

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRTY-THIRD CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the 5th day of December, 1853, and ended on Monday, the 7th day of August, 1854.

FRANKLIN PIERCE, President. DAVID R. ATCHISON, President of the Senate, *pro tempore*. LINN BOYD, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. III.—*An Act changing the name of the American-built Steamer "Falcon" to that of "Queen City."* Jan. 18, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Collector of the Customs of the port of Cincinnati, be, and he is hereby, authorized, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to issue a new register, license or enrolment, to the American-built steamer "Falcon," in the name of the "Queen City;" the same being owned by J. S. Neal.

Register to issue to the Falcon, and her name changed to the Queen City.

APPROVED, January, 18, 1854.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act to change the name of the American-built Brig "John Dutton," and to grant a Register in her name.* Jan. 18, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Collector of the Customs of the port of Charleston, South Carolina, be, and he is hereby, authorized under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to admit to register, under the name and title of the "Emma Eger," the brig now owned by "Mordecai and Company," and known as the "John Dutton."

Register to be issued to the John Dutton under the name of the Emma Eger.

APPROVED, January 18, 1854.

CHAP. V.—*An Act explanatory of an Act entitled "An Act for the Relief of Benjamin S. Roberts."* Jan. 24, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the words of the act entitled "An act for the relief of Benjamin S. Roberts," approved the second day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, "the full amount of his pay," be so construed as to embrace the pay for "emoluments and allowances," in conformity with the recommendation of Senate report two hundred and twenty-five, (225) on which said act passed both Houses of Congress without amendment.

Payment to Benjamin S. Roberts.

Construction of the act of March 2, 1853, ch. 83.

APPROVED, January 24, 1854.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act for the Relief of Lewis B. Willis, late a Paymaster in the Army of the United States.* Jan. 24, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, from any money in the Treas-

Lewis B. Willis to be paid \$593.50.

sury not otherwise appropriated by law, to pay to Lewis B. Willis, late a Paymaster in the Army of the United States, the sum of five hundred and ninety-three dollars and fifty cents, that being a balance ascertained to be due to him from the United States by a verdict and judgment rendered in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Louisiana.

APPROVED, January 24, 1854.

Feb. 23, 1854.

CHAP. XV.—*An Act for the Relief of William Blake.*

Pension of William Blake to be increased to \$13 a month, from March 14, 1845.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to cause the pension allowed to William Blake on the fourteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-five, to be increased the sum of five dollars per month, so that the pension of said William Blake shall be thirteen dollars per month, and that the said increase of pension shall commence upon and be from the fourteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-five.

APPROVED, February 23, 1854.

Feb. 23, 1854.

CHAP. XVI.—*An Act to confirm to Hercules L. Dousman his title to Farm Lot number Thirty-two, adjoining the Town of Prairie du Chien, in the State of Wisconsin.*

Hercules L. Dousman's farm lot confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the title of Hercules L. Dousman to farm lot number thirty-two, adjoining the town of Prairie du Chien, in the State of Wisconsin, supposed to contain one hundred and thirty acres, more or less, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed, and that a patent shall issue therefor as in other cases: *Provided,* That this is only to operate as a relinquishment on the part of the United States of her title to said land.

Proviso—operation of this act.

APPROVED, February 23, 1854.

March 1, 1854.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Adam D. Stewart, Paymaster of the United States Army.*

Adam D. Stewart to be paid \$150.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be paid to Adam D. Stewart, a Paymaster of the United States Army, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars, the same being the amount paid by said Stewart, as a fee to Ashley and Ringo, for prosecuting a suit at law for the recovery of the sum of two thousand dollars in specie, stolen from on board the steamboat Tom Boling, while the said specie was in his charge, and being transported for account of the United States to Little Rock, in the State of Arkansas, in the month of June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four.

APPROVED, March 1, 1854.

March 1, 1854.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Elizabeth C. Smith, of Missouri.*

Elizabeth C. Smith to be paid for her services as a private in male attire.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Mrs. Elizabeth C. Smith, of Missouri, for her services as a private in Captain Holeshider's company "D," of Colonel Gilpin's regiment of Missouri Infantry volunteers, (from the sixteenth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, to the fourteenth of May, eighteen hundred and forty-eight,) in which she served during that time, in male attire, and under the assumed name of "Bill Newcom," as well as three

months extra pay provided for by the fifth section of the act approved nineteenth July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, in the same manner as if she had been properly mustered and regularly discharged.

Extra pay.
1848, ch. 104.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to issue to Mrs. Elizabeth C. Smith, of Missouri, a warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land, in accordance with the ninth section of the act approved eleventh February, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, for her services as recited in the foregoing section of this act, in the same manner as if she had served out the full term of her enlistment.

Warrant for
160 acres of land
to issue to E. C.
Smith.

1847, ch. 8.

APPROVED, March 1, 1854.

CHAP. XX. — *An Act for the Relief of Allen G. Johnson.*

March 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be paid to Allen G. Johnson, of the State of Florida, the value of certain subsistence stores, turned over by him, as captain of a company of mounted Florida militia, at the time of his being mustered out of service, on the sixth day of January, eighteen hundred and forty, at Camp Bailey, Jefferson county, Florida, to J. B. Collins, a quartermaster in the service of the United States, but not credited to him by the said Collins in his returns to the Treasury Department, the amount so paid not to exceed the sum of one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and twenty-three cents.

Allen G. John
son to be paid
not exceeding
\$187.23.

APPROVED, March 1, 1854.

CHAP. XXI. — *An Act for the Relief of Mary C. Hamilton.*

March 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mary C. Hamilton, widow of Captain Fowler Hamilton, late of the Second Regiment of Dragoons, be, and hereby is, entitled to receive such pension (commencing from and after the day of the death of her husband) as she would have been entitled to had he died of wounds received in battle.

Mary C. Ham-
ilton to be plac-
ed on pension
roll commencing
from death of
her husband.

APPROVED, March 1, 1854.

CHAP. XXII. — *An Act for the Relief of John O. Means.*

March 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer of the Treasury Department be, and he is hereby, authorized to settle and adjust the account of John O. Means, as acting purser of the United States brig Dolphin, under the appointment of the commander of the squadron then on the coast of Africa, and to allow him the pay of a purser while in the discharge of the duties of that appointment.

John O.
Means' ac-
counts to be set-
tled and adjust-
ed.

APPROVED, March 1, 1854.

CHAP. XXIII. — *An Act granting Five years Half-pay to the Widow of Captain John W. Gunnison.*

March 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Mrs. Gunnison, widow of Captain John W. Gunnison, deceased, upon the list of pensioners and pay to her for the term of five years from the first January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, half the pay to which her said husband was entitled at the time of his death.

Widow Gun-
nison placed on
pension roll for
term of five
years from Jan-
uary 1, 1854.

APPROVED, March 1, 1854.

March 27, 1854.

CHAP. XXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of William Mayo, of the State of Maine.*

Pension of William Mayo increased to \$8 per month during his natural life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and instructed to increase the pension now received by William Mayo, of the State of Maine, three dollars per month from January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, making thereby the said William Mayo's pension eight dollars per month during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

March 27, 1854.

CHAP. XXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Samuel K. Rayburn.*

Samuel K. Rayburn to be paid \$105.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be paid to Samuel K. Rayburn the sum of one hundred and five dollars out of any money not otherwise appropriated, in full compensation for loss of horse and equipage in the war with Mexico.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

March 27, 1854.

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Gray, McMurdo, and Company.*

Gray, McMurdo, and Co., to be paid \$570.70.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of five hundred and seventy dollars and seventy cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any moneys in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to Gray, McMurdo, and Company, of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana, in full of their account for interest on moneys advanced by them in one thousand eight hundred and fifty, to the Quartermaster's Department.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

March 28, 1854.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of George G. Bishop, and the Legal Representatives of John Arnold, deceased.*

The letters-patent granted to John Arnold renewed and extended 14 years from date of this act.

The letters-patent granted to John Arnold and G. G. Bishop renewed and extended 14 years from date of this act.

Certificates of said renewal to be issued to representatives of said Arnold and Bishop.

Effect of said renewal.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the letters-patent granted to John Arnold, (a citizen of the United States,) dated the fifteenth day of July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, for a new and useful improvement in the machine for forming a web of cloth, of wool, hair, or other suitable substances, without spinning or weaving; and also, the letters-patent granted to the said Arnold and George G. Bishop, (also a citizen of the United States,) dated the twentieth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six, for a new and useful improvement in the machine for forming a web of cloth, of wool, hair, or other suitable substance, without spinning or weaving, be, and the same is hereby, renewed, revived, and extended for the term of fourteen years, from and after the passage of this act; and the Commissioner of Patents is hereby directed, upon the presentation of the said patents, to renew, revive, and extend the said patents, by making a certificate on each, or upon certified copies thereof, of such extension (the lawful fees being first paid therefor) in the name of the legal representatives of the said John Arnold and the said George G. Bishop; and the said Commissioner of Patents is hereby directed to cause the same to be entered of record in the Patent Office; and the said patents so renewed, revived, and extended, shall have the same effect in law, as if originally granted for terms extending to the end of the term to which they are extended by this act: *Provided, however,* That such renewed or extended patents, respectively, shall be open to legal inquiry

and decision, in the same manner as if issued under the general law regulating the granting of patents: *And provided further*, That all persons now enjoying the lawful use of the said invented machine, or any part thereof, so patented, and the purchaser of any such machine or any part thereof, may continue to use the same notwithstanding the provisions of this act.

Further proviso.

APPROVED, March 28, 1854.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Harriet Leavenworth, Widow of the late Brevet Brigadier-General Leavenworth.* April 8, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of the said Harriet Leavenworth upon the pension rolls, and cause her to be paid the sum of thirty dollars per month, for and during the term of five years, commencing February first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Pension to Harriet Leavenworth at \$30 per month, for five years from Feb. 1, 1853.

APPROVED, April 8, 1854.

CHAP. XXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Aaron Stafford.* April 12, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Aaron Stafford on the roll of invalid pensioners, and to pay him at the rate of fifteen dollars a month, from and after the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and to continue during his natural life: *Provided*, That the said Secretary shall deduct such sum or sums from the same as the said Stafford has received as an invalid pensioner since said fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-eight: *And provided further*, That all acts or parts of acts heretofore passed for the relief of said Stafford are hereby repealed.

Aaron Stafford placed on pension roll at \$15 per month, from March 4, 1848, during his natural life.
 Proviso.
 Sums previously received to be deducted.
 Proviso.
 1817, ch. 64.
 1819, ch. 99.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

CHAP. XXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Executors of the late Lieutenant John E. Bispham.* April 12, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of nine hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty-nine cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to Caleb J. Good, executor of John E. Bispham, late of the United States Navy, deceased, for expenses incurred by the deceased in a suit arising out of the seizure of the Brig "Malaga," off the coast of Africa, by the United States Brig "Boxer," while under the command of the said Bispham.

Caleb J. Good, ex'r, to be paid \$913.69.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Hezekiah Johnson, of the Town of Bridgewater, in the State of Vermont.* April 12, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to cause the name of Hezekiah Johnson, of the town of Bridgewater, of the State of Vermont, to be placed upon the roll of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and to continue during his life.

Hezekiah Johnson placed on pension roll at \$8 per month, from January 1, 1853, during his natural life.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

April 12, 1854.

CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Alton Nelson.*

Alton Nelson placed on pension roll at \$8 per month, from January 1, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of Alton Nelson, of the county of Warren, and State of New York, on the roll of invalid pensioners, at eight dollars a month, from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

April 12, 1854.

CHAP. XL.—*An Act for the Relief of Lemuel Hudson.*

Lemuel Hudson placed on pension roll at \$22 per month, from January 1, 1852, during his natural life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to cause the name of Lemuel Hudson, formerly Surgeon of the Twelfth Regiment, Fourth Brigade, New York Militia, in the war of one thousand eight hundred and twelve, to be entered on the pension rolls, and pay to him the sum of twenty-two dollars per month, for and during his natural life, commencing January first, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

April 12, 1854.

CHAP. XLI.—*An Act for the Relief of Lyman N. Cook.*

Lyman N. Cook placed on pension roll at \$22.50 per month, during his natural life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of Lyman N. Cook be placed on the pension roll of the United States, and that he receive an annual pension of twenty-two dollars and fifty cents per month during his natural life, to be paid to him out of the Treasury of the United States.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

April 12, 1854.

CHAP. XLII.—*An Act for the Relief of James F. Green, of Pennsylvania.*

James F. Green placed on pension roll at \$8 per month, from Feb. 1, 1850, during his natural life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of James F. Green, of Bradford County, Pennsylvania, upon the invalid pension roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of February, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to continue for and during his natural life.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

April 12, 1854.

CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act to provide a Pension for Silas Champion, of Genesee County, State of New York.*

Silas Champion placed on pension roll at \$8 per month, from January 1, 1852.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Silas Champion, of the county of Genesee, and State of New York, be, and he is hereby, entitled, as an invalid pensioner, to eight dollars per month, to commence from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

April 12, 1854.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Emelie Hooe, Widow of Captain Hooe.*

Emelie Hooe placed on pension roll at half-pay of a capt.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior place upon the pension list the name of Emelie Hooe, widow of Brevet Major Alexander S. Hooe, late of the United States Army,

whose death was occasioned by a wound received in the battle of Resaca de la Palma, on the ninth of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, and allow her per month the half-pay of a captain in the army of the United States, for ten years; said pension to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four: *Provided*, said pension shall cease if she die in the mean time.

APPROVED, April 12, 1854.

Proviso.

CHAP. XLV. — *An Act for the Relief of Madison Parton.*

April 15, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, directed to ascertain whether Madison Parton has been paid for all the military services rendered by him to the United States from the eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven, till the eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, by examining the proper officers and other persons, as well as the proper rolls of the company to which he belonged; and the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to said Parton, such sum of money as may be found to be his due.

APPROVED, April 15, 1854.

Payment to be made to Madison Parton.

CHAP. XLVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of John Gusman, of Louisiana.*

April 20, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of John Gusman, under an ancient purchase of the interest of one Rialleux, and in virtue of ancient and continued possession for more than a third of a century, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed to a certain tract of land, fronting, on the north, the Bayou Bonfouca, in township nine south, of range fourteen east, in the Greensburgland District, Louisiana, and embracing fractions of sections nine, ten, fifteen, seventeen, eighteen, nineteen, twenty, twenty-three, twenty-six, twenty-seven, twenty-eight, thirty-two, and thirty-three, and sections sixteen, twenty-one, and twenty-two, according to a survey executed by one Joseph Troskolowski, as represented on a plat accompanying the petition of the said Gusman, it being the intent of this act to recognize the claim of the said Gusman to all of the said land referred to, embracing the school section: *Provided*, The school authorities accede to the same, and will take other land in lieu of said school section, which they are hereby authorized to do: *And provided further*, That this act shall only operate as a relinquishment forever on the part of the United States to the said lands, and shall not interfere with adverse valid rights of others, if such exist, to any part of the land embraced in the claim and survey aforesaid.

APPROVED, April 20, 1854.

Claim of John Gusman to certain lands confirmed.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

CHAP. XLIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Mary Deany, Widow of the late Lieutenant James A. Deany, of the United States Army.*

April 20, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of the said Mary Deany upon the pension rolls, and cause to be paid to her the sum of fifteen dollars per month, for the term of ten years, commencing January first, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three: *Provided*, That in case of the marriage or death of the said Mary Deany, the pension hereby granted to her shall be paid to her two children, or the survivor of them under sixteen years of age.

APPROVED, April 20, 1854.

Mary Deany placed on pension rolls for 10 years, at \$15 per month, from January 1, 1853. Proviso.

April 20, 1854.

CHAP. L.—*An Act for the Relief of William B. Edwards.*

William B. Edwards placed on pension roll at \$8 per month, from January 1, 1850, during his life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of William B. Edwards on the pension roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first of January, eighteen hundred and fifty, and continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, April 20, 1854.

April 20, 1854.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Isaac P. Simonton.*

The representatives of Isaac P. Simonton to be paid \$800 on proof of his claim for the same.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of eight hundred dollars be paid to the legal representatives of Isaac P. Simonton, under the direction of the Secretary of War, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, on due and satisfactory proof being furnished that the claim of Isaac P. Simonton for said sum in schedule B, annexed to the treaty with the Saginaw band of Chippewa Indians, on the fourteenth of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, has regularly and legally descended to them.

APPROVED, April 20, 1854.

May 3, 1854.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Grafton Baker.*

Grafton Baker to be paid \$366.50.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to Grafton Baker the sum of three hundred and sixty-six dollars and fifty cents; which payment shall be in full for services rendered and expenses incurred by said Baker, as bearer of despatches from the Governor of New Mexico to the President of the United States, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

APPROVED, May 3, 1854.

May 10, 1854.

