

PRIVATE ACT OF THE PROVISIONAL CONGRESS

OF THE

CONFEDERATE STATES.

Passed at the first session of the Provisional Congress, which was begun and held at the City of Montgomery, on Monday, February 4, 1861, and continued to March 16, 1861.

JEFFERSON DAVIS, President. ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS, Vice President of the Confederate States. HOWELL COBB, President of the Congress.

CHAP. I.—*An Act for the relief of William P. Barker.*

February 25, 1861.

SECTION I. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do enact*, That William P. Barker, a citizen of the State of Alabama, be authorized to file in the office of the Attorney General, a specification of an invention claimed to have been made by him, as an improvement in the mode of casting ordnance; and that the same shall, from this date, operate as a caveat, to protect his said invention, until an application can be made for a patent according to law.

Wm. P. Barker authorized to file specification of his invention.

The same to operate as a caveat.

APPROVED February 25, 1861.

RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 1.] *A Resolution for the relief of J. M. Walden, a citizen of Georgia.*

February 16, 1861.

Resolved by the Confederate States of America in Congress assembled, That J. M. Walden, a citizen of the State of Georgia, be and he is hereby authorized to file with the Attorney General, a caveat, accompanied by suitable drawings and explanations, setting forth the design and purpose thereof, for the protection of an improvement claimed to have been made by him in railroad switches; and that said caveat, when so filed as aforesaid, shall be effectual to protect his rights to said invention, until a patent office shall have been established: *Provided*, That as soon as said office is established, said caveat shall be filed with the commissioner thereof, and such proceedings had thereon as may be authorized by law.

J. M. Walden authorized to file a caveat, etc., for the protection of his improvement in railroad switches.

Provide.

ADOPTED February 16, 1861.

March 15, 1861.

[No. 2.] *A Resolution to pay certain naval officers their traveling expenses.*

Samuel Rousseau
and others, late
officers of the U.
S. Navy, to be paid
their traveling ex-
penses.

SECTION 1. *The Congress of the Confederate States of America do resolve*, That the Secretary of the Navy be and he is hereby authorized to pay to Samuel Rousseau, Joseph Tatuall, Victor M. Randolph, J. D. Ingraham and Raphael Semmes, late officers of the navy of the United States, who were summoned to this city by the committee on naval affairs, in pursuance of authority conferred on said committee by a resolution of this body adopted on the fourteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, their traveling expenses at the rates prescribed by law.

APPROVED March 15, 1861.