act to authorize the selection of Lands for the benefit of a Seminary of Learning, in the State of Alabama, instead of other Lands heretofore selected.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the trustees of the University of the State of Alabama be, and they are hereby, authorized to surrender the patents issued for section twelve, the north-east quarter of section seventeen, the north-east quarter of section twenty-eight, and the east half of the north-east quarter of section thirty-four, in township four, range eleven, west, in the Huntsville land district, and to select a like quantity in lieu thereof, of any of the public lands of the United States, in said State; and that, on such relinquishment being made by the trustees as aforesaid, patents shall issue to the purchasers from the United States, of said lands, or their assignees.

Approved, May 24, 1828.

Statute I.
May 24, 1828.

Mary A. Decount and others incorporated.

Chap. CXII.—*An Act to incorporate the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph and the Sisters of the Visitation of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.*

Be it enacted, &c., That Mary Augustine Decount, Elizabeth Boyle, Jane Smith, Rosetta White, Margaret George, Bridget Ferrell, Frances Jourdan, Ann Gruber, Adele Salva, Sarah Thompson, Margaret Felicita Brady, Scholastica Bearns, Julia Shirk, Louisa Roger, Martha Dadisman, Mary Joseph Rivell, Mary Agnes O'Conner, Mary Clare Shirley, Mary Paul Douglass, Eliza Martina Butcher, Eugina Clarke, Jane Boyle, Rosetta Tyler, Mary Love, Ann Collins, Mary M'Ginnis, Elizabeth Dellow, Rachael Green, Ann Elizabeth Corbey, Mary Maria Sexton, Jane Regina Smith, Helena Elder, Catharine Stigers, Ann Frances Richardson, Ann Magdalene Shirley, Maria Muller, Ann Parsons, Rebecca Gough, Ellen Pigot, Margaret Shannon, Mary Green, Mary Delene, Ellen Timmons, Mary Harding, Mary Ann Fagan, Eliza Susan Knot, Margaret Brady, Mary Frances Boarman, Ann Dorsey, Eliza Magner, Barbara Marlo, Mary Gibson, Lydia Dix, Mary Twyger, Eliza Smith, Bridget Gibson, Ellen Hughes, Ann Wickham, Elizabeth Graver, Mary Councel, and their successors hereafter to become Sisters of Charity of Saint Joseph, according to the rules and regulations, that have been, or may hereafter be, established by their association, be, and they are hereby made, declared and constituted a corporation or body politic, in law and in fact, to have continuance forever, by the name, style and title of the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph.

Eliza Matthews and others incorporated as Sisters of the Visitation, &c

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Eliza Matthews, Alice Lalor, Harriet Brent, Mary Neale, Elizabeth Neale, Margaret Marshal, Ann Combes, Louisa Jones, Jane Neale, Ann Wightt, Elizabeth Clarke, Louisa Queen, Jane C. Neale, Mary Ann Boarman, Grace Turner,