CHAP. LV.—*An Act for the Relief of Fayette Mauzy and Robert G. Ward.*

Fayette Mauzy and Robert G. Ward to be credited certain amount on a judgment obtained by the United States against them.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, directed to credit the judgment obtained by the United States against Fayette Mauzy and Robert G. Ward, in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia, amounting to six hundred and fifteen dollars sixty-two and a half cents, with interest from the second day of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, with the amount certified by the said court to have been improperly paid by Robert G. Ward, one of the defendants in a suit in chancery, wherein the United States were complainants, and John Morrison and others, defendants, the amount being four hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-seven cents, with interest on three hundred and sixty-six dollars seventy-seven cents, from the eighteenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and forty, the same having been certified by the court as justly due by the United States to the said Robert G. Ward.

APPROVED, May 10, 1854.

May 10, 1854.

CHAP. LVI.—*An Act to change the Name of the Bark Abeona to Mount Vernon.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the

Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue to the owners of the Bark Abeona, of New Orleans, a register under the name of Mount Vernon.

Register to issue to the Abeona, under the name of Mount Vernon.

APPROVED, May 10, 1854.

CHAP. LVII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Captain William Davis, late commander of the United States transport Schooner Eufaula.* May 10, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to the legal representatives of Captain William Davis, late commander of the United States transport schooner Eufaula, three hundred and sixty dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full compensation of all claims against the United States for and on account of the wages or services of said William Davis as commander of said transport.

Capt. William Davis's representatives to be paid \$360.

APPROVED, May 10, 1854.

CHAP. LVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Anthony G. Willis, deceased.* May 10, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to the executors or administrators of Anthony G. Willis, deceased, the sum of two hundred and fifty-one dollars as compensation for the use by the United States of a wagon and team, the property of said Willis, deceased, during the last war with Great Britain.

Anthony G. Willis's representatives to be paid \$251.

APPROVED, May 10, 1854.

CHAP. LXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Rowe.* June 22, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, required to place the name of Benjamin Rowe on the pension roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty four, and to continue during his natural life.

Benjamin Rowe to be placed on the pension roll, at \$8 per month from January 1, 1854, for his natural life.

APPROVED, June 22, 1854.

CHAP. LXIV.—*An Act to authorize a Register to be issued to the Steamer "El Paraguay," by a new name.* June 22, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to cause to be issued a register to the American-built steamer "El Paraguay," by the name of "V. H. Joy," the said steamer having been condemned as unseaworthy, and sold in a Brazilian port, but now lying at the port of New Orleans, and owned by an American citizen.

Register to be issued to the "El Paraguay," by the name of "V. H. Joy."

Post, p. 830.

APPROVED, June 22, 1854.

CHAP. LXV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Widow and Heirs of Elijah Beebe.* June 22, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, directed to pay to the widow and heirs of Elijah Beebe the sum of three thousand and sixteen dollars, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same being the amount of principal adjudged to be justly due and owing to the said widow and heirs of Elijah Beebe from the confederated tribes of Sac and Fox In-

Widow and heirs of Elijah Beebe to be paid \$3,016.

dians by Hon. Henry Dodge, Governor of Wisconsin Territory and *ex officio* Superintendent of Indian Affairs, by his original certificate number eight, (No. 8), and given at the Superintendency of Indian Affairs for the Territory of Wisconsin, Mineral Point, July seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.

APPROVED, June 22, 1854.

June 22, 1854.

CHAP. LXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas Frazer.*

Pension of Thomas Frazer increased to \$8 per month from April 1, 1853, for his natural life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to increase the pension of Thomas Frazer, of Hartford, Maine, whose name is now on the roll of invalid pensioners, and to pay to him during his natural life eight dollars per month from the first day of April, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, instead of two dollars and sixty-six cents monthly, which he now draws.

APPROVED, June 22, 1854.

June 22, 1854.

CHAP. LXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Captain E. A. F. Lavallette, of the United States Navy.*

Elias A. F. Lavallette to be paid \$246.67.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two hundred and forty-six dollars and sixty-seven cents be paid to Elias A. F. Lavallette, a Captain of the United States Navy, out of any money in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the said sum being the amount paid by the said Captain Lavallette to Lawrence Cardona, who acted as interpreter to the forces under Captain Lavallette while he was discharging the duties of Civil and Military Governor of Mazatlan, in Mexico, from October, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, to June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

APPROVED, June 22, 1854.

June 29, 1854.

CHAP. LXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Priscilla C. Simonds.*

Priscilla C. Simonds to be paid \$418.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, directed to pay to Priscilla C. Simonds the sum of four hundred and eighteen dollars, being the value of the property of the late Captain Moses H. Simonds, which was taken possession of by authority of the United States.

APPROVED, June 29, 1854.

June 29, 1854.

CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Zadoc C. Inghram.*

Zadoc C. Inghram to be released from judgment U. S. have against him.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause Zadoc C. Inghram, late postmaster at Wapello, Iowa, to be released from a judgment obtained against him by the United States, in March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine for the sum of three hundred and eighteen dollars and eighty-seven cents and all interest and costs.

APPROVED, June 29, 1854.

June 29, 1854.

CHAP. LXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Moses Olmstead.*

Moses Olmstead to be placed on the pen-

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be authorized and directed to place the name of Moses Olmstead

on the list of invalid pensioners, and pay him, during his life, a pension of eight dollars per month; said pension to commence on the twentieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

sion roll at \$8 per month from January 20, 1853, during his life.

APPROVED, June 29, 1854.

CHAP. LXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Llewellyn Washington.*

June 29, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby required to pay to Llewellyn Washington, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, two hundred and five dollars and sixty-two cents, for services as a clerk in the Post-Office Department from the first day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-one until the fourteenth day of July of the same year.

Llewellyn Washington to be paid \$205.62.

APPROVED, June 29, 1854.

CHAP. LXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Ira Day, of Vermont.*

June 29, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and required to pay to Ira Day, of Vermont, or his legal representatives, one thousand and eight dollars and ninety cents, out of the funds of the Post-Office Department, in full for the balance due to him for transporting the mail from Royalton to Burlington, in the State of Vermont, from January, eighteen hundred and thirty-three, to July, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven.

Ira Day or his representatives to be paid \$1,008.90.

APPROVED, June 29, 1854.

CHAP. LXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of James Jeffries and Jeremiah M. Smith.*

June 29, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized in his discretion to cause James Jeffries and Jeremiah M. Smith and their guarantors to be released from the penalty incurred by the failure, on the part of said Jeffries and Smith, to carry the United States mail upon routes six thousand two hundred and sixty-eight, six thousand two hundred and sixty-nine, and six thousand two hundred and seventy-seven, according to the bid offered by them and accepted by the Post-Office Department, and that he also cause to be refunded to the said Jeffries and Smith the amount of any fines paid by them in consequence of any failure on their part to carry the mails upon said routes.

Postmaster-General authorized to release Jeffries and Jeremiah M. Smith from penalty incurred by failure to carry the U.S. mail.

All fines paid by them to be refunded.

APPROVED, June 29, 1854.

CHAP. LXXXVIII.—*An Act to change the Name of the American-built Brig "Hallowell" to that of "James Rose," and to grant her a new Register.*

July 17, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Collector of the Customs of the port of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, be, and he is hereby, authorized under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, to admit to register under the name and title of the "James Rose," the American-built brig now owned by Hall and Company of said Charleston, and known as the "Hallowell."

Register to issue to the Hallowell under name and title of James Rose.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

CHAP. LXXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of the Utica Steam Woolen Company.*

July 17, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of one thousand one hundred and eighty-one dollars and sixteen cents be, and the same

Utica Steam
Woollen Co. to be
paid \$1,181.16.

hereby is appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to be paid to the Utica Steam Woollen Company, of Utica, in the State of New York, in full of their account for interest on goods furnished to the Quartermaster's Department.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

July 17, 1854. CHAP. XC.—*An Act to confirm the Claim of William H. Henderson, and the Heirs of Robert Henderson, to five hundred acres of land in the Bastrop Grant.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William H. Henderson and the heirs of Robert Henderson, of the parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their claim to five hundred acres of land in the prairie of Jefferson, on which the said heirs reside, as represented in the report of the Register and Receiver of the Land-Office at Monroe, in their report of the thirtieth of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and that a patent issue to them after a legal survey duly returned: *Provided,* That this act shall be construed only as a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and shall not affect the claims of other persons to the same, if any.

William H.
Henderson and
heirs of Robert
Henderson's
claim to land
confirmed.

Patent for same
to issue.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

July 17, 1854. CHAP. XCI.—*An Act for the Relief of Juan M. Luco and Jose L. Luco.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Juan M. Luco and Jose L. Luco shall be, and they are hereby, permitted to file their claim and title to a certain tract of land in California, known as the "Ulpines Rancho," before the United States Land Commissioners to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California, appointed under the act approved third of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one; and that said commissioners shall take cognizance of and pass upon the said claim, in the same manner as if the said claim had been filed prior to the expiration of the time fixed for filing such claims by the aforesaid act.

Juan M. Luco
and Jose L. Luco
allowed to file
their claim to
land in Califor-
nia before the U.
S. commission-
ers.

1851, ch. 41.

Commissioners
to act upon the
claim as if it had
been duly filed.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

July 17, 1854. CHAP. XCII.—*An Act for the Relief of Cornelius H. Latham.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to place the name of Cornelius H. Latham, of the State of New York, on the invalid pension roll, at the rate of four dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and to continue during his natural life.

Cornelius H.
Latham to be
placed on pen-
sion roll, at \$4
per month, from
January 1, 1850,
for his life.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

July 17, 1854. CHAP. XCIII.—*An Act for the Relief of George W. Gibson.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of George W. Gibson, of Boone county, Indiana, on the roll of invalid pensioners; and that the said Gibson be allowed a pension of six dollars per month from the ninth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, to continue during his natural life.

George W. Gib-
son to be placed
on the pension
roll at \$6 per
month, from
March 9, 1852,
for his life.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

CHAP. XCIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Samuel W. Brady.* July 17, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to place the name of Samuel W. Brady, of Virginia, on the roll of invalid pensions, and to pay to him the sum of four dollars per month during his natural life, to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty.

Samuel W. Brady to be placed on the pension roll at \$4 per month, from January 1, 1850, for his life.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

CHAP. XCV. — *An Act to authorize the issue of a Register to the Brig Amelia, by the name of Abby Frances.* July 17, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register to the Russian-built brig Amelia, by the name of Abby Frances, now owned by Charles Parsons, of New Orleans, in the State of Louisiana: *Provided,* It shall be proved to the satisfaction of said Secretary, that the cost of the repairs made in the United States, after the purchase of said vessel by the present owner, is equal to three fourths of the value of said vessel at the time of said repairs.

Register to be issued to the Amelia, by the name of Abby Frances. Proviso.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

CHAP. XCVI. — *An Act for the Relief of A. B. Roman, of Louisiana.* July 17, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That A. B. Roman, of the parish of St. James, and State of Louisiana, be, and he is hereby, confirmed in all the right, title, and interest, now held or possessed by the United States in and to the following lands, now in his occupation, to wit: eighteen arpens front on the right bank of the Mississippi River, and running back to the stream or bayou called Icetamon, in said parish, being part of a French grant made to Nicholas Verret in seventeen hundred and sixty-five; and also nine arpens and six toises front, adjoining the first described tract, with the depth of forty arpents, for the nine arpens and six toises front, the said last described tract consisting of two complete grants made by the Spanish government to Joseph Hebert and Jean Baptiste Cormie on the twenty-seventh of September, seventeen hundred and seventy-three, and the two tracts so described containing seven thousand four hundred and thirty-eight acres of land: *Provided,* That this act shall only be construed to vest in the said A. B. Roman the rights, title, and interest, in said lands now held and possessed by the United States, and shall not be construed in any way to impair the *bonâ fide* rights, interests, or claims, acquired by any other person under adverse grants, concessions, or purchases, made prior to the passage of this act.

All the right, &c., the United States have in certain lands confirmed to A. B. Roman.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That a patent be, and the same is hereby, directed to be issued to the said A. B. Roman for the lands described in this act.

Patent to be issued for said lands.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

CHAP. XCVII. — *An Act to provide a Pension for Sergeant G. W. Torrence.* July 17, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Sergeant G. W. Torrence, of Captain Fairchild's company of Louisiana Mounted Volunteers, be placed upon the pension roll, at the rate of twenty dollars per month, to commence on the fourth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

G. W. Torrence to be placed on the pension roll at \$20 per month, from April 4, 1854.

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

July 20, 1854.

CHAP. XCVIII.—An Act to Incorporate the Georgetown Gaslight Company.

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| Corporators. | <i>Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,</i> That David English, Robert P. Dodge, Richard Cruikshank, William M. Fitzhugh, Richard Pettit, William F. Seymour, Adolphus H. Pickrell, and William Bucknell, and their present and future associates, are hereby declared to be a body |
| Name. | politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The Georgetown Gaslight Company," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, |
| Powers and duties. | and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew, at pleasure; to ordain and establish by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, and generally to do every act and thing necessary to carry into effect this act, or to promote the objects and design of this corporation. |
| Capital stock not to exceed \$150,000. | SEC. 2. <i>And be it further enacted,</i> That the capital stock of this corporation shall not exceed one hundred and fifty thousand dollars; that a share in the same shall be twenty-five dollars, and books of subscription to the said capital stock, or to such portions thereof, as from time to time may by the directors, for the time being, be deemed proper and necessary, shall be opened by the appointment, or under the direction of the directors hereinafter named, subject to such rules, limitations, and conditions as by them shall be prescribed, and the stock of the said company shall be deemed personal property. |
| Deemed personal property. | |
| Affairs, &c. of said corporation to be managed by a president and seven directors — how they are to be chosen. | SEC. 3. <i>And be it further enacted,</i> That the stock, property, and affairs of the said company shall be managed and conducted by and under the direction of a president and seven directors, being stockholders; that the said directors shall be elected on the first Monday of June, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and on the same day in each succeeding year thereafter, and shall hold their offices for one year from the day of their election, and until other directors shall be elected in their place; that such elections shall be held in Georgetown aforesaid, at such time and place as a majority of the directors for the time being shall appoint, and notice of such time and place of election shall be given by advertisement in one or more newspapers printed and published in the said town, at least fourteen days before the day of holding such election, and every such election shall be by ballot, and by such of the stockholders as shall attend for that purpose, either in person or by proxy, and each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of the stock which he or she may have held, and may continue to hold in his or her own name, for at least fourteen days before the time of voting; and the persons having the greatest number of votes shall be the directors; and if it shall happen that two or more persons shall have an equal number of votes, the directors in office at the time of such election shall, by a plurality of votes, given by ballot, determine which of the persons so having an equal number of votes shall be director or directors, so as to complete the whole number to be chosen; and the directors so chosen shall, as soon as may be thereafter, proceed to elect by ballot, one of their own number, or one of the shareholders, to be their president; and whenever any vacancy shall happen in the said board, of president and directors, the same shall be filled up by the remaining directors by plurality of votes, until the next annual election: <i>Provided always,</i> That the president of the said company, and at least six of the directors, shall be inhabitants of the said town. |
| Directors to choose one of their number president. | |
| Proviso. | |
| Appointment of the first directors and president. | SEC. 4. <i>And be it further enacted,</i> That David English, Robert P. Dodge, Richard Cruikshank, William M. Fitzhugh, Richard Pettit, William F. Seymour, Adolphus H. Pickrell, and William Bucknell shall be the first directors of the said company; the first named of whom shall be their president, and shall hold their offices until the first Monday in |
| Duration of their office. | |

June, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and until others are chosen in their places.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That in case it shall happen at any time that an election for directors shall not take place on the day appointed by this act for that purpose, the said corporation shall not for that cause, or for any non-user, be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful to hold an election for directors on any other day, in such manner as shall be provided for by the by-laws of the said corporation.

When the day of election may be fixed by the by-laws.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the directors or a majority of them, to require payment of the subscriptions to the capital stock of the said corporation at such times and in such proportions as they, or a majority of them, shall deem fit, under the penalty of forfeiting any or all previous payment or payments thereon: *Provided*, Notice of the instalment required to be paid shall have been published at least fourteen days in one or more of the newspapers printed and published in the said town, before the day appointed for the payment thereof.

Manner in which capital stock shall be paid in.
Proviso.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the President and Directors shall have full power and authority to manufacture, make, and sell gas, to be made of coal, oil, tar, peat, pitch, turpentine, or other material, and to be used for the purpose of lighting the City of Georgetown, or the streets thereof, and any buildings, manufactories, or houses therein contained and situate; and to lay pipes for the purpose of conducting gas in any of the streets, lanes, or alleys of the said city: *Provided however*, That the said company shall so conduct the manufacture of gas as not to injure private property, or create a nuisance; and that the said pipes shall be laid, subject to such conditions, and in compliance with such regulations, as the Corporation of Georgetown, aforesaid, may from time to time prescribe: *And provided further*, That the right to erect and put up any buildings, works, or apparatus, for the manufacture of gas, shall be subject to such terms, conditions, restrictions, and regulations as the said Corporation of Georgetown may, from time to time, prescribe or direct.

