

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE FIRST CONGRESS

OF THE

CONFEDERATE STATES.

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, on Tuesday, the eighteenth day of February, A. D., 1862, and ended on Monday, the twenty-first day of April, A. D., 1862.

JEFFERSON DAVIS, President. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, Vice President, and President of the Senate. THOMAS S. BOCOCK, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. I.—An Act for the relief of Mrs. Caroline Miller and her children.

April 17, 1862.

WHEREAS, Mrs. Caroline Miller, wife of James H. Miller, a soldier now in the Confederate Army, is in very indigent circumstances; and whereas, her brother, one John A. Bridgeland, a resident of the State of Indiana, in the month of September, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, purchased a house and lot in the town of Salem, in the county of Roanoke, in the State of Virginia, known in the Plan of said town as Lot No. 81, declaring at the time of receiving a deed for the same in his own name, that he was buying the said property for the use and benefit of the said Caroline Miller and her children; and whereas, proceedings are now pending in the District Court of the Confederate States, in and for the Western District of Virginia, to subject the said house and lot to sequestration, by virtue of the act of the Provisional Congress of the said Confederate States, entitled "An Act for the sequestration of the estates, property and effects of alien enemies, and for the indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States, and persons aiding the same in the existing war with the United States," approved August the 30th, 1861—Therefore,

Preamble.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That whenever a judgment or decree of sequestration shall be rendered in the District Court for the Western District of Virginia, subjecting the above described house and lot, of the said John A. Bridgeland to sequestration, it shall be the duty of the receiver of the District in which said property is situated, instead of selling the same, to convey it to such person as shall be designated by the said Court, to be held in trust for the sole and separate use and benefit of the said Caroline Miller, during her life, and, after her death, for the children and their heirs, so as not to be liable to the debts or contracts of her husband, James H. Miller, which said conveyance shall have the effect of passing to the said trustee, for the use aforesaid, the title of the said John A. Bridgeland.

House and lot to be conveyed in trust for Caroline Miller and her children,

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted, That* the said Caroline Miller is hereby discharged from all liability, under the Sequestration Act, for the

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rents and profits of the house and lot, now due, or hereafter accruing, and that she shall be permitted to remain in the use and occupation of the same until the conveyance shall be made for her benefit, according to the provisions of this act, any order, judgment or decree of the said District Court to the contrary notwithstanding.

Commencement of
suit.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That this act shall be in force, from and after its ratification.

APPROVED April 17, 1862.

April 19, 1862.

CHAP. II — *An Act for the relief of the legal representative of Samuel M. Wilkes, late Adjutant of the Fourth Regiment, South Carolina Volunteers.*

The legal representatives of Samuel M. Wilkes, deceased, to be paid arrearages, etc., due decedent.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby directed to pay to the legal representatives of Samuel M. Wilkes, late Adjutant of the Fourth South Carolina Regiment of Volunteers, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, one hundred and fifty dollars arrearages due him from the sixth day of June to the twenty-first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and also the sum of one hundred and sixty dollars for his horse which was killed in the battle of Manassas.

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APPROVED April 19, 1862.

RESOLUTIONS.

March 25, 1862.

[No. 1.] *A joint resolution providing for the payment to Mrs. Julia Tyler of the arrearages of pay due to Hon. John Tyler, deceased, for services in the Provisional Congress.*

Pay and mileage due the Hon. John Tyler, deceased, as a member of the Provisional Congress to be paid to his legal representative.

Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That the Committee on pay and mileage of the House of Representatives be authorized and required to ascertain, at the Treasury, the amount of pay and mileage due to the Hon. John Tyler, deceased, at the time of his death, for services as a member of the Provisional Congress; and to pay the amount so ascertained to be due, to Mrs. Julia Tyler, the legal representative of said deceased.

APPROVED March 25, 1862.

April 19, 1862.

[No. 2.] *Joint Resolution for the relief of Capt. Ben Desha.*

The accounts of Captain Ben Desha for transportation of his company, to be adjusted and paid.

Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That the Quartermaster General be and is hereby authorized to audit and adjust the accounts of Captain Ben Desha, of the Fifth Regiment of Kentucky Volunteers, for expenses incurred by him for the transportation of his company from Cynthiana, Kentucky, to Abingdon, Virginia, being the first place at which said company could be mustered into service, and to pay him whatever amount may be ascertained to be due him on account of such transportation; said company having been organized within the lines of the enemy.

APPROVED April 19, 1862.