

June 6, 1900.

CHAP. 805.—An Act To amend section one of the Act of Congress approved February twelfth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act to amend section sixteen hundred and sixty-one of the Revised Statutes, making an annual appropriation to provide arms and equipments for the militia."

Militia.
Annual appropriation
for arms, etc.
Vol. 24, p. 401.
R. S., sec. 1661, p. 290.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section one of the Act of Congress approved February twelfth, eighteen hundred and eighty-seven, entitled "An Act to amend section sixteen hundred and sixty-one of the Revised Statutes, making an annual appropriation to provide arms and equipments for the militia," be, and the same is hereby, amended and reenacted so as to read as follows:

"That the sum of one million dollars is hereby annually appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purpose of providing arms, ordnance stores, quartermaster stores, and camp equipage for issue to the militia."

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CHAP. 806.—An Act To incorporate the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association.

Frederick Douglass
Memorial, etc., Assn-
ciation incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Helen Douglass, William H. H. Hart, Francis J. Grimke, May Wright Sewall, Edward A. Clarke, their associates and successors, be, and they are hereby declared to be, a body politic and corporate, in the District of Columbia, with perpetual succession, by and under the name, style, and title of the Frederick Douglass Memorial and Historical Association, for the following objects and purposes, to wit:

Purposes of incorpo-
ration.

First. To preserve to posterity the memory of the life and character of the late Frederick Douglass.

Second. To collect, collate, and preserve a historical record of the inception, progress, and culmination of the antislavery movement in the United States, and to assemble in the homestead of the late Frederick Douglass, commonly called Cedar Hill, in the village of Anacostia, in the District of Columbia, all such suitable exhibits of records or things illustrative or commemorative of the antislavery movement and history as may be donated to said association or acquired by purchase bequest, or other lawful means.

Powers.

SEC. 2. That the said association, by and under the name and title aforesaid, and their successors, shall be competent at law and in equity to take to themselves and their successors, for the use and behoof of said association, any estate whatsoever, in any messuage, lands, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, moneys, and other effects, by gift, devise, grant, donation, bargain sale, conveyance, assurance, or will; and the same to grant, bargain, sell, transfer, assign, convey, assure, demise, declare to use, and farm let, and to place out on interest, for the use of said association, in such manner as to them, or a majority of them, shall be deemed most beneficial to said association; and to receive the same, their rents, issues, and profits, income, and interest, and to apply the same for the proper use and benefit of said association for the objects and purposes hereinbefore mentioned; and by the same name to sue and be sued, to implead and be impleaded in any court of law or equity in all manner of suits, actions, and proceedings whatsoever, and generally by and in the same name to do and transact all and every the business touching or concerning the premises; and that after the said association shall have acquired title in fee simple to a whole or a part of certain property situate and being in

Improvement of
Cedar Hill.

the village of Anacostia, District of Columbia, commonly called Cedar Hill, and occupied by the late Frederick Douglass as his homestead, the said association may manage, repair, improve, and adorn the same in such manner as the said incorporators or their successors, or a majority of them, may deem meet and proper, in pursuance of and in accordance with the objects and purposes for which this said association is incorporated.

SEC. 3. That the first meeting of said incorporators shall be held at said Cedar Hill, Anacostia, District of Columbia, at such time as a majority of the persons hereinabove named shall determine upon, after ten days' notice thereof shall be given to each of said incorporators, at which said first meeting, or at such other time thereafter as the said incorporators may fix for that purpose, they may enact such by-laws as they may see fit, not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, regulating the government of the said association.

First meeting of incorporators.

SEC. 4. That the government of said association shall be vested in a board of trustees of not less than five members nor more than nine, who shall be elected by the corporators at their first meeting or at such time thereafter as the said corporators may at the said first meeting appoint for that purpose. In case of a vacancy or vacancies occurring in said board of trustees by death, resignation, or otherwise, the same shall be filled by the remaining members thereof. Said board of trustees shall have perpetual succession, and in them and their successors shall be vested the power hereinbefore granted to this association. They shall adopt a common seal, which they may alter at pleasure, under and by which all deeds and acts of the association shall be passed and authenticated. They shall elect such officers as they may deem necessary, including a treasurer, for such terms and at such compensation as they may prescribe, in accordance with the by-laws which may be established for the government of said association. The said treasurer shall give such bond as may be fixed by the by-laws, and all of the officers of the association, together with such agents and employees as it may be deemed necessary to employ, shall be subject to removal for such causes and under such conditions and regulations as may be prescribed by the by-laws.