President and directors: their power and duties.
Proviso.
Further proviso.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully do, or cause to be done, any act or acts whatsoever, whereby the works of the said company, or any pipe, conduit, plug, cock, reservoir, or any engine, machine, or structure, or any matter or thing appertaining to the same shall be stopped, obstructed, impaired, weakened, injured, or destroyed, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said corporation double the amount of the damage sustained by means of such offence or injury, to be recovered in the name of said corporation, with cost of suit in any action of debt, or on the case, to be brought in any court having cognizance thereof.

Penalty for wilfully injuring or damaging any of the works, erected by said company.
How recovered.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any person or persons, nor any incorporated company, hereafter to be created by Congress for that purpose, from engaging in and pursuing the business specified in the seventh section of this act; and that it shall be lawful for Congress, at any time hereafter, to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

Nothing in this act to be construed so as to prevent any person or company from engaging in the business specified in the 7th section of this act.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize the said Georgetown Gaslight Company to make, issue, or put in circulation any bill, draft, check, order, promissory note, change ticket, or any thing else promising or agreeing to pay money, intended to circulate as money, or the tendency of which shall be to circulate as money or currency, and the violation of any one of the provisions of this section shall be a forfeiture of the charter hereby given, and shall subject each of the directors voting for the same, to a fine of fifty dollars.

Said corporation prohibited from making, issuing, or putting in circulation notes, checks, drafts, &c., intended to circulate as money.

Individual liability of the stockholders. SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the stockholders in the Georgetown Gaslight Company shall be held liable in his or her individual capacity for all the debts and liabilities of the said company, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit, as other debts or liabilities, before the court or tribunal having jurisdiction of the case.

Part of act of 1852, ch. 79 repealed. SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That all right granted to the Washington Gaslight Company by an act entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to incorporate the Washington Gaslight Company, approved July eight, eighteen hundred and forty-eight,' approved August second, eighteen hundred and fifty-two," to lay gas mains or pipes in the City of Georgetown, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPROVED, July 20, 1854.

July 20, 1854.

CHAP. C. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas K. Glenn.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and hereby is, authorized to cause the account of Thomas K. Glenn, for carrying the mail from Raleigh to Roxboro, in North Carolina, from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, during the time he has been engaged, and to the termination of his contract, to be settled and paid in such manner as to correct an alleged mistake made in his proposals: *Provided*, The Postmaster-General be satisfied of the existence of such mistake, and that the difference to be paid to the said Thomas K. Glenn, with what he has already received, shall not exceed the amount of the next lowest bid, or the rate of two hundred and seventy-five dollars per annum for the term of the contract, or the actual performance of the service.

APPROVED, July 20, 1854.

July 20, 1854.

CHAP. CI. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles Staples.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Charles Staples, of the State of Maine, on the pension rolls of the United States, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, July 20, 1854.

July 24, 1854.

CHAP. CIV. — *An Act to confirm the Claim of Dusuan de la Croix to a Lot of Land therein described.*

Preamble. Whereas in the supplemental report of the register and receiver at Jackson Court-House, dated twenty-ninth of December, eighteen hundred and twenty, communicated to the Senate twenty-third of February, eighteen hundred and twenty-one, it is stated that claim number four, in said report, was "inadvertently omitted in the general report" made on the eleventh of July, eighteen hundred and twenty, and presented to the Senate the seventeenth of November, same year; and whereas, it is considered by the Commissioner of the General Land-Office that, by reason of said omission, the said claim is not entitled to the confirmation contained in the act of eighth of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, confirming the general report of eighteen hundred and twenty:

1822, ch. 128. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That claim number four, in the supplemental report hereinbefore referred to, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed to Dusuan de la Croix, his legal representatives and assigns,

Land claim confirmed to Dusuan de la Croix.

according to the Spanish survey referred to in said claim, as fully, in like manner, and to same effect, as if said claim had been confirmed to said Dusuan de la Croix, his legal representatives, and assigns, by the act of eighteen hundred and twenty-two aforesaid: *Provided*, That this grant and confirmation shall amount only to a relinquishment, on the part of the United States, of all its right and title to the lot of land hereby granted and confirmed.

APPROVED, July 24, 1854.

CHAP. CXI.—*An Act to Incorporate the Proprietors of the Glenwood Cemetery.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Charles B. Calvert, George Parker, William B. Todd, James C. McGuire, William A. Bradley, Charles S. Wallach, Abner Miller, William Banks, Joseph B. Close, William Phelps, William S. Humphreys, Randolph S. Evans, and their successors be, and they are hereby created a body politic and corporate, by the name and title of the proprietors of the "Glenwood Cemetery in the District of Columbia," and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able and liable to sue and be sued in any court of law or equity, may have and use a common seal, and shall have power to purchase and hold not exceeding one hundred acres of land in the District of Columbia, north of the limits of the City of Washington, to sell and dispose of such parts of said land as may not be wanted for the purpose of a cemetery: *Provided*, That at least thirty contiguous acres shall be forever appropriated and set apart as a cemetery, with authority to said corporation to receive gifts and bequests for the purpose of ornamenting and improving said cemetery, and to hold such personal property as may be requisite to carry out the object of this act.

Corporators.

Title.

Powers.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the affairs of the said corporation shall be conducted by a president and three managers, who shall be elected annually, by a majority of the votes of the proprietors; the said president and managers to fill all vacancies in their own body, and shall have power to lay out and ornament the grounds, remove and alter old buildings and erect new ones, to lay out and sell or dispose of burial lots, to appoint all necessary officers and agents, and fix their several duties and compensation, and to make such by-laws, rules, and regulations as they may deem proper for conducting the affairs of the corporation, for the government of lot-holders, and visitors to the cemetery, and for the transfer of stock and the evidence thereof. In all elections held under this act, each proprietor shall be entitled to one vote for each share held by him or her.

Affairs of the corporation conducted by a president and three managers.
How chosen.
Power of the president and managers.

Who can vote.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the capital stock of said company shall be represented by two thousand shares of fifty dollars each, divided among the proprietors according to their respective interests, and transferable in such manner as the by-laws may direct.

Capital stock 2,000 shares, \$50 each.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That no streets, lanes, alleys, roads, or canals, of any sort, shall be opened through the property of said corporation, exclusively used and appropriated to the purposes of a cemetery: *Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall authorize said corporation to obstruct any public road, or street, or lane, or alley, now actually opened and used as such.

No streets, lanes, &c. to be opened through the cemetery.
Proviso.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That any person who shall wilfully destroy, mutilate, deface, injure, or remove any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other structure placed in said cemetery, or any fence, railing, or work for protection or ornament of said cemetery, or any tomb, monument, gravestone, or other structure thereon, or shall wilfully destroy, cut, break, or remove any tree, shrub, or plant, within the limits of said cemetery, shall be considered guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction

Penalty for wilfully injuring, destroying, or removing any erections in the cemetery, or for wilfully injuring or removing or destroying any

tree, &c. in the same.

Four persons shall be managers until an election under this act.

Lots not subject to debts of stockholders.

Land of company exempt from taxation.

Report of interments to be made.

Title to the burial lots.

Corporation prohibited from issuing any note, scrip, &c. as currency.

When the act takes effect: subject to the action of Congress.

Individual liability of the stockholders.

thereof before any justice of the peace of the County of Washington, shall be punished by fine, at the discretion of the justice, according to the aggravation of the offence, of not less than five, nor more than fifty dollars.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That until an election shall be held under the provisions of this act, the four last named persons in section first shall be the managers of said corporation.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That burial lots in said cemetery shall not be subject to the debts of the lot-holders thereof, and the land of the company dedicated to the purposes of a cemetery shall not be subject to taxation of any kind.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall provide for the return from time to time to the Corporation of Washington reports of all interments made in said cemetery of persons who may have died within the limits of the said Corporation of Washington, in such manner and according to such forms as may be prescribed from time to time by the Corporation of Washington.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That a certificate, under seal of the corporation, of the ownership of any lot aforesaid, shall in all respects have the same effect as any conveyance from said corporation of said lots would have, if executed, acknowledged, and recorded as conveyances of real estate are required to be.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the said corporation to issue any note, token, device, scrip, or other evidence of debt, to be used as currency.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall take effect from the passage thereof.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That it may be lawful for Congress hereafter to alter, amend, modify, or repeal the foregoing act.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the stockholders in the said company shall be held liable in his or her individual capacity for all the debts and liabilities of the said company, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit as other debts or liabilities before the court or tribunal having jurisdiction of the case.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Representatives of Joseph Watson, deceased.*

The United States' claim against Joseph Watson to be released.

Property held as security for said claim to be reconveyed.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Solicitor of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be executed, on the part of the United States, a full release and acquittance of the claim against Joseph Watson, as one of the sureties of Henry Ashton, late Marshal of the District of Columbia, and that the property in the City of Washington, at present held in trust as security for the payment of said claim, be reconveyed to his legal representatives free, and discharged from all such incumbrance: *Provided*, That they release the claim against the United States for services rendered by James Watson, as Secretary of the Indian Department and Store-keeper in the Territory of Michigan.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Executrix of the late Brevet-Colonel A. C. W. Fanning of the United States Army.*

Harriet O. Read, executrix of A. C. W. Fanning, to be paid \$5,980.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Mrs. Harriet O. Read, executrix of the late Brevet-Colonel A. C. W. Fanning, of the United States army, the sum of five

thousand nine hundred and eighty dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being the amount claimed by the said executrix to be due the estate of the said Brevet Colonel Fanning, as balances of his accounts against the United States for services rendered in eighteen hundred and eighteen and eighteen hundred and twenty-one, as United States Commissioner in receiving and restoring St. Mark's, and as Indian Agent at forts Gadsden and St. Mark's, from April, eighteen hundred and eighteen, to December, eighteen hundred and twenty-one.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of John W. Kelly.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to have the accounts of John W. Kelly, late a contractor on route number three thousand five hundred and forty, from Bainbridge, Georgia, to Apalachicola, Florida, audited and settled by the proper accounting officers, and to allow the said John W. Kelly the contract price stipulated to be paid him, to wit: the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars per annum, from the first September, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, the day on which his contract would have expired, deducting therefrom the payments heretofore made the said John W. Kelly on account thereof; and the sum when so ascertained and paid shall be in full of all claims which the said John W. Kelly may have for damages in consequence of the annulment of his said contract on the twenty-first day of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, by the Post-Office Department.

John W. Kelly's account for carrying the mail, to be settled at the contract price.

Received in full of all claim of damages for breach of contract.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the amount ascertained to be due the said John W. Kelly be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXV. — *An Act for the Relief of William Senna Factor.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two thousand dollars be paid to William Senna Factor, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, as indemnity in full for property of Rose Factor, destroyed by order of the American officers of the United States army, in the Seminole war of eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and for property taken by such officers for public use in said war: *Provided,* That the Secretary of the Interior shall first be satisfied that said William Senna Factor is the legal representative of Rose Factor, deceased: *Provided,* That the said sum shall be received in full, of all claim on account of the property herein mentioned.

William S. Factor to be paid \$2,000 as indemnity for property destroyed.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of John S. Wilson.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to John S. Wilson, the sum of eight hundred dollars, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the seventeenth day of May, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, in full compensation to the said John S. Wilson, for the damages sustained by being evicted of his title, derived by patent from the United States, to the east half of section twenty-two and west half of

John S. Wilson to be paid \$800 and interest from May 17, 1822.

section twenty-three, in township fifty-two north, of range one east, of the fifth principal meridian in the State of Missouri, by the decree of the Supreme Court of the United States, in favor of the devisees of Auguste Choteau, at the January term, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five.

Appropriation. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the money herein granted, be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Manuel Hernandez.*

Manuel Hernandez to locate 800 arpens of land on the public lands of Florida.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Manuel Hernandez be, and he is hereby, authorized to locate, not to exceed eight hundred arpens of land, French measure, according to the legal subdivisions, on any of the public lands in the State of Florida, subject to private entry, which shall be in full compensation for all the damages he may have sustained in being dispossessed of eight hundred arpens of land, about three miles distant from the mouth of the Escambia River, lying and situate between the lands of Joseph Noriega and those of the free mulatto named Charles, being the same lands that were granted to Joseph Hernandez, deceased, by the Spanish Government, on the eighth day of October, eighteen hundred and seventeen.

Patent to be issued.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of the General-Land-Office, upon the receipt of the certificate of entry from the register of the proper land-office, shall cause to be issued a patent for the lands authorized to be located by this act.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of William Claude Jones.*

William C. Jones to be paid the difference between the pay of a private and that of commissary of subsistence from Sept. 28, 1837 to April, 2, 1838.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to settle the account of William Claude Jones against the United States, for his military services in the United States army, and allow him the difference between the pay of a private, which he did receive, and the compensation of a commissary of subsistence, to which he is entitled, from the twenty-eighth of September, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, to the second of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Joseph Gonder, junior, and John Duff.*

The suit against Joseph Gonder and John Duff to be discontinued.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause to be discontinued the suit brought against Joseph Gonder, junior, and John Duff, in the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, for the alleged violation of a contract made on the twentieth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, to furnish stone for the dry-dock at the Brooklyn Navy-Yard.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXX. — *An Act for the Relief of Robert Grignon.*

Robert Grignon to be paid \$19,000.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the

Treasury be, and is, authorized and directed to pay unto Robert Grignon, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of nineteen thousand dollars, in full satisfaction of his claims against the United States arising out of the treaty with the Menomonee tribe or nation of Indians, executed the third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six: *Provided*, That before the said money shall be paid to the said Grignon, the consent of the said tribe of Menomonee Indians shall be obtained thereto, which consent shall be certified by the sub-agent for said tribe.

Proviso—consent of the Menomonee Indians to be first given.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of A. G. Bennett.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department, in settling the accounts of Albert G. Bennett, paymaster in the United States army, be, and they are hereby, authorized and instructed to allow him credit for whatever sum of money he may prove, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of War, to have been lost by him by the burning of the steamboat *Volante*, between Vicksburg and Yazoo City, on the fifteenth of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-three: *Provided*, The amount shall not exceed the sum of twelve hundred and eighty-one dollars and eighty cents.

A. G. Bennett to be paid the money proved to be lost by him by the burning of the *Volante*.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Lavinia Taylor.*

July 27, 1854.
1855, ch. 50.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, instructed to pay to Lavinia Taylor, widow of the late Isaac Taylor, a private in the army of the United States, a sum equal to five years pay of her said husband, at the rate to which he was entitled at the time of his death, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Five years pay of her husband to be paid to widow Taylor.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Samuel Prioleau, deceased.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, directed to pay to the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau, late of Charleston, South Carolina, the sum of six thousand nine hundred and twenty-eight dollars and sixty cents, being in full compensation for property taken from said Prioleau, at Charleston, for the use of the United States, during the revolutionary war.

\$6,928.60 to be paid to the legal representatives of Samuel Prioleau.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representative of Joshua Kennedy, deceased.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to the legal representative of Joshua Kennedy, deceased, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six thousand five hundred dollars, in full compensation for the destruction of property by the Creek Indians, in the year eighteen hundred and thirteen.

\$6,500 to be paid to the legal representative of Joshua Kennedy.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Ira Baldwin.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to issue a land warrant, for three hundred and twenty acres of land, to Ira Baldwin, a Canadian volunteer, to be located on any of the unappropriated lands of the United States which have been offered for sale, and are subject to entry; and also that the Secretary of the Treasury pay the said Ira Baldwin, one hundred and eighty dollars, for three months' extra pay, all which shall be full compensation for the services of said Baldwin in the late war with Great Britain.

A warrant for 320 acres of land to be issued to Ira Baldwin.

\$180 to be paid to said Baldwin.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of the late Thomas Chapman, formerly Collector of the Port of Georgetown, South Carolina.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to the legal representatives of Thomas Chapman, formerly Collector of the port of Georgetown, in the State of South Carolina, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirteen thousand four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and fifty-five cents; being the share to which the said Thomas Chapman was entitled as Collector, as aforesaid, of the cargo of the Swedish ship Diana, condemned for a breach of the Non-Intercourse Act, which was decreed to be forfeited by the said Thomas Chapman, in consequence of his having been examined as a witness in behalf of the claimant.

\$13,457.55 to be paid to the legal representatives of Thomas Chapman.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of William Miller.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of William Miller, of Limington, in the County of York, and State of Maine, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay to him a pension of ninety-six dollars per annum, to commence on the tenth day of February, eighteen hundred and forty-five, and continue during his natural life.

