

**AN ACT TO AMEND AND RENEW THE CHARTER OF THE CALHOUN INSURANCE COMPANY, OF CHARLESTON.**

I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the Calhoun Insurance Company, of Charleston, are hereby authorized to divide the capital stock of said Company into sixteen thousand shares, of twelve dollars and fifty cents each. One-half of the said capital stock shall be assigned by the Directors of the said Company to the present owners of the said stock, in proportion to the number of shares held by each. And the said stockholders shall be credited rateably on the said shares, with the present actual market value of the assets and property of the said Company, over and above the liabilities of the said Company; and they shall pay, upon each share held by them respectively, at such times and in such manner as the said Directors may determine, an amount sufficient to make up, with the said assets and property, the aggregate sum of one hundred thousand dollars. The remaining eight thousand shares of the capital stock shall be disposed of by the said Directors at public auction, after giving at least two days notice by advertisement in two daily papers, in the city of Charleston, of the time and place of the said sale. And a cash payment of five dollars on each of the said shares shall be made in the stocks, bonds or Treasury notes of the United States, or in other good and valuable securities, to be estimated at their market value by the said Directors, and the balance shall be paid at such times and in such manner as the said Directors may determine: *Provided*, That each of the present stockholders shall be entitled to purchase, at their par value, as many of the new shares as he shall then own old shares, on condition that he apply therefor on or before a day to be fixed by the said Directors, and shall conform, in all respects, to the terms prescribed for the purchases made at the said sale.

II. That one-third of the capital of the said Company shall be paid in, and satisfactory proof thereof be furnished to the Comptroller-General, before the said Company shall be authorized to commence business, and the whole of the said capital shall be paid within one year from that time.

III. That so much of the Act to incorporate the Calhoun Insurance Company, of Charleston, passed on the twenty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, as is not inconsistent with this Act, be and the same is hereby renewed and made of force, with this Act, for twenty years.

In the Senate House, the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

W. D. PORTER,  
President of the Senate.  
C. H. SIMONTON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved: JAMES L. ORR.

**AN ACT TO AMEND AN ACT ENTITLED "AN ACT TO ALTER THE LAW IN RELATION TO LAST WILLS AND TESTAMENTS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES," RATIFIED THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF DECEMBER, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND FIFTY-EIGHT.**

I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That no subscribing witness to any will, testament or codicil, shall hereafter be held incompetent to attest or prove the same by reason of any device, legacy, or bequest therein in favor of such witness, or the husband or wife of such witness, or by reason of any appointment therein of such witness, or the husband or wife of such witness, to any office, trust, or duty, and such device, legacy, or bequest, shall be and the same is hereby declared valid and effectual, if otherwise so, except so far as the property, estate or interest so devised or bequeathed shall exceed in value, any property, estate or interest to which such witness, or the husband or wife of such witness would be entitled, upon the failure to establish such will, testament or codicil, but to the extent of such excess, the said device, legacy or bequest, shall be null and void; and such appointment shall be valid, if otherwise so; but the person or persons so appointed shall not, in such case, be entitled by law to take or receive any commissions, or other compensation, on account thereof.

II. That the second section of an Act entitled "An Act to alter the Law in relation to Last Wills and Testaments, and for other purposes," ratified the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight, be and the same is hereby repealed.

III. That the third section of the said Act be amended so as to read as follows, viz: That hereafter the probate, in due form of law, by and before the proper Ordinary, of any Last Will and Testament, whether the same be of real property exclusively, or of real and personal property mixed, shall be good, sufficient and effectual in law, in the same manner and to the same extent as if the said Last Will and Testament were exclusively of personal estate; and no devise of real estate shall be admitted as evidence in any cause until after probate before the Ordinary, either in common form, or in due form of law.

IV. That all Acts and parts of Acts inconsistent herewith, be and the same are hereby repealed.

In the Senate House, the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

W. D. PORTER,  
President of the Senate.  
C. H. SIMONTON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved: JAMES L. ORR.

**AN ACT TO DECLARE CERTAIN STREAMS NOT NAVIGABLE.**

I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the following streams are declared to be not navigable as public streams, to wit: "Berresford Creek," "Cook's Creek," "Venning's Creek," "Gibson's Creek," and "Clowter's Creek," and "Daniel's Island Creek," beyond the point of land known as the "Clement's Ferry Landing;" *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall restrict the parties through whose lands said streams run from using them as navigable streams.

In the Senate House, the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

W. D. PORTER,  
President of the Senate.  
C. H. SIMONTON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved: JAMES L. ORR.

**AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FARMERS AND PLANTERS TO GIVE THEIR BOOKS IN EVIDENCE IN CERTAIN CASES.**

I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That from and after the passing of this Act, books of original entry kept by farmers and planters relating to the transactions of their farms or plantations shall be receivable in evidence in all trials in which the business or transactions of their farms or plantations shall be called in question, as between the farmer or planter and his employees, in the same manner as books of merchants and shop-keepers now are.

In the Senate House, the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

W. D. PORTER,  
President of the Senate.  
C. H. SIMONTON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved: JAMES L. ORR.

**AN ACT FOR THE RELIEF OF THE SPARTANBURG AND UNION RAILROAD COMPANY.**

I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the Spartanburg and Union Railroad be authorized and empowered to borrow or raise the sum of six hundred thousand dollars, to be used in the extension, building, and procuring the proper outfit of said road to the city of Columbia, South Carolina.

II. That for this purpose the said Company is hereby authorized and empowered to issue bonds to the amount of six hundred thousand dollars, payable twenty years after the date thereof, with coupons attached, payable semi-annually. These bonds shall have a priority of lien over all other liens, bonds, mortgages, judgments and debts on the whole road when finished to Columbia, South Carolina, including its outfit and real estate.

III. That the present lien of the State of South Carolina on said Road be postponed, and become a second lien; which said second lien shall extend and cover the whole road, its outfit and real estate, when completed to Columbia, South Carolina.

IV. That the first section of an Act entitled an Act to authorize the formation of the Spartanburg and Union Railroad Company, ratified the seventeenth day of December, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, be so amended as to authorize said Company to change the present location of their road, by diverging therefrom at any point which may be agreed on by them, on the Eastern side of Broad River, and running through parts of the Districts of Fairfield and Richland, to or near the City of Columbia, with all the privileges and rights of way, and subject to all the disabilities as are contained in the charter aforesaid: *Provided*, This shall not impair any rights conferred by the original charter.

V. This Act shall not take effect unless the holders of the unendorsed bonds of said Company, and the judgment creditors of said Company, first consent and agree, in writing, that their bonds and judgments be postponed, and become a third lien on said road.

In the Senate House, the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

W. D. PORTER,  
President of the Senate.  
C. H. SIMONTON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved: JAMES L. ORR.

**AN ACT TO INCORPORATE THE VILLAGE OF KIRKWOOD.**

I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the inhabitants of the Village of Kirkwood be, and are hereby, created a body politic and corporate in Law, under the name and style of the Village of Kirkwood, with like powers and privileges conferred upon the corporation of the Village of Newberry, by an Act passed on the seventeenth day of December, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, entitled "An Act to incorporate certain Villages, Societies and Companies."

II. That the boundaries of said territory shall be as follows: All that territory lying North of Boundary Street of the Town of Camden; East of Mill Street down to DeKalb Street; North of DeKalb Street to Eastern margin of Pine-Tree Creek Swamp; West of the Eastern margin of Pine-Tree Creek Swamp to the crossing of McRae's Bridge, including all the houses and settlements on the East side of Pine-Tree Creek, of the DeKalb Factory, now the property of F. L. Zemp; South of a line drawn due West from said bridge to its intersection with Wyley Street, of Camden, protracted Northward; and East of said protracted street to Boundary Street.

In the Senate House, the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

W. D. PORTER,  
President of the Senate.  
C. H. SIMONTON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved: JAMES L. ORR.

**AN ACT TO AMEND THE LAW KNOWN AS THE "STAY LAW."**

I. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, now met and sitting in General Assembly, and by the authority of the same, That the Act of the General Assembly, entitled "An Act to Extend Relief to Debtors, and to Prevent the Sacrifice of Property at Public Sales," passed the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, and all Acts amending said Act, be, and the same are, hereby continued in force, until the adjournment of the next regular session of this General Assembly, and that nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to any cause of action arising *ex delicto*, nor to any process of distress for the collection of rent.

II. That nothing herein contained shall be construed to apply to any causes of action which may hereafter originate; nor shall any debtor be entitled to plead the benefit of this Act, who shall fail, if demanded, at least three months previously, to pay, on or before the first day of December next, one-tenth of the aggregate amount of the debt and interest due at the time such demand is made; but in such case, the creditor shall be at liberty to proceed to judgment, as if this Act had not been passed, and to enter execution, provided that no execution so obtained shall, during the continuance of this Act, be enforced for more than the costs and one-tenth of the aggregate amount of the debt and interest.

