titled, "An act granting to the counties or parishes of State and Territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of land, for seats of justice, within the same," approved twenty-sixth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four: *Provided*, That said lands, or any part thereof, shall not have been [sold] by the United States prior to the date of this act.

Act of May 26, 1824, ch. 169.

Proviso.

Approved, July 27, 1842.

Statute II.

July 27, 1842.

Chap. CV.—*An Act to incorporate a society in the District of Columbia by the name of the National Institute for the Promotion of Science.*

Be it enacted, &c., That Peter Force, Francis Markoe, jr., Garrett R. Barry, William J. Stone, Daniel Webster, Walter Forward, John C. Spencer, Abel P. Upshur, Charles A. Wickliffe, Hugh S. Legare, John Q. Adams, William C. Preston, John J. Abert, John G. Totten, Aaron O. Dayton, Lewis Warrington, and all others now members of the society in the District of Columbia, known by the name of "The National Institution for the Promotion of Science," and their successors and associates, duly elected in the manner provided for in their constitution, hereinafter mentioned, as it now exists, or as it may be hereafter altered and amended by the society herein and hereby incorporated, shall be, and they are hereby, incorporated, constituted, and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name of "The National Institute for the Promotion of Science."

National Institute incorporated.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all and singular the goods, chattels, property and effects, heretofore given, granted, devised or bequeathed to the said society, or to any person or persons, or that may have been purchased for its use, or which are or may be held in trust for it, shall be, and the same are hereby, vested in and confirmed to the said corporation hereby created; and the said corporation is hereby authorized and empowered to take or receive any sum or sums of money, or any goods, chattels, property, or effects of any kind or nature whatsoever, which shall or may hereafter be given, granted, devised or bequeathed to the said corporation, or in trust for the said corporation, by any person or persons, body politic or corporate, capable of making such gift, bequest, or devise: *Provided, always*, That such money, goods, chattels, property, or effects, be laid out or disposed of, for the use or benefit of the said corporation, according to the intention of the donors or devisors.

Property vested in it.

Proviso.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That all obligations, agreements, and contracts, heretofore entered into, by or with the said society, or any of its duly authorized agents, shall be as valid and obligatory upon the respective parties, and upon the corporation hereby created, as if the said society had been incorporated and existed as a corporation at the time and times of entering into such obligations, agreements, and contracts. And the said corporation shall be liable, to all persons and bodies politic and corporate, for all goods, chattels, and effects, heretofore specially deposited with the said society for safe-keeping or exhibition, or which may be hereafter so deposited with the said corporation, according to the terms of the deposite. And all the property of the said corporation, at the time of the expiration or dissolution of its charter, shall belong to and devolve upon the United States; and the President of the United States for the time being shall appoint a person or persons to take possession of, and keep and preserve the same, unless and until Congress shall otherwise dispose of the same.

Obligations, &c. heretofore entered into, obligatory.

Liable for goods, &c. specially deposited.

Property of the corporation, at its dissolution, to belong to U. S.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the constitution heretofore adopted by the said society, and as it now exists, and as it may hereafter, from time to time, be altered and amended in the manner therein

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provided for, shall be valid and binding upon the members of the said corporation.

Power to sue and be sued, &c.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporation hereby created shall have power to sue and be sued in its corporate name; and to appear, prosecute, and defend, to final judgment and execution, in all courts in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; to have and use a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew, at will; to elect, according to their said constitution and by-laws, as the same may from time to time exist, all such officers as they may deem necessary and proper, and ascertain their duties and compensation; to make, from time to time, by-laws and regulations (not inconsistent with the laws of the United States in force in the District of Columbia) for their government, and for the due and orderly conducting of their affairs, and the management of their property, and to enforce the same by penalties not exceeding twenty dollars for any one offence, to be recovered before a justice of the peace, in the same manner as other small debts are recovered: *Provided*, That it shall not be lawful for the said corporation to deal or trade in the manner of a bank, nor to issue any note in the nature of a bank note.

By-laws.

Proviso.

Charter limited, &c.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That this charter shall continue in force for the period of twenty years from the date of this act, and no longer, unless Congress shall by law prolong its existence; but its expiration or dissolution shall not abate any suit then pending by or against the said corporation; and three years thereafter shall be allowed, in which it may wind up its affairs, and in which its corporate name may be used for the recovery of all debts due to or by the said corporation: *Provided*, That Congress may at any time alter, repeal, or modify this act of incorporation.

Proviso.

Approved, July 27, 1842.

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Aug. 1, 1842.

1839, ch. 77.

Chap. CX. — *An Act granting to the county of Johnson, in the territory of Iowa, the right of pre-emption to a tract of land for a seat of justice for said county, and repealing the second section of an act approved the third day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, entitled "An act making a donation of land to the territory of Iowa, for the purpose of erecting public buildings thereon."*

Right of pre-emption granted to him.

Be it enacted, &c., That the right of pre-emption, at the minimum price for which the public lands are sold, is hereby granted to the county of Johnson, in the territory of Iowa, for the fractional north-west quarter, east of the river, of section number fifteen, in township seventy-nine, of range six, west of the principal meridian, as reported to the land offices at Dubuque, in said territory, containing one hundred and seventeen acres and sixty-four one hundredths of an acre, more or less, on the same terms and conditions expressed in the act of the twenty-sixth day of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, entitled "An act granting to the counties and parishes of each state and territory of the United States, in which the public lands are situated, the right of pre-emption to quarter sections of land for seats of justice within the same;" which said right of pre-emption is in lieu of that to the quarter section heretofore located by the commissioners of said county, which is relinquished.

Act of May 26, 1824, ch. 169.

Part of act of March 3, 1839, ch. 77, repealed.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That so much of the second section of an act entitled "An act making a donation of land to the territory of Iowa, for the purpose of erecting public buildings thereon," approved the third day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, as directed the contiguous sections to the section to be selected under said act, for the purpose aforesaid, to be reserved from sale or entry until the further action of Congress thereon, be, and the same is hereby, repealed: *Pro-*