William Miller to be placed on the pension roll at \$96 per year, from Feb. 10, 1845, for his life.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Sarah Crandall.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Sarah Crandall, widow of James Coon, on the list of revolutionary pensioners, and pay her, during her natural life, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

Sarah Crandall to be placed on the pension roll, at \$8 per month, from January 1, 1848, for her life.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas Snodgrass.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two hundred and thirty dollars be, and is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to reimburse to Captain Thomas Snodgrass the expenses by him incurred for a team, and balance for

Thomas Snodgrass to be paid \$230.

forage and subsistence furnished to his company of volunteers, while employed as a guard or escort for a party of emigrating Cherokees in eighteen hundred and thirty-eight: *Provided*, Nothing herein contained shall be construed to sanction any claim of the representatives of Washington Smith upon the United States for the same, or any other sum advanced said Snodgrass.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXX. — *An Act for the Relief of Mary Carlton.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of Mary Carlton on the list of revolutionary pensioners, at the rate of twenty-four dollars a year, to commence on the first day of October, A. D. eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and to continue during her natural life.

Mary Carlton to be placed on the pension list at \$24 per year, from October 1, 1838, for her life.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas D. Jennings.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Thomas D. Jennings, of Florida, be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter, at the minimum price of the public lands, a quantity of land not exceeding one hundred and sixty acres, comprising the improvement on which his late father, Lawrence D. Jennings, resided before his death, on due proof being presented to the register of the proper land-office that he would have been entitled to a preëmption but for the removal of the family after the death of the father.

Thomas D. Jennings to enter 160 acres of land on certain condition.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Joseph Mitchell.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper officers of the government be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to examine the claim of Joseph Mitchell, of the State of Maine, a soldier in the late war with Great Britain, for bounty land and for arrearages of pay and bounty, and that they issue to him a warrant for such land, and pay him such arrearages as would be his due if he had received an honorable discharge on the expiration of his term of enlistment at the close of the war.

A warrant for bounty land and back pay to be made to Joseph Mitchell.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles Cooper and Company.*

July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Charles Cooper and Company, of Bangor, Maine, the sum of three hundred dollars, in full, for interest due to them from the United States on a liquidated amount of thirty thousand nine hundred and eighty-nine dollars, payable, by contract, on the thirteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty, and then duly required, but withheld until the twelfth of October following, for want of an appropriation therefor.

\$300 to be paid to Charles Cooper and Company.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of James Dunning.*

James Dunning to be paid \$255.98.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to pay to James Dunning two hundred and fifty-five dollars and ninety-eight cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full, for interest due to him from the United States, on a liquidated amount of thirteen thousand four hundred and seventy-two dollars and sixty-two cents, payable by contract, on the eighteenth day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty, and then duly required, but withheld until the twelfth of October following for want of an appropriation therefor.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Richard King.*

Richard King's title to 240 arpents of land confirmed.

Patent to issue.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Richard King be, and he is hereby, confirmed in his title to two hundred and forty arpents of land on the eastern bank of the Ouachita River, in the parish of Caldwell, State of Louisiana, which was conveyed by the claimant of the Maison Rouge Grant to Bagwell Baily, in eighteen hundred and eighteen, for cutting a road through said grant, and has remained in the possession of, and in cultivation by, said Baily and his successors, to the present time, and is now a part of the plantation of said King, on which he has resided for many years; and that a patent issue to him for it, after a legal survey is made and returned, under the direction of the Surveyor-General: *Provided,* That this act shall amount only to a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of John Phagan.*

John Phagan to be paid \$444.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of four hundred and forty-four dollars be paid to John Phagan, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full payment for his services in taking charge of a delegation of Seminole Indians, and removing them from Florida to the country west of the Arkansas.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Passed Midshipmen George P. Welsh and Clark H. Wells.*

George P. Welsh to be paid \$341.66.

Clark H. Wells to be paid \$342.93.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer of the Treasury pay to Passed Midshipman George P. Welsh three hundred and forty-one dollars and sixty-six cents, and to Passed Midshipman Clark H. Wells three hundred and forty-two dollars and ninety-three cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas S. Russell.*

Thomas S. Russell's account to be audited and paid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury audit the account of Thomas S. Russell, late an Assistant Commissary of Subsistence in Colonel Brisbane's regiment of

Florida Volunteers, and pay whatever amount may be found due to him, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, notwithstanding the irregularity of his appointment, and although his name does not appear upon the rolls as one of the staff of Colonel Brisbane: *Provided*, The amount shall not exceed the pay of an assistant commissary of subsistence from the eighteenth of February, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, to the tenth of May, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXXXIX.—*An Act to create and provide a Pension for David Towle.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That David Towle, of the County of Oxford and State of Maine, be, and he is hereby, placed on the pension roll, at eight dollars per month from the fifth day of April, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

David Towle to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month from April 5, 1848.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXL.—*An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Sally T. B. Cochrane, widow of the late Lieutenant R. E. Cochrane, United States Army.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to Mrs. Sally T. B. Cochrane, widow of Lieutenant R. E. Cochrane, late of the United States army, the value of a horse belonging to said Cochrane, which was used for express riding in the public service by order of Lieutenant Colonel Garland, United States army, at Forth Smith, in eighteen hundred and forty-one, and died in consequence of said service.

Widow Cochrane to be paid \$150.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXLI.—*An Act authorizing Victor Morass to relinquish certain Lands, and to enter the same quantity elsewhere.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Victor Morass be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter, without payment therefor, at any United States Land-Office in the State of Michigan, two hundred and eighty acres of land, the same to be entered in legal subdivisions, and on any land subject to private entry at said offices, and not covered by any preëmption right: *Provided*, That before the said Victor Morass shall have the benefit of the provisions of this act, he shall file with the Secretary of the Interior, in such form as shall be prescribed by said secretary, good and sufficient deed or deeds of release to the United States, executed by himself, and all persons having rights thereto through or under him, of all the premises mentioned and described in the Report of Commissioners on Land Claims in Michigan as claim "No. 1," in "Book 5," in the "American State Papers," "Public Lands," volume four, page seven hundred and ninety-eight; which claim was confirmed to said Morass by "an act to confirm certain claims to lands in the Territory of Michigan," approved April seventeen, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight.

Victor Morass authorized to enter 280 acres of land without payment.

Proviso.

Certain release to be first executed by him.

1828, ch. 28.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXLII.—*An Act for the Relief of Rebecca Freeman.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the In-

Rebecca Freeman to be placed on the pension list at \$8 per month from January 27, 1847, for her life.

terior be authorized and directed to place the name of Rebecca Freeman on the list of pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, during her natural life, commencing on the twenty-seventh day of January, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXLIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Charles Lee Jones.*

Certain claims of Charles L. Jones to be settled and paid, not exceeding \$2,000.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the claims presented to that department by Charles Lee Jones for expenses incurred and services rendered in raising, subsisting, and transporting three companies of volunteers mustered and received into the service of the United States during the war against Mexico, to be settled according to the principles of equity and justice; the amount and interest not to exceed two thousand dollars, and to be in full for said claims; and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

Appropriation.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXLIV.—*An Act authorizing a Patent to be issued to Peter Poncin for certain Lands therein described.*

Peter Poncin's entry of land, which was cancelled, to be so reinstated as to give title to his grantees.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the entry by Peter Poncin, of the north half of the southeast quarter, and the south half of the northeast quarter of section thirty-six, in township number twenty-nine, of range twenty-three, in the Stillwater Land District, Minnesota, cancelled by the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, be, and the same is hereby, allowed, and reinstated as of the date of said entry, so that the title to said lands may enure to the benefit of his grantees as far as he may have conveyed the same: *Provided,* That the money paid for said lands shall not have been withdrawn, or if withdrawn, shall be again paid at said land-offices, and that thereupon a patent shall issue in the name of said Peter Poncin for said lands.

Proviso.

Patent to issue.

Certain other lands to be selected for public schools of Minnesota.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Superintendent of Public Schools in said Territory of Minnesota be, and he is hereby, authorized to select other lands in lieu of said section thirty-six, as far as the same has been granted or sold.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXLV.—*An Act for the Relief of Ezra Williams.*

\$500 to be paid to Ezra Williams.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Ezra Williams, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred dollars, in full for his services in preparing an Alphabetical Index to the Numerical Register of Warrants in the Land Bounty Division of the General Land-Office, under the direction of the late Commissioner Richard M. Young.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXLVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Conrad Wheat, Jr., or his Legal Representatives.*

Conrad Wheat, jr.'s location of 640 acres of land confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the location of six hundred and forty acres of land, and which is described as survey number

two thousand four hundred and fifty-three in township forty-four north, of ranges five and six east, of the principal meridian, in the State of Missouri, made by Conrad Wheat, Jr., on the twenty-second day of October, eighteen hundred and sixteen, under a certificate of location numbered one hundred and thirteen, issued on the twelfth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixteen, by the recorder of land titles, to the said Wheat, is hereby confirmed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office is hereby authorized to issue a patent to the said Conrad Wheat, Jr., or his legal representatives, for the said lands. Patent to issue to said Wheat or his representatives.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Richard M. Bouton, George Wright, and the Widow of Marvin W. Fisher.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to pay to Richard M. Bouton, George Wright, and to Harriet F. Fisher, the widow and executrix of Marvin W. Fisher, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars each, as a full compensation for the past use of their machines for making and charging percussion caps, in the Arsenals of the United States, and also for the future free and undisturbed use by the Government of the said machines, together with the patent-right or rights to the said machines, with their improvements. \$5,000 to be paid to R. M. Bouton, George Wright, and H. F. Fisher, widow and ex'r of M. W. Fisher, each.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXLVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Andrew J. Dickerhoff.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Andrew J. Dickerhoff on the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay to him annually a pension of ninety-six dollars, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty, and continue during his life. Andrew J. Dickerhoff to be placed on the pension roll at \$96 per year, from January 1, 1850, for his life.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CXLIX.—*An Act for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Officers and Seamen of the United States Schooner Grampus, who were lost in that vessel in March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, near the coast of the United States.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the same provision as is made by the act entitled, "An act for the relief of the widows and orphans of the officers, seamen, and marines, of the brig Somers," approved the fourteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and an act for the relief of the widows and relatives of certain officers and seamen of the United States brig Washington, who were lost overboard in a hurricane, approved February the third, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, be also extended to the widows and orphans of the officers and seamen who were lost in the United States schooner Grampus in the gale of March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, near the coast of the United States. Provisions of the acts 1848, ch. 179, and 1853, ch. 48, extended to the widows and orphans of the officers and seamen of late United States schooner Grampus.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CL.—*An Act for the Relief of Captain George Simpton, of Galveston.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, out of any money in the Capt. Simpton to be paid \$1,600.

treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Captain George Simpton, of Galveston, the sum of sixteen hundred dollars in full payment of his claim for indemnification for loss of schooner Alert, whilst in the public service during the war with Mexico.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854. CHAP. CLI. — *An Act for the Relief of Pamela Brown, the widow of Major-General Jacob Brown, late of the United States Army, deceased.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to place the name of Pamela Brown, widow of the late Major-General Jacob Brown, upon the list of pensioners, and to pay her a pension at the rate of fifty dollars per month; said pension to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and continue during her natural life.

Widow Brown to be placed on the pension list at \$50 per month, from January 1, 1838, during her life.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854. CHAP. CLII. — *An Act for the Relief of William Harris, of Georgia.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to settle the claim of William Harris, of Georgia, and pay him for his services in the United States army: *Provided,* The same shall not exceed the pay and emoluments of a sergeant of infantry from the eighteenth of April, eighteen hundred and fourteen, to the twenty-fifth of November, eighteen hundred and sixteen.

William Harris' claim to be settled and paid.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854. CHAP. CLIII. — *An Act for the Relief of James M. Goggin.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to settle and adjust the claims of James M. Goggin, and that in such settlement he be allowed a fair and reasonable salary as Special Mail Agent for the State of California from the first day of December eighteen hundred and fifty, until the sixth of April eighteen hundred and fifty-three, with reasonable allowance for office rent and per diem and the hire of a clerk, and that such sum as may be allowed by the Postmaster-General, be paid to said Goggin out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

James M. Goggin's claim as special mail agent, to be settled and paid.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 27, 1854. CHAP. CLIV. — *An Act confirming a certain Land Claim in Louisiana known as the Fleuriau Claim.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the heirs, assigns, and legal representatives of Charles J. B. Fleuriau, or Floriau, be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their claim to a tract of land described in a petition or request addressed by Joseph Villars Dubreuil to the Governor and Commissary of Marine of the Province of Louisiana, on the first day of June, seventeen hundred and sixty-three, as the same was surveyed by A. F. Righter, a deputy-surveyor, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and certified by H. T. Williams, Surveyor-General of the State of Louisiana, on the fourteenth of December, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and for the full extent of the land embraced in said sur-

The claim of the heirs, &c., of Charles J. B. Fleuriau to a certain tract of land confirmed.

veys; and that a patent shall issue therefor: *Provided*, That this act shall be held and taken only as a relinquishment on the part of the United States. Patent to issue. Proviso.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CLV.—*An Act for the Relief of James Edwards and others.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to ascertain, by the best evidence which the nature of the case will admit of, the value of the houses and other property of James Edwards, of the late Edward M. Wanton, and of the late Nehemiah Brush, destroyed at Micanopy, Florida, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, by order of Lieutenant-Colonel B. K. Pierce, the commanding officer of that post, to prevent them from falling into the hands of the enemy, and that the amount so ascertained be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, The amounts so to be paid shall not exceed two thousand four hundred and eighty-two dollars and thirty-two cents, in the case of James Edwards; one thousand eight hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents in the case of the late Edward M. Wanton, or eight hundred dollars in the case of the late Nehemiah Brush. The value of the property of James Edwards, Edward M. Wanton, and Nehemiah Brush, destroyed in 1836, to be provided and paid. Proviso.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CLVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Sylvester T. Jerauld, Assignee of the interest of Henry Richard.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the location numbered one hundred and eighteen, containing four hundred acres, in township one south, of range ten west of the second meridian, Indiana, which has been made in favor of Nathaniel Ewing as assignee of the claim number fourteen hundred and ninety-nine, entered in favor of the heirs of H. Richard in the report dated thirty-first December, eighteen hundred and nine, of the commissioners at Kaskaskia, Illinois, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed, and the President of the United States is hereby authorized, upon the production to the General Land-Office of a patent certificate from the register at Vincennes, Indiana, for said claim, to cause a patent to be issued therefor to the said Sylvester T. Jerauld as assignee of the interest of the original claimant: *Provided*, That this act, and the patent which may be granted in pursuance of the same, shall only operate as a relinquishment on the part of the United States and shall in no way prejudice any valid adverse right if such exist, to the said land. The location of certain lands in Indiana confirmed to Sylvester T. Jerauld, assignee of H. Richard. When patent to issue. Proviso.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of James Wormsley.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of James Wormsley on the roll of revolutionary pensioners, and pay him the sum of ninety-six dollars per annum from the fourth of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, and during his natural life. James Wormsley to be placed on pension roll at \$96 yearly, from July 4, 1848, for his life.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CLVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Samuel H. Hempstead.* July 27, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of eighteen hun-

Samuel H. Hempstead to be paid \$1,800 for extra services.

dred dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay Samuel H. Hempstead, for extra services rendered by him in defending the title of the United States to certain lands situated in the State of Arkansas.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

July 29, 1854. CHAP. CLX. — *An Act for the Relief of John S. Jones and William H. Russell, surviving partners of the firm of Brown, Russell, and Company.*

The claims of J. S. Jones and W. H. Russell for transportation of military stores, to be settled and allowed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War cause to be settled and adjusted the claims for losses of oxen and wagons sustained by the above-named John S. Jones and William H. Russell, surviving partners of Brown, Russell, and Company, in the transportation of military stores from Fort Leavenworth to Santa Fe, subsequent to the arrival of the trains containing said stores at the place called San Jose or Big Canon; and also the amounts paid by, or on account of, said persons for forage for the cattle used in said transportation, and for the hire of extra men and teams for the purpose of said transportation, subsequent to the time aforesaid; and that he allow so much of the same as may be satisfactorily proven: *Provided*, the whole amount allowed do not exceed thirty-eight thousand eight hundred dollars. *And provided further*, That, in making the proof of the amount paid out by them, or on their account, for forage for the cattle and for extra men and teams used in the transportation aforesaid, it shall be sufficient for the parties aforesaid to make satisfactory proof of the aggregate amount so paid and expended. And that the said Secretary be authorized to examine the claims of said persons for services rendered in said transportation, and to allow such sum, not exceeding the pay and emoluments of assistant quartermasters, for the time necessarily employed in said business, not exceeding six months; and that the account so allowed be paid to said persons, or their legal representatives, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

APPROVED, July 29, 1854.

