

CHAP. CXXXIX. — *An Act prescribing an Oath of Office to be taken by Persons from whom legal Disabilities shall have been removed.* July 11, 1868.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That whenever any person who has participated in the late rebellion, and from whom all legal disabilities arising therefrom have been removed by act of Congress by a vote of two thirds of each house, has been or shall be elected or appointed to any office or place of trust in or under the government of the United States, he shall, before entering upon the duties thereof, instead of the oath prescribed by the act of July two, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, take and subscribe the following oath or affirmation: I, A. B., do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter. So help me God.

APPROVED, July 11, 1868.

Form of oath of office to be taken by those from whom legal disabilities have been removed. 1862, ch. 128. Vol. xii. p. 502.

See post, p. 344.

CHAP. CXL. — *An Act to incorporate the Connecticut Avenue and Park Railway Company in the District of Columbia.* July 13, 1868.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Augustus B. Stoughton, John Little, John L. Kidwell, George H. Plant, Le Roy Tuttle, G. W. Hopkins, R. M. Hall, and their associates and assigns, be, and they are hereby, created a body corporate, under the name of the "Connecticut Avenue and Park Railway Company," with authority to construct and lay down a single or double track railway, with the necessary switches and turnouts, in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, through and along the following avenues, streets, and highways: Commencing at the intersection of Seventeenth Street west and Pennsylvania Avenue, along the west side of Seventeenth Street to its intersection with H Street north, thence along Seventeenth Street west to its intersection with Connecticut Avenue, thence along said Avenue to Boundary Street; also, from the intersection of Boundary Street and Connecticut Avenue along the county road from such intersection, thence on any road opened, or which may hereafter be opened, west of the Fourteenth Street road to within or through the proposed public park, or to the county line of Washington County, with the right to run public carriages thereon drawn by horse-power, receiving therefor a rate of fare not exceeding six cents a passenger for any distance on said road: *Provided,* That should a majority of stockholders so elect, said road, after reaching the intersection of Boundary Street and Connecticut Avenue, instead of continuing from said intersection up the county road now opened, may be constructed along Boundary Street in the direction of Meridian Hill to any county road opened, or which may hereafter be opened, west of Sixteenth Street west, and thence along said county road by the most practicable route to the terminus near, at, in, or through the proposed park, as hereinbefore provided.

Connecticut Avenue and Park Railway Company incorporated.

Route of road.

Rate of fare. Part of route may be changed

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said road shall be deemed real estate, and, together with other real and personal property of said body corporate, shall be liable to taxation as other real estate and personal property, and to license for their vehicles or cars in the city and county aforesaid, except as hereinafter provided.

Property of road liable to taxation, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said railway shall be laid in the centres of the avenues and streets in the city (excepting Seventeenth Street, there it shall be laid as hereinbefore provided for), as near as may be without interfering with or passing over the water or gas pipes,

Track to be laid in centre of streets, &c. except, &c.