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CONVENTION

BETWEEN
THE UNITED STATES AND THE KING-
DOM OF WURTEMBERG.

President of the United States of
America.

A treaty concerning the citizenship
rights, between the United States
and his Majesty the King of Wurt-
temberg, was concluded and signed by their
plenipotentiaries, at Stuttgart on
the twenty-seventh day of July, eighteen hun-
dred and seventy-eight, which treaty, being in
German and French languages, is word
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ARTICLE V.
The present convention shall go into effect immediately on the exchange of ratifications, and shall continue in force for ten years. If neither party shall have given to the other six months' previous notice of its intention then to terminate the same, it shall further remain in force until the end of twelve months after either of the high contracting parties shall have given notice to the other of such intention.

ARTICLE VI.
The present convention shall be ratified by his Majesty the King of Wurttemberg, with the consent of the Chambers of the kingdom, and by the President by and with the advice and consent of the Senate of the United States, and the ratifications shall be exchanged at Stuttgart as soon as possible, within twelve months from the date hereof.

In faith whereof the plenipotentiaries have signed and sealed this convention.
Stuttgart the twenty-seventh of July, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-eight.
GEO. BANCROFT.

[SEAL]
And whereas the said treaty has been duly ratified on both parts, and the respective ratifications have been exchanged:

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Ulysses S. Grant, President of the United States of America, have caused the said treaty to be made public, to the end that the same and every clause and Article thereof may be observed and fulfilled with good faith by the United States and the citizens thereof.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the city of Washington, this seventh day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy, and of the Independence of the United States the ninety-fourth.

U. S. GRANT.
By the President:
HAMILTON FISH,
Secretary of State.

AN ACT to incorporate the Washington and Boston Steamship Company.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That James S. Grinnell, Wadwell T. Davis, Horatio Bowersing Alpheus Middleton, W. Albert King, Andrew Peets, S. Gaddis, jr., Edward Hartley, Edwin A. Ryther, William L. Wall, G. M. Wright, William H. Morrison, George P. Coff, George W. Potter, H. P. Simonsman, and Henry Mayo, and J. W. Seaver, and J. J. Newcomb, and John W. Boteler, Samuel Cross, George Waters, George Rogers and their associates and successors, or a majority of them, are hereby created and constituted a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the Washington and Boston Steamship Company.

SEC. 2. And be it enacted, That the capital stock of said company shall not be less than fifty thousand nor more than five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

SEC. 3. and be it further enacted, That said company is authorized and empowered to establish and run a line or lines of vessels, propelled by steam or other power, between the cities of Washington, Georgetown, Alexandria, Norfolk and other ports in the State of Virginia, on the Potomack river, Chesapeake bay, or the tributaries of the same, and Boston, in the State of Massachusetts.

SEC. 4. And be it further enacted, That said company is authorized to purchase hold, and grant such real estate, not exceeding in amount one hundred thousand dollars, as may be necessary to carry into effect the purposes of this act, and to build all necessary docks, wharves, and building thereon for their own use; may transport passengers and freight of every description, subject to the rules and regulations and laws of the United States; may sue and be sued; may have a common seal, and generally may have and possess the rights and privileges usually possessed by similar corporations.

SEC. 5. And be it further enacted, That the affairs of said company shall be managed by such officers as the stockholders in general meeting shall elect, and such agents may be appointed by the board of directors, the persons named in the first section of this act or a majority of them, may call a meeting of the stockholders for the purpose of organizing said company, at such time and place as they may determine upon, after advertising the time and place of such meeting for ten days, in one or more newspapers published in the city of Washington. The officers of said company once elected shall hold their offices until their successors are chosen.

SEC. 6. And be it further enacted, That the said board of directors may make all necessary rules and by-laws for the transfer of the stock and the general management of the business of said company; and each stockholder in said company shall be liable for all claims against the same to an amount equal to the stock which said stockholder shall have in said company.

SEC. 7. And be it further enacted, That this act shall be enforced from the passage thereof.

SEC. 8. And be it further enacted, That Congress may at any time hereafter, alter, amend, or repeal this act.
Approved, May 4, 1870.

AN ACT to re-define a portion of the boundary line between the State of Nebraska and Territory of Dakota.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so soon as the State of Nebraska, through her legislature, has given her consent thereto, the centre of the main channel of the Missouri river shall be the boundary line between the State of Nebraska and the Territory of Dakota, between the following points, to wit: Commencing at a point in the centre of said main channel, north of the west line of section twenty-four in township twenty-nine north, of range eight east of the sixth principal meridian, and running along the same to a point west of the most northerly portion of fractional section seventeen, of township twenty-nine north, of range nine east of said meridian, in the State of Nebraska, as measured and shown by the plat and surveys of said sections originally made and now on file in the General Land Office.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, that the respective jurisdiction of said State and Territory (and of the United States) shall extend to and over all of the Territory within their limits, according to the line herein designated, to all intents and purposes as fully and completely as if no change had taken place in the channel of said Missouri river. And the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and required to cause to be made all necessary surveys and measurements, and to order the transfer of plats, papers, and documents which may be necessary in the premises.
Approved, April 28, 1870.