July 29, 1854. CHAP. CLXI. — *An Act for the Relief of the Pine Grove Academy, in Louisiana.*

Said academy's title to certain lands in Louisiana, confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the president, directors, and trustees, of the Pine Grove Academy, in the Parish of Caldwell, Louisiana, be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their title to the lot of forty acres of land on which said academy is situated, near Columbia, donated to them by Hyams, Chew, and McCoy, claiming under the Maison Rouge Grant, in eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, as more particularly described in the act of donation; and that the said president, directors, and trustees, be also, and they are hereby, confirmed in their title to a certain tract or parcel of land, situated in said Parish of Caldwell, with about one mile front on the west bank of the Ouachita River, and running west between five and six miles, and known as lot number twenty-three, in the plat number one, of the Maison Rouge Grant, surveyed by John Dinsmore, a deputy-surveyor of the United States, containing about four thousand acres, donated to them by Daniel W. Coxe, one of the claimants of said grant, in eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, and that patents be issued to them for said lands, after a legal survey, under the instructions of the Surveyor-General of Louisiana: *Provided*, That this act shall amount only to a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and that it shall not be construed to interfere in any manner with the rights of settlers on said lands at the date of this act.

When patent to be issued. Proviso.

APPROVED, July 29, 1854.

CHAP. CLXII.—*An Act for the Compensation of James W. Low, and others, for the capture of the British private armed Schooner Ann, during the late War with Great Britain.* July 29, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to James W. Low, William Driskill, Southerland, and Stenchen, or to such persons as may be legally authorized to receive the same, as heirs or legal representatives, the sum of two thousand five hundred and seventy dollars and thirty cents, that being the amount paid into the treasury of the United States and placed to the account of fines, penalties, and forfeitures, in consequence of a suit, entitled the United States vs. the schooner Ann and cargo, in the District Court of Maine, December, eighteen hundred and fourteen, the said schooner having been risen upon and captured, by the aforesaid named persons, from the British, and delivered to the proper authorities of the United States, in the State of Maine, to be paid to the said James W. Low and his associates aforesaid, their heirs or assigns, in the following proportions, to wit: to the said James W. Low, for having planned the enterprize and directed the capture of the vessel, as first officer of the prize, eight parts; to William Driskill, as second or assistant officer, four parts; and to Southerland and Stenchen, as seamen or sailors, two parts each.

\$2,570.30 to be paid to J. W. Low, Wm. Driskill, Southerland and Stenchen, or to their heirs or representatives.

Each one's proportion.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, immediately after the passage of this act, to give public notice thereof by advertisement for three months, in such newspapers as he shall think will be most likely to give proper information to the persons so entitled, to apply for their respective shares; and if, after the expiration of six months from the passage of this act, any of the said claimants, or their heirs, or legal representatives, shall not have applied for their respective proportions of the sum hereby appropriated, the same shall be paid to such as shall have applied within that period, *pro rata*, according to their relative proportions as aforesaid, or to their heirs or assigns respectively: *Provided*, That any one or more of said claimants may apply for their own proportions in the first instance, at any time after the passage of this act.

Public notice of this act to be given in the newspapers for three months.

Time within which claims must be presented.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 29, 1854.

CHAP. CLXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Purser T. P. McBlair.*

July 29, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed, in adjusting the accounts of Purser T. P. McBlair, to allow him the several sums paid by him as purser of the United States steamer Princeton, to William Taylor, acting boatswain, to John Coale, acting carpenter, and to Armstrong Flomerfelt, acting sailmaker, who were employed on said steamer by the commanding officer thereof by authority from the Secretary of the Navy, and which said sums were disallowed by the accounting officers of the treasury, for the reason that the said persons to whom the payments were made were not included in the number permitted by law, of officers of the grades to which they were respectively appointed.

McBlair to be allowed certain sums paid by him as purser of the U. S. steamer Princeton.

APPROVED, July 29, 1854.

CHAP. CLXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of John Frazer and the Administrator of the Estate of John G. Clendenin, deceased.*

July 29, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer of the treasury pay to John Frazer and the administrator of

The amount together with the interest ex-

pended by said Frazer and Clendenin in purchasing and defending the title to certain lands in Indiana to be allowed.

Proviso.

Further proviso.
The sum allowed.

of the estate of John G. Clendenin the amount expended by said Frazer and Clendenin, or either of them, in the purchase of the west half of the north-west quarter of section thirteen, township two north, of range three west, in the State of Indiana, together with interest thereon; and also the amount paid by said Frazer and Clendenin, or either of them, in defending their title to said land, with interest thereon: *Provided, however,* That before payment be made under the provisions of this act, said accounting officer of the treasury shall be satisfied by proof as to the amount expended by said Frazer and Clendenin in purchasing said tract of land and prosecuting their title thereto: *And provided further,* That, in estimating the amount paid by said parties for the purchase of said land, no more shall be allowed than the United States received therefor, with interest thereon; and, in estimating the amount expended by them in defending their title to the land, the sum allowed shall not exceed seventy-five dollars.

APPROVED, July 29, 1854.

July 29, 1854.

CHAP. CLXV. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to pay John Charles Fremont for beef furnished the California Indians.*

John C. Fremont to be paid \$183,825 with interest at 10 per cent, from June 1, 1851.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury shall pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and twenty-five dollars, with interest thereon from the first day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, at the rate of ten per centum per annum, to John Charles Fremont, in full of his account for beef delivered to Commissioner Barbour for the use of the Indians in California in eighteen hundred and fifty one and eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

APPROVED, July 29, 1854.

July 29, 1854.

CHAP. CLXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Captain Lewis E. Simonds.*

Lewis E. Simonds to be paid \$800.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and required to pay [to] Captain Lewis E. Simonds, of the United States Navy, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eight hundred dollars, it being for his expenses incurred in defending himself against two suits brought against him for arresting and detaining the brig Casket, on the coast of Africa, on charge of being engaged in the slave trade, in eighteen hundred and forty-six, the said Simonds being then in command of the United States armed vessel called the Marion, and acting in the line of his duty.

APPROVED, July 29, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Asa Andrews.*

The accounts of Asa Andrews to be settled and paid.

Amount to be paid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to settle and adjust the accounts of Asa Andrews, late Collector of Customs for the District of Ipswich, in the State of Massachusetts, for office rent and expenses, including clerk hire, and for the services of a deputy, during the time he performed the duties of said office, and that the amount found due, not exceeding the sum of one thousand nine hundred and eighty-three dollars and eighty cents, be paid to said Asa Andrews, or his legal representatives, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Dr. S. R. Addison, passed Assistant Surgeon in the United States Navy.* Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and are hereby, required to allow and pay to Doctor S. R. Addison, passed Assistant Surgeon in the Navy of the United States, the difference of pay between that of his grade and a surgeon, from the fourth of April, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, until the twenty-first of June, eighteen hundred and fifty, being the period during which he served as surgeon on board the United States sloop-of-war Saint Mary's, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXX. — *An Act for the Relief of William Darby.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to William Darby, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, in full compensation for his labor and materials furnished in surveying and making a Map of the Territory of Louisiana, in the years eighteen hundred and twelve and eighteen hundred and thirteen.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

William Darby to be paid \$1,500 for surveying and making map of Louisiana.

CHAP. CLXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of Levi Pierce and Andrew Hodge, Junior.* Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized to settle with and discharge Levi Pierce and Andrew Hodge, jr. sureties on the official bond of William H. Ker, formerly Postmaster at New Orleans, on their paying or securing to pay, to the satisfaction of the Postmaster-General, within one year, the sum of twelve thousand five hundred dollars; and either of said sureties may thus be discharged on his paying, or securing to pay, as aforesaid, one-half of the above sum: *Provided,* The Postmaster-General, and the United States District Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, shall be satisfied that it is for the interest of the United States, that such settlement should be made: *And provided further,* That such settlement with and discharge of one surety shall not be construed to discharge the other.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Levi Pierce and Andrew Hodge, Jr., sureties on the bond of Wm. H. Ker, to be discharged therefrom by paying \$12,500 in one year. Either may be thus discharged.
Proviso.
Proviso.

CHAP. CLXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Jean Baptiste Beaubien.* Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue a patent or patents to Jean Baptiste Beaubien, for the following lots as described and numbered on the survey and plat of the Fort Dearborn addition to Chicago, in the State of Illinois, made under the order of the Secretary of War, and now on file in the War-Office, to wit: lots number one, two, three, four, five, and six, of block number four; all that part of lots numbered eight and nine, block number two, which lies south of the line of excavation, authorized by the act of Congress, approved twenty-first July, eighteen hundred and fifty-two; and all that part of lot number one, block number five, that lies within the following boundaries, to wit: commencing on the western line of said lot number one, block five, at a point ten feet north of the southern line thereof;

Commissioner of General Land-Office to issue patent or patents to said Beaubien for certain lots of land in Illinois.
Lots.

1852, ch. 67.

thence east, parallel with said southern line two hundred and fifty feet to the western boundary of the lands granted by the United States to the Illinois Central Railroad Company; thence north, along said western boundary thirty-four feet to the northern line of said lot number one, block five, thence west along said northern line two hundred and fifty feet to the northwest corner thereof; thence south along the western line thereof thirty-four feet to the place of beginning.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Urban Stoll.*

Urban Stoll, a U. S. pensioner, to be paid a sum equal to \$72 per annum, from July 4, 1845.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to Urban Stoll, now a pensioner of the United States, a sum equal to seventy-two dollars per annum, from the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-five, to the time when his present pension was allowed.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Gaston T. Raoul.*

Gaston T. Raoul authorized to enter, free of cost, 640 acres of land on the lands of the U. S. subject to private sale.

To be in full compensation for certain other land claim.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Gaston T. Raoul be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter, free of cost, six hundred and forty acres of land, according to legal subdivisions, on any of the public lands of the United States, subject to entry at private sale; which said six hundred and forty acres of land, when so entered, shall be in full compensation for claim number four hundred and fifty-six of the report of James O. Cosby, dated June seven, eighteen hundred and thirteen, and for which a certificate of confirmation, number one hundred and sixty-eight, was issued on the twenty-fourth of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, by the Register and Receiver of the Land-Office, for the John Core claim, for his son, a minor, in the parish of Livingston, State of Louisiana.

When patent to be issued.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, upon the receipt of the certificates of entry from the proper land-office, the Commissioner of the General Land-Office shall cause a patent to be issued therefor to the said Gaston T. Raoul.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of A. G. Penn.*

A. G. Penn authorized to enter, by way of pre-emption, a certain quarter of land upon paying \$1.25 per acre.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That A. G. Penn, of the parish of St. Tamany, Louisiana, be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter, by way of pre-emption, the southwest quarter of section twenty-three, township six south, of range ten east, in the Greensburg Land District, State of Louisiana, upon his paying therefor, to the proper officer of the land-office, the sum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *Provided, however,* That this act shall not be so construed as to interfere with any adverse claim to the land hereby authorized to be purchased, if any such there be.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXVI. — *An Act for the Settlement of the Claims of W. P. Buckner and Pierce Crosby, Passed Midshipmen in the United States Navy.*

W. P. Buckner and P. Crosby

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the

Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to adjust and settle the claims of W. P. Buckner, passed midshipman, and Pierce Crosby, passed midshipman and acting master in the United States Navy, for a share of the proceeds of the sale of the schooner Oregon and cargo, seized and confiscated in the month of April, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, under the President's regulations of the first of March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, at the port of Tampico, during the war with Mexico, and to pay the said claims, out of any moneys in the treasury arising from military contributions collected in Mexico in pursuance of the regulations of the President before referred to: *Provided*, That before any money is paid in these cases, any claim submitted by the owners of the vessels beforementioned, for the remission of the penalty and the payment of the proceeds under the confiscation, shall first be duly examined and decided by the Secretary of the Treasury, under the direction of the President of the United States.

by's claims to a part of proceeds of sale of schooner Oregon and cargo to be settled and paid.

What fund to be paid from. *Proviso.*

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of William G. Smith.*

Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred dollars to William G. Smith, for recapturing a vessel in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, together with a midshipman and four seamen of the British Navy; which prisoners were delivered to Commodore Perry, at Newport, Rhode Island.

\$500 to be paid to William G. Smith for recapturing a war vessel, &c., in 1812.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Major Caleb Swan, deceased.*

Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to pay to the legal representatives of Major Caleb Swan, deceased, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount of his compensation as paymaster of the army, from the first day of July to the thirty-first day of December, (inclusive,) eighteen hundred and eight, and a commission of one per centum on the amount of bills of exchange negotiated by him under directions of the War Department, for the purpose of raising money for the use of the army.

Representatives of Major C. Swan to be paid certain sums of money.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Henry La Reintrie.*

Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Henry La Reintrie, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred and ninety-three dollars, which shall be in full satisfaction and discharge of said La Reintrie's claim for services rendered to the United States Legation near the Government of Chili, and as bearer of despatches from that legation to Washington.

\$593 to be paid to Henry La Reintrie, for certain services.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXX. — *An Act to provide Compensation for the Services of George Morell, in adjusting Titles to Land in Michigan.*

Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the

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Widow G. Morell, Wm. Wood-

bridge, and H. Chipman, to be paid for services in settling certain land claims, while said G. Morell, &c. were judges.

1806, ch. 43.

1830, ch. 151.

Amount of said payment, and duration thereof.

Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Maria Morell, widow of George Morell, and to William Woodbridge and Henry Chipman, late judges of the United States for the Territory of Michigan, for the services of the said judges in ascertaining, adjusting, and settling claims to land, and performing other duties in conformity with the act entitled "An act to provide for the adjustment of titles of land in the town of Detroit and Territory of Michigan, and for other purposes," approved the twenty-first of April, eighteen hundred and six, and with "An act relative to the plan of Detroit, in Michigan Territory," approved the twenty-eighth of May, eighteen hundred and thirty, at the rate of five hundred dollars per annum, from the time of their several appointments as judges of the United States for said Territory, to the twenty-fourth day of September, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of Captain Charles G. Merchant.*

The account of C. G. Merchant to be settled so as to relieve him of the effect of the loss of his return for the second quarter of 1849.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Government be, and are hereby, directed to settle the accounts of Charles G. Merchant, Brevet Captain of the United States Army, for the second quarter of eighteen hundred and forty-nine, on just and equitable principles, without reference to the usual forms, so as to relieve the said Charles G. Merchant of the effect of the loss of his quarterly returns for said quarter: *Provided,* That the amount to be allowed to the said Charles G. Merchant, in such settlement, shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and fifteen dollars and sixty-nine cents.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Sylvester Pettibone*

The property of S. Pettibone released from two judgments obtained by the U. S. against him.

Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Sylvester Pettibone, of Wisconsin, and his real and personal property, be and they are hereby released and relieved from two judgments in favor of the United States, obtained against him, the said Pettibone, in the District Court of the United States, for the District of Wisconsin, and from all liens and incumbrances created by said judgment: *Provided* That the costs of the suit in which said judgment was rendered shall first be paid by said Pettibone.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Phineas M. Nightingale Administrator of the Estate of General Nathaniel Greene, deceased.*

P. M. Nightingale, ad'r, to be paid \$3,005.53, with interest on same from July 6, 1794, till paid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Phineas M. Nightingale, administrator of the estate of General Nathaniel Greene, deceased, eight thousand and five dollars and fifty-three cents, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum from the sixth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-four, until paid; the same being in liquidation of a balance due to the estate of said Nathaniel Greene for becoming security for Banks & Co., army contractors in the Revolution. The said sum to be paid out of any money in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Representatives of Colonel Alexander G. Morgan.*

Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to settle the claims of Alexander G. Morgan, of Missouri, for services in raising troops for the Florida service, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and also for military services in Florida: *Provided,* That the pay and allowances to him shall not exceed the compensation of a captain of cavalry, from the eleventh of September, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, to the eighteenth of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and that so much as shall be found due to him, as if regularly commissioned in that grade, shall be, and the same is hereby directed to be paid to him out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Certain claims of A. G. Morgan, of Missouri, to be settled and paid.

Proviso.

Amount to be paid.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of William Brown.*

Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, instructed to place the name of William Brown, alias Billy Brown, a colored man, now a resident of Portland, in the State of Maine, on the pension roll, and pay to him a pension of ninety-six dollars per annum, commencing on the thirtieth day of May, eighteen hundred and forty-four, and continuing during his natural life.

William Brown to be placed on the pension roll at \$96 per annum, from May 30, 1844, for his life.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

CHAP. CLXXXVI. — *An Act to authorize the Payment of Invalid Pensions to the Heirs of Lieutenant Robert White, and others.*

Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be required to pay to the invalid pensioners, officers of the army of the Revolution, hereinafter named, or if dead, to their widows, and if the widows be dead, to the children of said officers, the amount of their several invalid pensions which was deducted or withheld from said officers under the provisions of the act entitled "An act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the Revolution," approved the fifteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, namely: to Lieutenant Robert White the amount of his invalid pension from the third day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to the ninth day of February, eighteen hundred and thirty-one; to Captain John Crute the amount of his invalid pension from the third day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to the thirty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and thirty; to Surgeon's Mate, Mordecai Hale, from the third day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to the ninth day of December, eighteen hundred and thirty-two; to Lieutenant William Wallace, from the third day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; to Lieutenant Philip Stuart, from the third day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to the fourteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and thirty; to General William Barton, from the third day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to the twenty-second day of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-one; to Ensign Clement Sewall, from the third day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to the seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine; to Lieutenant James Glentworth, from the third day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, to the thirty-first day of May, eighteen hundred and thirty.