III. Neither shall any debtor on final process now subsisting, be entitled to the benefit of this Act who shall fail, if demanded, at least three months previously, by the creditor, or his or her attorney, to pay, on or before the first day of December next, the costs and one-tenth part of the aggregate amount of principal and interest due on such process, at the time of such demand. And when such debtor on demand made as aforesaid, shall fail to pay as aforesaid, it shall and may be lawful for such creditor to enforce such process for the costs and one-tenth part of the aggregate amount of principal and interest due.

IV. During the continuance of this Act, the Statutes of Limitations be and are suspended against the claims of all persons in possession of property of debtors on final process, and on which such process may have a lien.

In the Senate House, the twenty-first day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five.

W. D. PORTER,  
President of the Senate.  
C. H. SIMONTON,  
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Approved: JAMES L. ORR.

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I WILL open a SCHOOL in Columbia, on MONDAY, January 8. The year will be divided into four terms, of eleven weeks each. Students prepared for any College or University.

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Necessary absences of more than one week per term, deducted. For further information, apply to me, at Dr. John LeConte's.

REFERENCES.—The Faculty of the University of South Carolina.  
Dec 24 '65 H. W. RICE.

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**THE FRENCH TO LEAVE MEXICO.**—The Washington special correspondent of the New York Post, of the 19th instant, states that while the President was preparing his message, the French Minister emphatically stated that the Emperor would much regret any expression in the message which would make it impossible to recede from his Mexican scheme without humiliation. The French Minister also assured Mr. Seward that the French troops would be withdrawn from Mexico in a little while, and asked for patience on the part of our Government.

It is stated that on the 15th inst., about eleven millions of interest on the United States public debt fell due, (second series of seven-thirty notes;) one month hence eight and a half millions will be paid on the third series; and January first ten millions of gold interest has to be met for long bonds. These, with the maturing obligations the Treasury, making, for sixty days, an aggregate of forty millions of disbursements for principal and interest of the public debt.

The Legislature of Tennessee having refused to allow negro testimony to be taken in the courts of that State, General Fisk, the superintendent of the Freedmen's Bureau of that district, under special orders from the War Department, has issued an order which demands that all cases in which negro testimony is involved, and which have heretofore been disposed of by municipal authority, shall be brought before the court for adjudication.

President Johnson has ordered Governor Holden to prohibit the sheriffs of North Carolina from executing the provisions of the revenue law passed by the State Convention, which levies taxes on business transactions as far back as January 1, 1865, when a large portion of the State was within our military lines, and all business was subjected to military taxes.

The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger writes: "Secretary Stanton has written to intimate personal friends here that he will resign his place in the Cabinet immediately after the first of January. His health, he says, needs repose, and his private business affairs require attention."

**Nomination for the Mayoralty.**

MANY friends of Dr. EDWARD SILL hereby respectfully recommend him for the Mayoralty of this city, at the election to be held on the first MONDAY in April next.

It will no doubt be remembered—especially by citizens of somewhat mature age—that, some years ago, Dr. Sill was called, for three consecutive terms, to preside over the municipal affairs of Columbia as its Intendant, without salary. He is, therefore, not without experience in the duties of the office. If, then, in the present aspect of things, there is need of our possessing the qualifications of industry, fidelity, economy and thorough business habits, coupled with official experience, into whose hands must be committed the administrative affairs of the city—then will these all be found, in a great measure, united in the individual hereby nominated.  
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**NOTICE!**

MAYOR'S OFFICE.  
COLUMBIA, S. C., December 24, 1865.  
ALL parties selling SPIRITUOUS LIQUORS, by retail or otherwise, in the city of Columbia, are notified that sale of the same must be STOPPED, until after MONDAY, January 1. Persons not obeying this order will be arrested and prosecuted by the city authorities.  
By order of Council.  
Dec 24 JAS. G. GIBBES, Mayor.

**Wanted to Hire.**

A COMPETENT NURSE for a child a year old; white or colored.  
A first-rate House Servant.  
A first-rate Chambermaid.  
The best recommendations required.  
Apply at this office. Dec 21

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A DWELLING HOUSE, containing eight rooms, situated two miles from Columbia, on the Camden Road. On the premises are a carriage house, stable, barn and all necessary out-houses. The lot contains 180 acres, wooded. Apply to  
BENJ. T. DENT,  
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**Wanted,**

A SITUATION as TUTOR, in a family of five, six or eight children. All the English Branches and Latin and Greek (if desired) taught. Apply at this office, stating salary. References given, if required.  
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