

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE FIRST CONGRESS

OF THE

CONFEDERATE STATES.

Passed at the third session, which was begun and held in the City of Richmond, in the State of Virginia, on Monday, the twelfth day of January, A. D., 1863, and ended on Friday, the first day of May, A. D., 1863.

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

CHAP. I.—*An Act for the relief of John Prosser Tabb.*

April 25, 1863.

WHEREAS, John Prosser Tabb was by the last will and testament of his father made the residuary legatee of his estate and charged with the payment of the sum of three thousand dollars to his brother Phillip Tabb, during his life-time, with reversion to his child, or children or the survivor of them, payable annually out of the revenues of the estate; *And whereas*, by a decree of the District Court of the Confederate States for the Eastern District of Virginia, said Phillip Tabb and his children have been declared alien enemies, and their property sequestered under the provisions of the Act 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 thirtieth eighteen hundred and sixty-one; *And whereas*, further, it appears that a portion of the property, whence was to be derived the above mentioned revenue, was taken possession of by this government and then abandoned to the enemy; that the whole of it has been laid waste and in great measure destroyed, owing to the inability of the government to protect it; that nearly all the slaves on said property have escaped to the enemy, so that the amount thus lost would constitute a capital which would produce at the usual rate of interest more than three times the said annuity of three thousand dollars; *And whereas*, furthermore, the estate thus bequeathed, yields no revenue at this time, nor is likely to yield any without a large outlay: Therefore—

Preamble.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the said John Prosser Tabb is hereby forever released and discharged from the payment of said sum of three thousand dollars each and every year, and do hereby transfer and assign to him and his heirs all the rights and interest accruing to the said Confederate States under the aforesaid Act, the Acts amendatory thereof, and under the aforesaid decree.

John Prosser Tabb released from the payment of a certain annuity.

APPROVED April 28, 1863.

April 29, 1863.

CHAP. II.—An Act for the relief of Lieutenant Thomas T. Kirtland.

Preamble.

WHEREAS it is alleged and claimed by Lieutenant Thomas T. Kirtland, of Company B, Walker's Fortieth Tennessee Regiment, that he did, in the months of February and March, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, muster into the service of the Confederate States, for the term of three years, or the war, fifteen recruits, and did pay to each and every of said recruits the sum of fifty dollars each, amounting, in the aggregate, to the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars; and did also pay for clothing, which was distributed to said recruits, the sum of six hundred and fifty-four dollars: *And whereas* the said Lieutenant Kirtland, together with the said recruits, was surrendered as prisoners of war to the Federal forces at Island Number Ten, in the Mississippi River, on the eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and was detained and confined as a prisoner until the month of September following; and during his said confinement he was deprived by the soldiers or authorities of the United States of the said receipts for bounty and clothing, and on account of the death of the greater number of said recruits during their said imprisonment and the taking of the oath of allegiance to the Government of the United States, by the balance of them it is now impossible for the said Lieutenant Kirtland to procure new receipts and descriptive rolls, all of which facts appear by the certificates of the officers of said regiment—

Accounting officers of Treasury authorized to liquidate the claims of Lieut. Thomas T. Kirtland.
Provided.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That in the absence of receipts and descriptive rolls, the proper accounting officers be authorized to adjust and liquidate the claims of the said Lieutenant Thomas T. Kirtland for the disbursements aforesaid, upon the next best evidence that he may be able to adduce: *Provided*, That for the disbursements made by said Lieutenant Thomas T. Kirtland for clothing furnished said recruits, he shall not receive a sum exceeding the amount of commutation money at that time allowed by then existing laws; and that he be further required to furnish to the proper officer a satisfactory list so mustered into service by him, and to whom bounty money and clothing was furnished as aforesaid: *And provided further*, That the commutation in money has not been paid to said recruits; *Provided further*, The evidence presented shall satisfy the auditor that the claim is equitable and just.

Further proviso.
Further proviso.

APPROVED April 29, 1863.

May 1, 1863.

CHAP. III.—An Act for the relief of S. B. Lowe.

Treasurer of the Confederate States directed to refund certain moneys to S. B. Lowe.

The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact, That the Treasurer of the Confederate States be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to refund and pay over to S. B. Lowe, or to his legal representatives, the sum of two thousand three hundred and sixty-one dollars and sixty cents, the amount paid by S. B. Lowe & Co. as duties on certain railroad cars entered at the port of New Orleans on the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one.

APPROVED May 1, 1863.

RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.] *Joint Resolution for the relief of Captain John F. Divine.*

April 16, 1863.

WHEREAS Captain John F. Divine, Assistant Quartermaster at Fort Macon, North Carolina, immediately before the surrender to the enemy of that post, destroyed the sum of four thousand nine hundred and forty dollars in Confederate notes, belonging to the Government, to prevent the said money from falling into the hands of the public enemy; and, whereas, the Treasury Department has no legal authority to give credit for the notes so destroyed:

Preamble.

Resolved, therefore, by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That the Treasury Department give the said Captain John F. Divine credit for the said sum of four thousand nine hundred and forty dollars in the settlement of his accounts.

Treasury Department authorized to credit Capt. John F. Divine with certain moneys in the settlement of his accounts.

APPROVED April 16, 1863.

[No. 2.] *Joint Resolution for the relief of H. H. Epping.*

April 22, 1863.

Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to audit and pay the account of H. H. Epping for money advanced by him to pay the bounty due to the men enlisted by Second Lieutenant J. A. Alexander, by virtue of authority from J. P. Benjamin, Secretary of War, to enlist volunteers and muster into service a company of light artillery: *Provided,* That the money to pay said bounty has not been furnished by the government to any officer of the Confederate States.

Secretary of the Treasury authorized to settle the account of H. H. Epping for certain advancements made by him. Proviso.

APPROVED April 22, 1863.

[No. 3.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the payment of rent for the building occupied by the Quartermaster's Department.*

April 27, 1863.

Resolved by the Congress of the Confederate States of America, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Paul Bargamin, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred dollars for the rent of the building occupied by the Quartermaster's Department, on the corner of Main and tenth streets, during the quarter ending on the twenty-fourth of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

Secretary of the Treasury authorized to pay Paul Bargamin for the rent of the building occupied by the Quartermaster's Department.

APPROVED April 27, 1863.