Robert White and others, or their representatives, to be paid invalid pensions for certain time.

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Robert White.

Capt. Crute.

Mordecai Hale.

Lieut. Wm. Wallace.

Philip Stuart.

Gen. Wm. Barton.

Clement Sewall.

James Glentworth.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

Aug. 2, 1854. CHAP. CLXXXVII.—*An Act for the Purchase of the Copyright of a Work published by Thomas H. Sumner, wherein he describes his New Method of ascertaining a ship's position at Sea.*

\$10,000 to be paid to Thomas H. Sumner, upon the transfer of the copyright of said work to the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in consideration of the transfer to the United States of the copyright of a work wherein Thomas H. Sumner fully describes his new method of ascertaining a ship's position at sea, when a meridian observation of the sun cannot be obtained, there be paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the said Thomas H. Sumner, or his lawful agent or attorney, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

When said book may be published as if no copyright had existed.

SEC. 2. *And* *be it further enacted,* That after the said transfer shall be made, and the said sum paid, the said copyright shall be deemed extinct, and said book may thereafter be published as if no such right had existed.

APPROVED, August 2, 1854.

Aug. 2, 1854. CHAP. CXC.—*An Act to Relinquish the Reversionary Interest of the United States to a certain Reservation therein mentioned, and to confirm the title of Charles G. Gunter thereto.*

All the right, &c. which might accrue or revert to the U. S. to certain lands are relinquished to C. G. Gunter, his heirs and assigns.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the right, title, and interest which might accrue or revert to the United States to a certain fraction or [of] section number nineteen of township number sixteen and range number sixteen, including an island in the Alabama River, commonly called Manac's Island, a little below the mouth of Catoma Creek, and being the reservation to which Samuel Manac, a Creek Indian, became entitled under the Treaty of Fort Jackson, be, and the same are hereby relinquished to Charles G. Gunter, his heirs and assigns, and a patent shall be issued to the said Charles G. Gunter, his heirs or assigns, for the same, upon the payment to the receiver of the land office at Cahaba, in the State of Alabama, of the minimum price per acre of the public lands now subject to entry in said State.

When patent to be issued.

APPROVED, August 2, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854. CHAP. CXCIV.—*An Act authorizing the Extension of the Alexandria and Washington Railroad into the District of Columbia, and conferring certain Privileges on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company.*

Extension into the District of Columbia authorized.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company, incorporated by the legislature of Virginia, on the twenty-seventh of February, eighteen hundred and fifty four, to construct a railroad from Alexandria, in the State of Virginia, to the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, be, and are hereby, authorized to extend their road from any point on the Virginia side of the Potomac River to which said road may be constructed, at or above the aqueduct of the Alexandria Canal, into the District of Columbia, connecting with the Baltimore and Washington Railroad depot by the most convenient and practicable route or routes, passing through and along such streets or avenues, except the Pennsylvania Avenue of Washington and Georgetown, as the corporate authorities thereof may respectively approve, subject to certain provisions hereinafter expressed.

Bridge across the Potomac.

SECTION 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company are hereby authorized to construct a bridge over the Potomac River, on, or above, or west of the aqueduct of the Alexandria Canal Company: *Provided,* said bridge shall only be built on or over the piers of the aqueduct, with the consent of the Alexandria Canal Company: *And provided further,* in constructing said bridge, and

crossing the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal, said bridge and railroad shall be so constructed as not to injure or obstruct the use or navigation of the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal: *And provided further*, That this act shall not prevent Congress from giving like privileges to any other railroad company or any other person.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company are hereby authorized to establish depots in the cities of Washington and Georgetown at such points as the corporate authorities thereof may respectively approve, and to lay a railroad track or tracks to such point or points within said cities, and through and along such streets and avenues, except the Pennsylvania Avenue, of said cities, as may be respectively approved of by the corporate authorities of said cities, and to make all necessary turnouts; the said railroad company being subject to such terms, conditions, restrictions, and taxation, and to such rules and regulations, relative to the construction, repairs, and working of their road, within the cities of Washington and Georgetown, as the corporate authorities of said cities may from time to time respectively prescribe, so far as it may lay within their respective limits: *Provided*, no higher rate of taxation shall be imposed upon said railroad company than is prescribed by the respective charters of said cities; and said railroad company shall keep an office within the city of Washington or Georgetown, and shall have power to sue and be sued, to make contracts, and to purchase and hold lands so far as may be necessary for carrying on the operations of the company, and the service of process on the president or any director of said company, or on the chief clerk in attendance at the office of the company, shall entitle any party complaining to proceed against said company as authorized under the laws of the District of Columbia to proceed against chartered companies within its limits.

Construction and location of depots and branches in Washington and Georgetown.

Taxation.

Office to be kept in Washington or Georgetown.

Process.

Powers.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company be, and it is hereby authorized to construct and extend the Washington branch of said road, according to such route as may be most convenient, through the said District to some point on the Potomac River, opposite to or near the city of Alexandria, in Virginia, for the purpose of forming a connection with the said river and the lines of railroads running south, subject to the provisions of its present charter; and the said company are hereby authorized to locate, construct, and operate the said extension, hereby authorized, through such parts of the city of Washington, or public reservations, as the corporate authorities thereof, or the President of the United States, respectively, may consent to; and also to build a bridge or bridges over the Eastern branch of the Potomac River, at some point above the navy-yard: *Provided, however*, That the same shall not obstruct the navigation thereof. And said company shall have power to locate and establish depots, and erect the necessary buildings thereon, and also to erect such wharves or piers into said river as may be necessary, provided the same shall not obstruct the navigation thereof: *Provided, further*, That the said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company be subject to the same conditions and restrictions in extending their road through any parts of the city of Washington, as are prescribed for the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company: *Provided, however*, That this section shall remain suspended for two years, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and if at the end of that time, the Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company shall not have completed a railroad to Alexandria, and have the same in good running order, in pursuance of the requirements of the preceding sections of this bill, then the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall have the privilege of extending their road by either of the routes authorized by this act: *And provided further*, That if said Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company shall not have executed so much of the provisions of this act

Extension of Washington branch of the Baltimore and Ohio R. R.

Provisos.

as relates to their company by the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, then this act shall be void.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854. CHAP. CCIII.— *An Act to Incorporate the National Hotel Company of Washington City.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That George H. Calvert, Charles B. Calvert, Roger C. Weightman, Philip Otterback, John Withers, Richard H. Stuart, and Joseph Bryan, and those who may hereafter become members of the company hereinafter mentioned, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, created and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the National Hotel Company of Washington City; and, by the name aforesaid, to have perpetual succession, with power to sue and be sued, and to make and use a common seal, and to make and repeal rules and by-laws for the good government of said company; and also to hold, use, and enjoy, in fee simple, or for any lesser estate, the lots and parcels of ground and premises, situated in the city of Washington, being lots 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, and parts of lots 7, and 14, in square 491, on the plat of said city, upon which are now erected the house or buildings and appurtenances known and denominated as the National Hotel; and also any additional lots or parts of lots, adjoining the said property, which may be hereafter acquired by said company, and also the improvements, fixtures, conveniences, and advantages erected on said lots or parcels of ground appurtenant thereto.

Capital. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the capital stock of said company shall be five hundred thousand dollars, to be divided into five thousand shares of one hundred dollars each, and shall be distributed among the parties interested in the said lots of ground and premises, in such manner as shall be agreed upon between them; and every person, copartnership, or corporation, who is or shall be a proprietor of one or more shares, shall, by virtue thereof be a member of said corporation, and shall be entitled, at all meetings of the stockholders for the election of officers, or for any other purpose, to one vote, in person or by proxy, for every share of the stock so held.

Elections.

Officers. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the affairs of the said company shall be conducted by a president and six directors, to be elected by the stockholders present, or a majority in amount thereof, on the first Monday of November in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and on the first Monday of November in each succeeding year, or within thirty days thereafter, and shall continue in office for one year and until successors are chosen; and that the election in November next shall be held by the persons named in the first section of this act, or a majority of them, and every subsequent election shall be held by the president and directors of said company.

Powers and duties of directors. SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the said president and directors shall have power to fill all vacancies which shall occur in their own body during their continuance in office, and to prescribe the evidence of ownership and mode of transfer of shares of stock in said company; and they shall keep full records of their proceedings, which shall be open to the inspection of the stockholders at all times, and shall report at least annually, a statement of their affairs to the stockholders, and shall declare dividends of the profits on any part thereof, at their discretion, and generally may exercise all the power and privileges of the corporation necessary or proper to promote the objects thereof.

Shares to be personal estate. Meetings of stockholders. SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the shares of the capital stock of said company shall be deemed personal estate, and that special meetings of the stockholders may be called by the president and directors, or

by any number, not less than one third in amount of shares of the stockholders, at which meeting members present, and representing a majority of the whole capital stock, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business: and the stockholders at such meetings, or at any general annual meeting, where such majority of stock is represented, shall have full power to alter or repeal any by-law or regulation made by the president and directors, and may make new rules and by-laws, which shall be binding on the said president and directors: *Provided*, That the same be not contrary to the provisions of this act.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to exempt the property of said corporation from such taxation as similar property, belonging to any other individual or corporation, is subject to. Taxation.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize the said company to exercise banking privileges, or to issue any note in the form of a bank note, or certificate payable to bearer. Banking forbidden.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the stockholders in the said National Hotel Company of Washington City shall be held liable in his or her individual capacity for all the debts and liabilities of the said company, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit as other debts or liabilities, before the court or tribunal having jurisdiction of the case. Stockholders liable for the debts.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That it may be lawful for Congress hereafter to alter, amend, change, or repeal the foregoing act. This act subject to repeal, &c.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCV.—*An Act for the Relief of William J. McElhiney, E. P. Matthews, and Lawrence Cribben.* Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That William J. McElhiney, E. P. Matthews, and Lawrence Cribben, shall be, and they are hereby, respectively authorized to enter the portions of the southeast fractional quarter of fractional section ten, and the southwest fractional quarter of fractional section eleven, west of the St. Charles Commons, in township forty-six north, of range four east, in the district of lands subject to sale at St. Louis, Missouri, now in possession of each of them, upon producing proof to the satisfaction of the land officers for said district, of the extent of their possessions, respectively, in said fractional sections, and paying therefor the minimum price of the public lands; and, upon such proof and payment being made, certificates and patents shall be issued therefor, as in other cases of the sale of public lands. Wm. J. McElhiney, E. P. Matthews, and L. Cribben, are severally authorized to enter certain lands now in their possession, upon certain conditions.

APPROVED, Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Helen Mackay, Widow of the late Colonel Æneas Mackay, Deputy Quartermaster-General United States Army.* Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of six thousand five hundred and thirty-seven dollars and nine cents be paid to Mrs. Helen Mackay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same being allowance of commissions for disbursements of special appropriations by her late husband, Colonel Æneas Mackay, prior to the thirtieth September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight. \$6,537.09 to be paid to widow Mackay as commissions for disbursements made by her husband before Sept. 30, 1838.

APPROVED, Aug. 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Sylvanus Culver.*

A warrant for 120 acres of land to be issued to S. Culver in lieu of one for 100 acres issued to Samuel Pearson.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a land warrant for one hundred and twenty acres shall be issued to Sylvanus Culver, the only surviving heir of John Pearson, deceased, in lieu of a land warrant for one hundred acres, issued on the nineteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and six, to Samuel Pearson, in trust for himself and the other heirs of John Pearson, deceased, who was a private in the New York continental line, and which warrant has been lost or destroyed.

APPROVED, Aug. 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Daniel Steenrod.*

The petition, &c., of D. Steenrod referred to the Secretary of War, who is to ascertain and pay the sum found to be due thereon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the petition of Daniel Steenrod, with the accompanying documents and depositions, be referred to the Secretary of War, who is hereby authorized to ascertain what is justly and equitably due the said petitioner thereon, and to pay such sum as may be found due, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, Aug. 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Jonas P. Levy and Jose Maria Jarrero.*

The rejected claims of J. P. Levy and J. M. Jarrero, for indemnity against Mexico, to be examined and settled, and the amounts found due to be paid them.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to examine, adjust, and settle the claims of Jonas P. Levy and Jose Maria Jarrero, for indemnity against the Government of Mexico, and which claims were presented to the late Board of Commissioners on the claims against Mexico, and which were rejected by said board of commissioners, and the amounts found to be respectively due to the said Jonas P. Levy and Jose Maria Jarrero, the Secretary of the Treasury is to cause to be paid to them out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, Aug. 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCX.—*An Act for the Relief of W. D. Porter, of the United States Navy.*

The accounts of W. D. Porter, for certain moneys expended by him to be audited by Secretary of Navy and his warrant for sum not exceeding \$2,024.32 to be drawn and paid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the accounts of W. D. Porter, a lieutenant in the navy of the United States, for moneys actually expended by him in defraying the expenses of bringing Amin Bey and suite to the United States in conformity with the request of the Honorable George P. Marsh, the Minister of the United States at Constantinople, to be audited, and to draw his warrant upon the treasury of the United States for any sum not exceeding two thousand and twenty-four dollars and thirty-two cents, which may be found due to the said Porter: which shall be paid from the treasury out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXI.—*An Act for the Relief of John McVea and John F. McKeely, of Louisiana.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon the return to the

land-office at Greensburg, Louisiana, of plats of surveys, duly approved by the surveyor-general, of township three south, of range one west, and township three south, of range one east, it shall and may be lawful for John McVea and John F. McKneely to enter, at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the one thousand acre tract or parcel of land which they have long held in possession and cultivation, and which is represented as covering parts of sections one, two, eleven, and twelve, in township three south, of range one west, and parts of sections six, seven, thirteen, and eighteen, of township three south, of range one east, in the Greensburg Land District, Louisiana: *Provided*, That the entry shall be made of the quantity aforesaid, according to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, and shall embrace the quantity aforesaid and the land actually cultivated and enclosed by them, as near as may be: *And provided, further*, That the entry or entries made under the provisions of this act, shall not be to the prejudice of any valid adverse rights, if any such exist, to any part of the land aforesaid.

John McVea and John F. McKneely, to enter certain land which they have held in possession upon certain conditions.

Proviso.

Further proviso.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Charlotte S. Westcott.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of the said Charlotte S. Westcott upon the pension rolls, and cause to be paid to her the sum of twenty dollars per month, for the term of ten years, commencing on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four: *Provided*, That in case of the marriage or death of the said Charlotte S. Westcott, the pension hereby granted shall be paid to her two children, or the survivor of them.

C. S. Westcott to be placed on the pension roll, at \$20 per month, for ten years, from January 1, 1854.
Proviso.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of William H. Weirick.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to William H. Weirick, late a second lieutenant in company G, of Colonel J. D. Stevenson's regiment of New York Volunteers, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred and seventy-six dollars and twenty-six cents, the amount of mileage from California to New York, and two month's pay, as paid to the other officers and soldiers of said regiment.

\$576.26 to be paid to Wm. H. Weirick for mileage, &c.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of John Frink.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to John Frink, out of any money appropriated for mail transportation, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, the amount of two fines,—one in the third and the other in the fourth quarter of eighteen hundred and thirty-nine,—wrongfully imposed on said Frink, and deducted from his pay, for carrying the mail on route number two thousand eight hundred and eleven, from Joliet to Danville, Illinois, in said year.

\$750 to be paid to John Frink, on account of two fines wrongly imposed on him

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Mary H. Cushing.*

A warrant for so much bounty land as J. W. Cushing would receive, if living, to be issued to his daughter, Mary H.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, authorized and required to issue to Mary H. Cushing, daughter of John Wainright Cushing, deceased, a soldier of the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, a warrant for so much military bounty land as the said John Wainright Cushing would be entitled to receive were he now living.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Rebecca Baggerly, widow of David Baggerly, deceased.*

Widow Baggerly, to be placed on the pension roll under the acts of July 7, 1838, ch. 189, March 3, 1843, ch. 102, June 17, 1844, ch. 102, and July 29, 1848, ch. 120, at \$20 per annum. How paid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and required to place the name of Rebecca Baggerly, of Lincoln county, Tennessee, widow of David Baggerly, deceased, who was a soldier and private of the Maryland line in the war of the Revolution, on the pension roll, under the acts of July seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, March third, eighteen hundred and forty-three, June seventeenth, eighteen hundred and forty-four, and of July twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, at the rate of twenty dollars per annum, the same to be paid, as other pensions have been paid, in pursuance of the provisions of the aforesaid acts.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of George Mattingly*

Commissioner of public buildings to convey to said Mattingly, all the right, &c. of the U. States to square 495 in plat of city of Washington. Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings be, and he hereby is, authorized to convey to George Mattingly and his heirs, all the right, title, interest, and estate of the United States of America in and to square numbered four hundred and ninety-five on the plat of the city of Washington: *Provided,* The said Mattingly, or his heirs, shall first produce to the said Commissioner of Public Buildings a certificate of the Secretary of the Treasury that he has paid to him, for the United States, the sum of three hundred and eighty-seven dollars and eleven cents, with interest thereon from the twenty-sixth day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-four.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph McMinn.*

Joseph McMinn to be placed on the pension roll, at \$4 per month, from January 1, 1854, for life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be instructed to place the name of Joseph McMinn, upon the pension roll, and to pay him at the rate of four dollars per month during his natural life, commencing the pension from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Jesse R. Faulkner, of Missouri.*

Jesse R. Faulkner, to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854, for life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of the said Jesse R. Faulkner upon the pension rolls, and cause to be paid to him the sum of eight dollars per month for and during the term of his natural life, commencing January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXX.—*An Act for the Relief of Henry N. Halsted.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be directed and required to place the name of Henry N. Halsted, of New York, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and that he be paid a pension at the rate of four dollars per month, from the first day of January eighteen hundred and forty-five, and to continue during his natural life.

