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.

Statute II.

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-*

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vided, That the right of pre-emption shall not accrue to any person or persons who now are or may hereafter settle on said lands under any existing pre-emption law. Proviso.

Approved, August 1, 1842.

Statute II.
Aug. 1, 1842.

Chap. CXI.—*An Act for the benefit of the county of Holt, in the state of Missouri.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper authorities of the county of Holt, in the state of Missouri, be, and they hereby are, authorized to make entry, at the proper land office, within one year next after the date of this act, at the minimum price, of the west half of the south-west quarter of section numbered twenty-six, and the east half of the south-east quarter of section numbered twenty-seven, in township numbered sixty, and range numbered thirty-eight, situated in the said county of Holt, making one hundred and sixty acres, upon which the seat of justice of said county is located, in full satisfaction of the claim of said county under the provisions of the act, entitled, "An act granting to the counties or 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," approved twenty-sixth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four: *Provided*, That said lands shall not have been sold by the United States prior to the date of this act. May enter certain lands, in full satisfaction of claim of said county, under act of 26th May 1824, ch. 169. Proviso.

Approved, August 1, 1842.

Statute II.
Aug. 1, 1842.

Chap. CXII.—*An Act to confirm the sale of a certain school section in the state of Illinois, and for other purposes.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the sale heretofore made of section number sixteen, in township number thirty-nine, north of range fourteen, east of the third principal meridian, in the state of Illinois, by and under the authority of said state, with the assent of the inhabitants of the congressional township, in which said section is situate, be, and the same is hereby confirmed: *Provided*, That this act shall be construed as only giving the assent of the United States to said sale, and to the patents issued by the state of Illinois to the purchasers of the same, so far as the United States are concerned in the matter. Land sale confirmed. Proviso.

Approved, August 1, 1842.

Statute II.
Aug. 1, 1842.

Chap. CXIII.—*An Act authorizing a patent to be issued to Bartholomew Pellerin, his heirs or assigns.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Commissioner of the General Land Office be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to issue a patent to Bartholomew Pellerin, or to his heirs and assigns, in right of widow Masmer or Asmard, for his claim to a tract of land situate at the bay of St. Louis, in the state of Mississippi, containing seventeen thousand and eighty-four superficial arpens, according to a survey of the same approved by Vincente Sebastien Pintado, on the thirtieth of January, eighteen hundred and ten, the same having been confirmed by the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and nineteen: *Provided*, That the same shall only operate as a relinquishment of the right of the United States, and shall not affect the right of third persons. Land patent to be issued. Proviso.

Approved, August 1, 1842.