AN ACT to provide for the revision and consolidation of the statutes of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act approved June twenty-seventh, eighteen hundred and sixty-six, entitled "An act to provide for the revision and consolidation of the statute laws of the United States," be and the same is hereby, revived; and the President is authorized, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint three commissioners to prosecute and complete the work prescribed by said act: Provide, That the said commissioners shall devote their entire time and attention to their duties as commissioners, and shall receive no compensation after said work shall be completed, nor for a longer period than three years from the time when this act shall take effect.
Approved, May 4 1870.

AN ACT authorizing the First National Bank of Delhi, New York, to change its location.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the First National Bank of Delhi, now located in Delhi, Delaware county, State of New York, is hereby authorized to change its location to the village of Port Jervis, Orange county State of New York. Whenever the stockholders representing three-fourths of the capital of said bank, at a meeting called for that purpose, determine to make such change, the president and cashier shall execute a certificate under the corporate seal of the bank specifying such determination, and shall cause the same to be recorded in the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, and thereupon such change of location shall be effected, and the operations of discount and deposit of said bank of Port Jervis, in the village of Port Jervis, Orange county, State of New York.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as in any manner to release the said bank from any liability or affect any action or proceeding in law in which the said bank may be a party or interested. And when such change shall have been determined upon as aforesaid, notice thereof and of such change shall be published in at least two weekly newspapers in each of the counties of Delaware and Orange, in the State of New York, for not less than four successive weeks.

SEC. 3. And be it further enacted, That this act shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage.
Approved, May 5, 1870.

AN ACT to authorize corporate authorities of the city of Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, to pave and improve the streets thereof.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the corporation of the city of Georgetown shall have full power and authority to lay taxes on particular wards, parts, or sections of the city, for their particular local improvements, and to cause the curbs to be set, foot and carriage ways, or so much thereof as they may deem best, to be graded, paved, gravelled, or otherwise improved; to introduce the necessary sewerage and drainage facilities, under and upon the whole or any portion of any avenue, street, or alley; to cause the same to be suitably graded, paved, gravelled, or otherwise improved and repaired, and at all times properly cleaned and watered, to cause lamps to be erected therein, and to light the same; and to pay the cost thereof, the said corporation of Georgetown is hereby authorized for the purposes of grading, paving, graveling, or otherwise improving or repairing any street, avenue, or alley, or any part thereof, to lay and collect a general tax for the same, or any part of the cost thereof, upon all the property of said city, or upon all property bordering upon such avenue, street, or alley or any part thereof that may be graded, gravelled, paved, or otherwise improved or repaired; and that, for the purpose of sewerage, the said corporation shall have power to lay and collect a tax equal to the expense, or any part thereof, upon all property bordering upon such avenue, street, or alley that may be so sewerd, or any property benefited thereby, in accordance with the provisions of this act, and also to be laid, or cause to be laid, simultaneously with the grading, graveling, paving, or otherwise improving any avenue, street, or alley, or at any other time in which a main water-pipe, main gas pipe, or main sewer may have been or shall be laid, water or gas service pipes or lateral house drains from such water or gas main, or main sewer, to one foot within the curb line in front of every lot, or subdivisional part of a lot, which may bound on such avenue, street, or alley, and to which a gas or water service pipe or house drain may not have been already laid, and to pay the cost thereof, shall have full power and authority to lay and collect a special tax on every such lot or part of lot.
Approved, May 4, 1870.

AN ACT to provide for the survey of the Fort Gratiot military reservation, in the State of Michigan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and is hereby, appropriated from any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand dollars, to complete the survey and subdivision of the Fort Gratiot military reservation in pursuance of law; and that said money be returned to the treasury from the proceeds of the sale of any part of said military reservation.
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Approved, May 4, 1870.

AN ACT to authorize the issuing of a certificate of registry or enrollment to the schooners "Zenas Snow" and "Patriot."

Whereas the schooners "Zenas Snow," and "Patriot" are American-built vessels, and being [have been] denationalized by a sale of a small fraction of each to a foreigner, who has since become naturalized; and whereas, after seizure by the United States, the said vessels have been under the laws restored to the owners thereof by the Treasury Department; therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue a certificate of registry or enrollment to the schooners "Zenas Snow" and "Patriot."
Approved, May 4, 1870.