Henry N. Halsted placed on pension roll, at \$4 per month, from Jan. 1, 1845, for his life.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of James Walsh.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of James Walsh, of the District of Columbia, upon the roll of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and to continue during his natural life.

James Walsh to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854, for his life.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of James M. Lewis.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of James M. Lewis, late of the State of Tennessee, now of the State of California, on the pension rolls of the United States, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty, and to continue during his natural life.

James M. Lewis to be placed on the pension roll, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1850, for life.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Henry J. Snow, of Rome, in the State of New York.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Henry J. Snow, of Rome, in the State of New York, upon the list of invalid pensions of the United States, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and to continue during his life.

Henry J. Snow to be placed on the pension roll, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854, for life.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXIV.—*An Act to provide a Pension for James K. Welch.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That James K. Welch, of Fulton County, New York, who lost his eye-sight while in the service of the United States, in the line of his duty, be placed upon the pension roll, at eight dollars per month from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty four, to continue during his natural life.

James K. Welch to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854, for life.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXV.—*An Act for the further Relief of Albro Tripp.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Albro Tripp upon the invalid pension roll, at the rate of ten dollars per month, in lieu

Albro Tripp to be placed on pension roll, at \$10 per month, in

stead of \$4 per month, as provided by act of 1852, ch. 28.

of the sum of four dollars per month, to which he is entitled under the law of Congress approved May four, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to commence on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, to continue during his natural life; the sum he has received under said act of May four, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to be deducted therefrom.

Act of 1852, ch. 28, repealed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said act, approved May four, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, entitled "An act for the relief of Albro Tripp," is hereby repealed.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Hammond, of the State of New York.*

Benj. Hammond to be placed on pension roll at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854, for life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place Benjamin Hammond, of the State of New York, upon the roll of invalid pensions of the United States, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Civil Township of Marion, in the County of Mercer, Ohio.*

Trustees of the township of Marion, Ohio, authorized to select a section in lieu of section sixteen.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the trustees of the civil township of Marion, in the county of Mercer, and State of Ohio, be, and they are hereby, authorized to select, out of the unsold lands of the United States, in said State, one section of land for school purposes, in lieu of section sixteen, to which said township is entitled by acts of Congress; and when the said trustees shall have selected said section of land, they shall notify the Register of the Land-Office of the district in which said lands lie, and the same shall be reserved for sale, and set apart for the use of schools in said township: *Provided*, That said selection and notification be made within twelve months from the passage of this act: *And provided further*, That said selection shall be made of legal subdivisions of the public lands, and in quantities of not less than one hundred and sixty acres.

Title to and disposition of the section so selected.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the title to the said lands, when so selected and set apart, shall vest in the State of Ohio, for the use of common schools in said township, and shall be subject to the same disposition and uses that the sections sixteen in the said State have been made, by the various acts of Congress affecting the same.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

Aug. 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXIX. — *An Act granting the Right of Way over, and Depot Grounds on, the Military Reserve at Fort Gratiot, in the State of Michigan, to the Port Huron and Lake Michigan Railroad Company.*

President authorized to grant to the Port Huron and Lake Michigan R. R. the right of way over the military reserve at Fort Gratiot, on certain conditions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States, be, and he is hereby, authorized to grant to the Port Huron and Lake Michigan Railroad Company the right of way upon lands reserved for military purposes at Fort Gratiot, in the State of Michigan, and also the right to take and use other land belonging to the United States at the same place for necessary depots: *Provided*, That he shall be of opinion that the said grants will not be detrimental to the public interests, and that the company pay, into the treasury of the United

States, the appraised value of the premises required for the depots and other necessary buildings, to be determined by such officer or officers of the Engineer Corps, or such other person or persons as the department may designate for that purpose: *And provided further*, That the location and width of the roadway, and the location and boundaries of the depot grounds, and also the conditions on which they are to be possessed and improved, shall be determined under the authority and with the approval of the President: *And provided further*, That if the said railroad and depots shall not be completed within ten years, or if at any time after completion, the use of the said railroad or depots be discontinued or abandoned, the said grant shall cease and determine.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXI. — *An Act to change the name of the American-built brig "Glamorgan," to that of "Wizard."* Aug. 4, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the owner of the brig Glamorgan, of Boston, be, and he hereby is authorized to change her name to that of Wizard; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to issue to her a register under that name, she having been condemned and sold by the United States' authorities for having been employed in the slave trade, and having been purchased since said condemnation by her present owner.

Authority to change the name of the Glamorgan to the Wizard.
Register to issue.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Jacob Baker, of Sandusky City, Ohio.* Aug. 4, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby required to place the name of Jacob Baker, of Sandusky City, Ohio, upon the pension roll, and cause to be paid to him the sum of eight dollars per month, for and during his natural life, commencing June twenty-seven, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Jacob Baker to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from June 27, 1854, for life.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of J. C. Buckles, of Louisville, Kentucky.* Aug. 4, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to J. C. Buckles, of Louisville, Kentucky, out of any moneys appropriated, or that may hereafter be appropriated, for the transportation of the mails, the sum of three thousand and six dollars.

J. C. Buckles, to be paid \$3,006.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Jonathan Pearce.* Aug. 4, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and is hereby, required to place the name of Jonathan Pearce, of Muskingum County, Ohio, upon the pension rolls, and cause to be paid to him the sum of eight dollars per month so long as he shall live, commencing January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

Jonathan Pearce to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1852, for life.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of David C. Cash, and Giles U. Ellis.* Aug. 4, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the

Payment to David C. Cash, and Giles U. Ellis.

Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to David C. Cash, late lieutenant, and Giles U. Ellis, private in the Seminole war in Florida, whatever may be due them on the muster rolls, for military services in said war.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

Aug. 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas C. Green.*

Preamble.

Whereas, it satisfactorily appears that a bounty-land patent was issued on the twenty-ninth of November, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, on militia land warrant number nine thousand nine hundred and forty-two, to Charles Mullin, for the southwest quarter of section thirty-six in township eleven north, of range three west, in the military tract, Illinois; and on the twenty-second of July, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, a patent for the same tract was issued in error to the heirs of Benjamin Knapp, on warrant number eight thousand nine hundred and thirteen, Knapp's warrant having been located on the southeast quarter of said section, and said quarter-section so located conveyed to one Thomas C. Green by said Knapp's heirs: Therefore—

Patent for land to issue to Thos. C. Green.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office be, and he is hereby required to issue a patent to Thomas C. Green for the southeast quarter-section above named; and that said patent recite the fact that the former one was filled out erroneously for the southwest quarter, and has been lost, and therefore a new patent has been issued to the grantee of said Knapp's heirs.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

Aug. 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Patrick Gass.*

Land warrant for 320 acres to issue to Patrick Gass.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper officers of the Government be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to issue to Patrick Gass a warrant for three hundred and twenty acres of land, which warrant may, at the option of the said Gass or his assignee, be located on any public lands of the United States subject to private entry.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

Aug. 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXVIII. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to settle the Accounts of Thomas Jordan, Assistant Quartermaster in the United States Army.*

The accounts of Thomas Jordan to be audited and paid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorized to audit and settle upon the principles of equity and justice the accounts of Thomas Jordan, assistant quartermaster in the United States army, arising out of his disbursements as disbursing officer of the quartermaster department at the city of Vera Cruz, Mexico, from the tenth of August, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, to the first of August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

Aug. 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of John Rice Jones, deceased.*

Representatives of J. R. Jones, authorized to locate

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legal representatives of John Rice Jones, deceased, be, and they are hereby, authorized to locate, in legal divisions and subdivisions, not less than one hundred and

sixty-acres, an area of three thousand four hundred and eighty-five acres, on any of the public lands which shall have been offered at public sale, and may be subject to private entry: *Provided*, That the location under this act shall be taken and held as in full satisfaction of the claims of said Jones, which are entered as numbers twelve hundred and eighty-five and twelve hundred and eighty-six, in the report dated January fourth, eighteen hundred and thirteen, of the Kaskaskia commissioners; and, on a proper return being made to the General Land-Office, from the District Land-Office, of a location in conformity to this act, a patent shall issue: *Provided always*, That no location shall be made upon mineral land or lands reserved for the use of schools, or for military purposes.

3,485 acres of land.
Such location to be in full of claim.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXL.—*An Act for the Relief of Rosalie Caxillo.*

Aug. 4, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, upon the relinquishment by Rosalie Caxillo and her children (being the widow and heirs of Jose Caxillo, late of Mississippi) of their right, title, and interest, in and to a certain quarter-section of land granted by Congress to the said Jose Caxillo, for his relief and indemnity, it shall be the duty of the proper officers of the Government to issue to the said Rosalie a warrant for one quarter-section of land, to be located on any land belonging to the Government, subject to private entry, in the Augusta Land District of Mississippi.

Rosalie Caxillo authorized to surrender a lot of land and take another.

1846, ch. 121.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXLI.—*An Act for the Relief of Ira Call, of Huron County, Ohio.*

Aug. 4, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, directed to place the name of Ira Call, of Huron, Ohio, on the list of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the first day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Ira Call to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from March 1, 1854.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXLIII.—*An Act to Incorporate the Pioneer Manufacturing Company of Georgetown, D. C.*

Aug. 4, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Thomas Wilson, Evan Lyons, Esau Pickrell, and Thomas Brown, their associates, successors, and assigns, be, and they are hereby made and constituted a body corporate and politic, by the name of "The Pioneer Manufacturing Company of Georgetown D. C.," to be established at Georgetown in the District of Columbia, and as such shall have succession, and may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in any court of law or equity, and may have and use a common seal, and the same may change and alter at pleasure, and shall have and may exercise all the powers, rights and privileges which are incident to a corporation, except as restricted by this act, and which are necessary and proper for manufacturing cotton, woollen, or silk goods or fabrics of various descriptions, and vending the same, and for making and constructing all machinery which may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid: and may purchase, have, hold, use, and enjoy such a quantity of land as may be sufficient for prosecuting the business aforesaid, to erect thereon such buildings and improvements as may be necessary for the purposes aforesaid, and to sell and dispose of the same at pleasure.

Corporators.

Name.

Powers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the capital stock or pro-

- Capital stock. perty already contributed by the parties hereby incorporated, and their associates, shall be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each, to be distributed amongst the said parties and their associates, in proportion to their respective interests; and the capital stock of the corporation may be increased from time to time in such manner as the stockholders in general meeting may direct, so that the entire capital stock at any one time shall not exceed two hundred thousand dollars; and the said shares shall be deemed and taken as personal estate, and shall be transferable only on the books of the corporation, and in such manner as may be prescribed by the by-laws thereof; and the owner of one or more such shares shall, in virtue thereof, be entitled at all elections, and in all meetings of the stockholders, to one vote for each and every share which may be owned by him, which said vote may be given in person or by proxy, in such manner as the by-laws may direct.
- Notes.
- Management of business. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the management of the business and concerns of said corporation, subject, nevertheless, to such restraint and qualifications as may be prescribed by the by-laws or other votes of the stockholders adopted in general meeting, shall be vested in a board
- Directors, &c. to consist of a president and six directors, who shall be elected by ballot, and shall be stockholders at the time of their election; and they, or a majority of them, shall be a quorum for the transaction of business: that the first board shall be elected within six months after the passage of this act; and the subsequent elections shall be made annually thereafter, on the first Monday in May, at a general meeting of the stockholders, to be convened for the purpose at such time and place; and after such notice as may be fixed by the by-laws of the corporation, or by the president and directors in conformity therewith; but if an election shall not be made on the day appointed for the purpose, it may be made at any time thereafter; and the president and directors, for the time being, shall hold and exercise their offices until a new election shall be made; and in case of a vacancy in the office of president or director, the remaining members of the board shall choose a president or director, as the case may be, to serve until the next annual election.
- Stockholders' meetings. SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That a general meeting of the stockholders shall be called by the president and directors as often as they may deem expedient, or as the stockholders by their by-laws or other votes may direct, and may likewise be called by any number of stockholders owning not less than one-fourth part of the capital stock; and at least five days notice of the time and place of such meeting shall be given to each stockholder personally, or by advertisement, to be inserted in a newspaper published daily in the City of Washington; and in any meeting of stockholders for the transaction of any business, the owners of the major part of the capital stock present, by person or by proxy, shall form a quorum; and every such meeting shall have full power and authority to provide by ordinary by-laws, or by other vote, for transacting the business of the corporation, which by-laws or vote whilst in force, shall be binding on the president and directors.
- Banking privileges not conferred. Act repealable. SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing herein contained shall be construed to confer banking privileges on the said corporation, or the power of issuing bank notes, or notes in the nature of bank notes, or paper intended to circulate as bank notes or currency: *Provided,* That nothing in this act contained, shall be so construed as to prevent the Congress of the United States from altering or repealing the same whenever the public good requires it. *And provided further,* That the stockholders, individually and collectively, shall be responsible for all the acts done, and obligations incurred by the corporation created by this act.
- Corporators liable for debts.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCXLVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas Bronaugh; and for the repeal of the "Act to aid the Territory of Minnesota in the construction of a Railroad therein," approved the twenty-ninth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.* Aug. 4, 1854.
1854, ch. 72.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to increase the pension of Thomas Bronaugh, who is now on the rolls at four dollars, to the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence January first, eighteen hundred and fifty-four. Pension of Thos. Bronaugh to be increased to \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the bill entitled "An act to aid the Territory of Minnesota in the construction of a railroad therein," which passed the House of Representatives on the twentieth day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and which was approved by the President of the United States on the twenty-ninth day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, be, and the same is hereby, repealed.* Act of 1854, ch. 72, repealed.

APPROVED, August 4, 1854.

CHAP. CCL.—*An Act to provide a Pension for Captain Thomas Porter:*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Captain Thomas Porter, a deputy quartermaster-general in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, be placed upon the roll of invalid pensioners, at twenty dollars per month, commencing on the second day of March, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and thirty-one, deducting from said amount such sum or sums as have heretofore been allowed and paid to him as pension money. Aug. 5, 1854.
Post, p. 869.
Capt. Thos. Porter to be placed on pension roll, at \$20 per month, from March 1, 1831.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLL.—*An Act for the Relief of Julia Aiken.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby instructed to pay to Julia Aiken, the only child of William Yool, who died in the naval service of the United States, in the year eighteen hundred and one, on her sole and separate receipt, and for her sole use and control, the amount of pension she would have been entitled to receive under the provisions of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, if her claim had been allowed while that act was in force. Aug. 5, 1854.
Julia Aikin to be paid equivalent to a pension.
1837, ch. 42.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLLII.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas Ap Catesby Jones, surety for a former Postmaster at Norfolk, Virginia.* Aug. 5, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That a certain judgment rendered, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-two, against Thomas Ap Catesby Jones and Duncan Robertson, as sureties for Walter F. Jones, formerly postmaster at Norfolk, in the State of Virginia, for the sum of four thousand three hundred and eighty-seven dollars and nine cents, it being on account of the defalcation of said postmaster as such, be, and the same is hereby, declared satisfied, in so far as the said sureties, or either of them, are liable thereon. A judgment against Thos. Ap. Catesby Jones and D. Robertson, to be declared satisfied.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted, That the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, heretofore by said Thomas Ap Catesby Jones, through his agent, paid on said judgment, be, and the same is hereby, ordered to be refunded to said Jones out of any moneys in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated.* \$2,500 to be refunded to said Jones.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLIII. — *An Act for the Relief of A. S. Laughery.*

Land warrant
to issue to A. S.
Laughery on
certain proof
being made.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That upon its being made to appear to the Commissioner of Pensions by sufficient proof, to be judged of by him, that the said A. S. Laughery served [served] as a clerk in the Commissary Department of the United States Army in Mexico during the late war with that nation, it shall be the duty of the Commissioner of Pensions to issue to the said A. S. Laughery a land warrant for such an amount of acres (according to the time of the service proven) as he would have been entitled to under existing laws if he had served the same time in the army of the United States in said war.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5 1854.

