

Proviso.
Not to hold land for speculation.

Provided, That this act shall not permit said corporation to take or hold real estate in the District for speculative purposes, and only such as is used and held for the corporate purposes aforesaid.

Amendment, etc.

SEC. 6. Congress reserves the right to alter, amend or repeal this act.

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July 28, 1892.

CHAP. 313.—An act to confer jurisdiction on the Court of Claims to hear and determine the claim of the heir of Hugh Worthington, for his interest in the steamer Eastport.

Preamble.

Whereas, it is claimed the Steamer Eastport was taken by the United States anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and converted into a gunboat; and

Whereas, it is claimed at the time of such taking one Hugh Worthington, then of Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois, but since deceased, was the owner of three fifths interest in said steamer, and no compensation has been paid to said Hugh Worthington or his heirs: and

Whereas, his daughter, Mrs. Sarah A Oakes of Metropolis, Illinois, claims that Hugh Worthington was a loyal citizen, that she is his only heir at law, and is justly entitled to receive from the United States compensation for the value of her father's interest in said steamer; Therefore,

Hugh Worthington.
Claim referred to
Court of Claims.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That full jurisdiction is hereby conferred upon the Court of Claims to hear and determine what are the just rights in law of the said Sarah A. Oakes, as heir of Hugh Worthington, deceased and that from any judgment so entered by said Court of Claims either party may appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, for compensation for the value of said Worthington's interest in said steamer Eastport. That upon proper petition being presented by said Sarah A. Oakes, her heirs, executors, or administrators, to said court, said court is authorized and directed to inquire into the merits of said claim, and if on a full hearing the court shall find that said claim is just, the court shall enter judgment in favor of the claimant and against the United States for whatever sum shall be found to be due.

Hearing.

Appropriation for
payment of judgment
against United States.

SEC. 2. That in case judgment shall be rendered against the United States, the Secretary of the Treasury shall be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay the claimant, her heirs, executors, or administrators whatever sum shall be adjudged by the court to be due, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated,

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CHAP. 314.—An act to grant the right of way to the Pensacola Terminal Company through the lands of the naval reservation near Pensacola.

Pensacola Terminal
Company granted
right of way through
naval reservation,
Pensacola, Fla.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a right of way shall be, and is hereby, granted to the Pensacola Terminal Company, a railroad corporation, incorporated under the laws of Florida, through the lands of the United States near Pensacola, in said State of Florida, known as the navy reservation; that said right of way shall be not more than one hundred feet in width, and located, at the expense of said railroad company, through said naval reservation, and to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Navy, to be evidenced by his written consent and approval. That said railroad corporation, on a written notification by the Secretary of the Navy of his assent and approval to and of the route to be followed, shall construct, maintain, and operate, at its own expense, a line of railway on said route from Pensacola to Warrington, on said naval reservation.

Maintenance of rail-
way.