Board of trustees etc.

SEC. 5. That no misnomer of the said corporation shall defeat or annul any grant, donation, gift, devise, or bequest to or from said corporation.

Corporation grants unaffected by misnomers.

SEC. 6. That the said corporation may cause to be erected at such suitable site upon the homestead aforesaid, after acquisition of title to same as aforesaid, as may be selected by the board of trustees, a monument to the memory of the late Frederick Douglass, of such character and at such cost as in their judgment may seem fit, in accordance with the means of said association and compatible with the objects and purposes thereof.

Monument to Frederick Douglass.

SEC. 7. That when the said corporation shall have acquired title in fee simple to the whole or a part, as the case may be, of the said property known as Cedar Hill, in the village of Anacostia, in the District of Columbia, and formerly occupied as the homestead of the late Frederick Douglass, said land and premises shall be, and hereby are, declared to be exempt from all taxes and assessments for taxation so long as the same shall be used for the purposes of this incorporation.

Cedar Hill exempt from taxes.

SEC. 8. That Congress reserves the right to amend or repeal this Act.

Amendment.

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CHAP. 807.—An Act To establish a board of charities for the District of Columbia.

District of Columbia.
Board of charities
established.

Officers, etc.

Proviso.
Superintendent of
charities, District of
Columbia abolished,
etc.

Duties of board.

Rooms.

Meetings.

Regulations.

Information, etc., to
be furnished board.

Investigation of
public institutions by
board.

Expenses.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there shall be established in the District of Columbia a board of charities, to consist of five members, residents of the said District, who shall be appointed by the President of the United States, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, each for a term of three years, but in such manner that the terms of not more than two of them shall expire in any one or the same year. The members of the said board shall serve without compensation. During his term of office no member shall serve as trustee or other administrative officer of any institution subject to the visitation of the said board. The board shall elect a president and vice-president from among its own members, and shall appoint a secretary, who shall receive a salary of three thousand dollars per annum; and a messenger, who shall receive a salary of eight hundred and forty dollars per annum; and may appoint such other officers, inspectors, and clerks as it may deem proper, and fix the number, duties, and compensation of such other officers, inspectors, and clerks, subject to appropriations of Congress: *Provided,* That the office of superintendent of charities of the District of Columbia is hereby abolished from and after the thirtieth day of June, nineteen hundred; and the amounts appropriated in the Act making appropriations for the expenses of the District of Columbia for the fiscal year ending June thirtieth, nineteen hundred and one, for salaries of superintendent of charities and of messenger in the office of said superintendent and for traveling expenses are hereby made available for the payment of secretary of the board of charities, messenger for said board, and necessary traveling expenses authorized by said board. The said board of charities shall visit, inspect, and maintain a general supervision over all institutions, societies, or associations of a charitable, eleemosynary, correctional, or reformatory character which are supported in whole or in part by appropriations of Congress, made for the care or treatment of residents of the District of Columbia; and no payment shall be made to any such charitable, eleemosynary, correctional, or reformatory institution for any resident of the District of Columbia who is not received and maintained therein pursuant to the rules established by such board of charities, except in the case of persons committed by the courts, or abandoned infants needing immediate care. The said board of charities shall be provided with suitable rooms in the building occupied by other departments of the government of the District of Columbia. Regular meetings of the said board shall be held at least once each month, and more often if required. The said board shall make such rules and orders for the regulation of its proceedings as may be deemed necessary. The officers in charge of all institutions subject to the supervision of the board of charities shall furnish said board, on request, such information and statistics as may be desired; and to secure accuracy, uniformity, and completeness of such statistics the board may prescribe such forms of report and registration as may be deemed to be essential; and all plans for new institutions shall, before the adoption of the same, be submitted to said board for suggestion and criticism. The Commissioners of the District of Columbia may at any time order an investigation by the board, or a committee of its members, of the management of any penal, charitable, or reformatory institution in the District of Columbia; and said board, or any authorized committee of its members, when making such investigation, shall have power to send for persons and papers and to administer oaths and affirmations; and the report of such investigation, with the testimony, shall be made to the Commissioners. All accounts and expenditures of said board shall be certified as may be required by the Commissioners, and paid as other accounts against the District