CHAP. CCLIV. — *An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Charles Pavie.*

Error in land
claim of Charles
Pavie to be cor-
rected.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to correct the error in the description of the claim for land by Charles Pavie (number thirty-seven) in the report of the register and receiver of the land-office at Ouachita, Louisiana, dated July twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and confirmed by the act entitled "An act confirming certain land claims in Louisiana," approved July sixth, eighteen hundred and forty-two, and to have the same located on the south or right side of Red River descending, not exceeding the quantity claimed and confirmed as aforesaid: *Provided,* That this is only to operate as a quitclaim on the part of the United States.

1842, ch. 50.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLV. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Captain Matthew Jack, deceased.*

One year's ex-
tra pay to the
heirs of Matthew
Jack.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay to Samuel Jack, for himself and the other heirs of Matthew Jack, deceased, late a captain in the Pennsylvania line in the continental establishment of the war of the Revolution, one year's extra pay of a captain in such service, as promised by the resolves of Congress, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLVI. — *An Act for the Relief of the Legal Heirs of Benjamin Metoyer.*

Benj. Metoyer
authorized to en-
ter certain land
for heirs of Benj.
Metoyer.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Benjamin Metoyer, of Natchitoches Parish, of Louisiana, be authorized to enter for himself and the other heirs of Benjamin Metoyer, deceased, [as] near as may be by legal subdivisions, one hundred and twenty-three and twelve one hundredths acres of land, out of any public lands belonging to the United States.

Patents to is-
sue for lands
heretofore con-
firmed to them.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioner of the Land-Office be authorized to issue to the said heirs and legal representatives, patents for the lands heretofore confirmed to them or those under whom they claim by acts of Congress.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of James Capen.*

Aug. 5, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to place the name of James Capen on the pension roll, and that the said Capen be entitled to receive the sum of eight dollars per month during his natural life, to commence on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-one.

Post, p. 870.
James Capen to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from March 4, 1851, for life.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Lloyd Dorsey, and others.*

Aug. 5, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Lloyd Dorsey, of the county of St. Charles, and State of Missouri, be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter at the proper land-office in said State, at the minimum price of the public lands, the southeast fractional quarter of section twenty-two, township forty-six, range four east, containing one hundred and forty-two and eighty-nine one hundredth acres; and that he is hereby authorized to enter, for the use and benefit of the heirs of George Pitzer, deceased, the southwest fractional quarter of section twenty-two, township forty-six, range four east, containing one hundred and four acres, and the northeast fractional quarter of section twenty-seven, township forty-six, range four east, containing forty-six acres: *Provided,* That nothing in this act contained shall prejudice the rights of any person or persons having any legal or equitable claim to the lands herein mentioned, any or part thereof.

Lloyd Dorsey authorized to enter certain land.

Proviso.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLIX.—*An Act for the Relief of William Curran.*

Aug. 5, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the assignment, bearing date the twenty-fifth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, from Thomas Myers to William Curran, of bounty land warrant number four hundred and seven, for one hundred and sixty acres of land, dated the seventh day of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and issued to Thomas Myers, private and corporal in Captain Skinner's company, Colonel Mill's regiment New York volunteers, war of eighteen hundred and twelve, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed and declared effectual to transfer the said land warrant to the said William Curran, and to vest in him the title thereto from the date of said assignment; and this act shall be deemed and taken to be good and sufficient evidence of said assignment, having been duly made in all courts and places whatever.

The assignment from Thos. Myers to Wm. Curran, of a bounty land warrant confirmed.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLX.—*An Act for the Relief of Robert F. McGuire and Louisa, his wife, late Louisa Lamy.*

Aug. 5, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Robert F. McGuire, and Louisa McGuire, his wife, late Louisa Lamy, be, and they are hereby, confirmed, in their title to a certain tract of land, in the State of Louisiana, containing four hundred arpents, situate in and being a part of the "Baron de Bastrop Grant," being the same tract to which the said McGuire and wife derived their title from the conveyance of A. Morchous, dated seventeenth April, eighteen hundred and nine: *Provided,* That this act shall be considered only as a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States to the said tract, and not prejudice the rights of third persons.

R. F. and L. McGuire, confirmed in their title to a certain tract of land.

Proviso.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Warren Raymond.*

Warren Raymond placed on pension roll, at \$4 per month, from Jan. 1, 1853, for life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Warren Raymond, of the State of New York, upon the roll of invalid pensioners, at the rate of four dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXII.—*An Act for the Relief of John S. King, of Virginia.*

John S. King, to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1853, for life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of the said John S. King upon the pension roll, and cause to be paid to him the sum of eight dollars per month, for and during his natural life, commencing January first, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Henry Lewis and Moses Petet, of Clinton County, Indiana.*

Henry Lewis and Moses Petet authorized to enter certain land in full for their claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Henry Lewis, of Clinton County, Indiana, and Moses Petet, of Parke County, Indiana, be, and they are hereby, each authorized to enter, free of cost, except the fees to the land officers, forty acres of land, out of any lands subject to private entry, at any land-office in the United States, or the Territories thereof, in full of their respective claims for money paid Charles Tyler, register of the land-office at Crawfordsville, Indiana, in the month of January, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty seven, the amount thereof, being fifty dollars each.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of George McGirk.*

The representatives of McGirk authorized to enter certain lands.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legal representatives of George McGirk be, and they are hereby, authorized to enter, without payment, one hundred and sixty acres of land, in any land-office of the State of Missouri, in lieu of a tract of land claimed by them in said State, viz: the northwest quarter of section one, in township forty-eight, of range seventeen, (west of the fifth principal meridian line, and being survey number two thousand five hundred and forty-four); for which land, so entered by them, the register of the land-office shall issue the necessary certificate, on payment of the fee therefor, on return of which said certificate to the General Land-Office, a patent shall issue in favor of said legal representatives.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

Aug. 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Asa Leach.*

Asa Leach to be placed on pension roll, at \$4 per month, from Aug. 1, 1853, for life.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be instructed to place the name of Asa Leach upon the pension roll, and to pay him at the rate of four dollars per month, commencing August first, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to continue during his life.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana.* Aug. 5, 1854.

1855, ch. 191.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is authorized and directed to place the name of George M. Bentley, of the State of Indiana, upon the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the first day of January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and to continue during his natural life.

George M. Bentley, to be placed on pension roll, at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854, for life.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXXII.—*An Act granting the Right of Way to the Marysville and Benicia Railroad Company through and over the grounds of the United States at Benicia, in California.* Aug. 5, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of way, sixty-six feet in width, shall be and is hereby granted to the Marysville and Benicia Railroad Company for the road of said company through and over the grounds of the United States at and near Benicia, in Solano County, and State of California: *Provided,* That the route of said railroad across said grounds be approved by the Secretary of War before the same is entered upon for the purpose of constructing said railroad: *And provided further,* That the same be granted without detriment to the public interest in the opinion of the Secretary of War.

Right of way granted at Benicia to the Marysville and Benicia R. R.

Proviso.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Inhabitants of Township Forty-five, Range One, in Warren County, Missouri.* Aug. 5, 1854.

Whereas the concession of six hundred arpens of land by C. D. Delassus, the lieutenant-governor of Upper Louisiana, to Andrew Kinaird, and which concession was confirmed by the act of Congress of July fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An act confirming claims to land in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes," was located prior to the surveys of the public lands in Missouri; and whereas, upon the survey of said lands one-half of section sixteen, of township forty-five, of range one west, in Warren county, Missouri, was covered by the concession to said Kinaird: Therefore—

Preamble.

1836, ch. 361.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the board of directors of common schools in and for said township be, and they are hereby, authorized to select and have set apart, for the use of schools in said township, one-half of a section of any of the public lands in the land district within which said county is situated, in lieu of the half of said section sixteen, which is covered by the concession to said Kinaird; and when the said board of directors shall make the selection of said half-section, the [y] shall notify the register of the land-office in said district of the land so selected, and the same shall be reserved from sale and set apart for the use of schools in said township: *Provided,* That said selection and notification be made within twelve months after the passage of this act, and provided said selection shall be according to the legal subdivisions of the public lands, and in quantities not less than eighty acres.

Other lands may be selected in lieu of one half of section 16.

Proviso. When selected; how to be held and used.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, when the half section of land shall have been so as aforesaid selected and reported to the register aforesaid, the same shall vest in the State of Missouri, subject to the same disposition and uses, and shall be held subject to the same conditions and terms in all respects whatsoever, as by the sixth section of the act of Congress of March sixth, eighteen hundred twenty, entitled "An act to

1820, ch. 22.

authorize the people of Missouri Territory to form a constitution and State government, and for the admission of such State into the Union on an equal footing with the original States, and to prohibit slavery in certain Territories," were prescribed or intended in relation to sections numbered sixteen.

APPROVED, August 5, 1854.

July 27, 1854.

CHAP. CCLXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph Campau.*

Patent to be issued to J. Campau for certain land in Michigan.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office cause a patent to be issued to Joseph Campau, for that tract of land lying in township number six north, of range seventeen east, in the State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: sixteen arpens by forty French measure, commencing at a point on the south border of the river Au Delude, about two miles from its confluence with the river St. Clair, and thence up stream, upon said river Delude, sixteen arpens; thence at right angles with the said river Delude, to the distance of forty arpens; thence in rear sixteen arpens; thence to the place of beginning by a line of forty arpens in length.

When to be surveyed.
Patent to issue.
Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if the above description be not sufficiently definite, as to determine the precise boundaries of the said lands, the said commissioner shall cause the said tract of land to be surveyed without delay, and upon the filing of the said survey, together with a plat thereof, in the proper office, the said commissioner shall cause to be issued to the said Joseph Campau a patent for the lands so described in such survey: *Provided,* That this act shall only be construed to be a relinquishment on the part of the United States, and shall not interfere with the rights of third persons.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 2.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Alexander P. Field, late Secretary of Wisconsin Territory, and sureties.* Jan. 24, 1854.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be authorized and directed to settle the accounts of Alexander P. Field, late Secretary of Wisconsin Territory, upon principles of equity and justice: *Provided,* That no credit shall be allowed the said Field in said settlement under this resolution, except such of the follow [ing] items numbering from one to twelve, inclusive, claimed by the said Field, as the said accounting officers may determine in equity and justice should be allowed.

Accounts of Alex. P. Field to be audited.

No credit to be allowed, except on certain items.

Item No. 1. W. W. Wyman, payment on bond not yet surrendered, four hundred and thirty-seven dollars, (\$437.00.)

Item No. 2. C. C. Sholes, payment on his bond not surrendered, one thousand and seventy-five dollars, (\$1,075.00.)

Item No. 3. Over-payment to Josiah A. Noonan for printing, one hundred dollars and forty-one cents, (\$100.41.)

Item No. 4. Over-payment to John Catlin, one hundred and seven dollars, (\$107.00.)

Item No. 5. Geo. I. Coates' bond, wanting Gridley's endorsement, one hundred dollars, (\$100.00.)

Item No. 6. E. Slingerland's bond, wanting J. Kneeland's endorsement, one hundred dollars, (\$100.00.)

Item No. 7. James Sullivan's bond, wanting his own endorsement, thirty-five dollars, (\$35.00.)

Item No. 8. Appropriation of Legislative Assembly, for expenses of journey to Washington, procuring and transporting funds, etc., eight hundred dollars, (\$800.00.)

Item No. 9. Payment to Barlow Shackelford, six dollars and sixty-five cents, (\$6.65.)

Item No. 10. Appropriation of Legislative Assembly, February, eighteen hundred and forty-three, for expense to Washington, procuring and transporting money for expenses of Legislative Assembly, eight hundred dollars, (\$800.00.)

Item No. 11. Appropriation for office rent, stationery, etc., one hundred dollars, (\$100.00.)

Item No. 12. Appropriation for postage, one hundred dollars (\$100.00.) making in all, three thousand seven hundred and sixty-one dollars and six cents, (\$3,761.06.)

APPROVED, January 24, 1854.

[No. 9.] *Joint Resolution for settling the Accounts of A. Boyd Hamilton.*

March 27, 1854.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in place of the parties named for settling the accounts of A. Boyd Hamilton in the seventeenth section of the act entitled "An act making appropriations for the civil

Persons to settle the accounts of A. Boyd Hamilton.

1852, ch. 108. and diplomatic expenses of the Government for the year ending thirtieth June, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and for other purposes," there be substituted the first Comptroller of the Treasury, who is hereby charged with their duties as specified in said act, and that the accounts of said A. Boyd Hamilton be settled as prescribed in said section of said act, and that he be paid any sum that may be found due to him at the Treasury of the United States upon the certificate of said Comptroller.

Payment.

APPROVED, March 27, 1854.

June 29, 1854. [No. 14.] *A Resolution giving the consent of Congress to the acceptance by Lieutenant M. F. Maury, of the Navy, of a Gold Medal from His Majesty the King of Sweden.*

Lieut. M. F. Maury allowed to accept a gold medal from the King of Sweden.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Lieutenant M. F. Maury, of the United States Navy, be, and he is hereby, authorized to accept a gold medal recently presented to him by His Majesty the King of Sweden.

APPROVED, June 29, 1854.

July 17, 1854. [No. 15.] *Joint Resolution to correct a clerical error in the Act approved June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, "to authorize a Register to be issued to the steamer 'El Paraguay,' by a new name."*

Clerical error in act of 1854, ch. 64, corrected.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the word "Joy" where it occurs in the "Act to authorize a register to be issued to the steamer 'El Paraguay' by a new name," approved June twenty-second, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, shall read and be held to mean *Ivy*.*

APPROVED, July 17, 1854.

July 27, 1854. [No. 19.] *A Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico to adjust and pay to Juan C. Armijo, Jose L. Perea, and James L. Collins, the amount by them loaned to the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, under authority of a Joint Resolution of that body, approved the seventeenth of June eighty[eight]hundred and fifty-one.*

Accounts of J. C. Armijo, J. L. Perea, and J. L. Collins, for loan to New Mexico, to be settled and paid.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Territory of New Mexico be authorized to adjust and pay to Juan C. Armijo, Jose L. Perea, and James L. Collins, the amount of a loan, with interest, by them made to the Legislative Assembly of the Territory of New Mexico, negotiated by authority of a joint resolution of that body, approved on the seventeenth of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-one. The payment to be made out of the unexpended fund appropriated by Congress for legislative expenses in said Territory, and in accordance with the agreement made when the loan was negotiated.

APPROVED, July 27, 1854.

Aug. 1, 1854. [No. 20.] *Joint Resolution giving One Hundred and Sixty Acres of Land to Francis M. Gwin, of Indiana.*

Land warrant for 160 acres to issue to Francis M. Gwin.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby directed to issue to Francis M. Gwin, of New Albany, Indiana, a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land, in consideration of his gallant services in serving during the Mexican war whilst he was a minor.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

[No. 21.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of John A. Bryan.*

Aug. 1, 1854.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized and required to receive proof of the number of days that John A. Bryan was engaged in the discharge of the duties of a commissioner, to make and carry into effect a treaty with the Wyandott Indians, being appointed commissioner for the purposes aforesaid, by the Secretary of War, on the nineteenth of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and to pay the said Bryan, at the rate of eight dollars per day whilst so engaged, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, deducting therefrom any amount that said Bryan may have heretofore received for said services.

Account of
John A. Bryan
to be audited
and paid.

APPROVED, August 1, 1854.

[No. 22.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Brevet Captain J. H. Lendrum, United States Army.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be authorized to settle the accounts of Brevet Captain J. H. Lendrum, of the United States Army, and to credit the said Lendrum with the sum of two thousand nine hundred and seventy dollars and fourteen cents, moneys disbursed by said Lendrum out of the moneys of the Quartermasters' fund, and the sum of three thousand five hundred and seventy-five dollars and ninety-six cents, moneys disbursed by said Lendrum out of the moneys belonging to the civil fund of California, the vouchers for which were lost and destroyed by reason of the fire in the city of San Francisco on the fourth of May, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and fifty.

Accounts of J.
H. Lendrum to
be audited, and
he to be allowed
certain credits.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

[No. 23.] *A Joint Resolution directing the Accounting Officers of the Treasury to Adjust the Account of William Woodbury, late Pension Agent at Portland, Maine.*

Aug. 3, 1854.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, directed, in adjusting the account of William Woodbury, late Pension Agent at Portland, Maine, to place to the credit of the said William Woodbury the entire amount paid by him to Mary Hone, the only surviving child and heir of Keziah Hartshorne, deceased, the same having been paid in conformity with the directions of the Commissioner of Pensions, as conveyed upon the face of a certificate of pension issued by said commissioner to said Keziah Hartshorne on the twentieth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine.

Wm. Wood-
bury to be allow-
ed a certain cre-
dit in his ac-
count.

APPROVED, August 3, 1854.

