

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS
OF THE
UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first session, which was begun and holden at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday the third day of December, 1855, and ended Monday the 18th day of August, 1856.

FRANKLIN PIERCE, President. JESSE D. BRIGHT, President of the Senate, *pro tempore*. NATHANIEL P. BANKS, Jun., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAPTER II.—*An Act to authorize the issuing of a Register to the Bark Monmouth.*

Feb. 20, 1856.

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 bark "Monmouth," a Russian vessel, lately called the "St. Harlampy," which vessel was sold to Daniel Draper and Son, of Boston, and Draper and Devlin, of New York, to pay for expenses and repairs incurred on her in the United States: *Provided*, it shall be proved to the satisfaction of said secretary, that the cost of the repairs, put upon said vessel in the United States, constitute three fourths of her present value.

Register to
issue to The St.
Harlampy under
the name of The
Monmouth.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 20, 1856.

CHAP. III.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to change the Name of the French-built Brig "Vigie" to "Minnie."*

Feb. 27, 1856.

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 change the name of the French-built brig Vigie, now owned by John Commins of Charleston, South Carolina, to that of Minnie, and to issue a register in that name: *Provided*, it shall be proved to the satisfaction of said secretary, that the repairs put upon said vessel in the United States shall be equal to three fourths of her cost when so repaired.

Name of The
Vigie changed to
Minnie.

APPROVED, February 27, 1856.

CHAP. V.—*An Act to change the Name of the Brig "Hibernia" to "Victor of the Wave."*

March 5, 1856.

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 to change the name of the American built brig "Hibernia," owned by John Commins, of Charleston, South Carolina, to that of "Victor of the Wave," and to grant her a register in that name.

Name of The
Hibernia
changed to The
Victor of the
Wave.

APPROVED, March 5, 1856.

March 5, 1856. CHAP. VI.—*An Act to authorize the issuing of a Register or Enrolment to the Barque Cabargo.*

Register to
issue to The
Cabargo.

Proviso.

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 or enrolment for the barque Cabargo, formerly a British vessel, but now owned by Thomas Rigney, a citizen of the State of New York, which said vessel having been dismantled on a voyage to New York, was purchased by him, and which he has caused to be repaired and refitted for sea again: *Provided,* it shall be proved, to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury, that the cost of repairing and refitting said vessel in the United States, exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

APPROVED, March 5, 1856.

March 13, 1856. CHAP. VII.—*An Act to admit to Register or Enrolment the Schooner Zadock Pratt.*

Register to
issue to The
Zadock Pratt.

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 issue a register or enrolment to the schooner "Zadock Pratt," now owned by William Peck and James B. Smith, citizens of Buffalo, in the State of New York: *Provided,* it shall be proved, to the satisfaction of said secretary, that two thirds of the cost of the construction of said vessel was put upon her in the United States.

APPROVED, March 13, 1856.

April 1, 1856. CHAP. X.—*An Act for the Relief of the Distributees of Colonel William Linn.*

Payment to
Mrs. E. A. R.
Linn for distrib-
utees of Col.
Wm. Linn, on
her giving a
bond.

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 and required to settle with the distributees of Colonel William Linn, an officer in the revolutionary army, and to allow them five years' full pay as a colonel, which is the commutation of half-pay for life, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. The money to be paid to Mrs. Elizabeth A. R. Linn, upon giving satisfactory security to the said accounting officers, to be by her distributed according to the laws of the State of Missouri: *Provided,* That the sum hereby directed to be paid shall be in full of all claims of the descendants or representatives of the said Colonel William Linn under any laws of the United States now or heretofore in force.

APPROVED, April 1, 1856.

April 18, 1856. CHAP. XV.—*An Act for the Relief of Jacob Dodson.*

Payment to
Jacob Dodson.

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 they are hereby, authorized and directed to allow Jacob Dodson, a colored man, who, on the seventh day of July, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, at the American Forks, in California, volunteered as a private, for during the war, in Captain Richard Owen's company of the California battalion, and who was discharged therefrom on the fourteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, at Los Angeles, in California, all the pay and allowances to which he would be entitled, under the existing laws for such service, in the same manner as if he had been legally enlisted in, and honorably discharged from, the service of the United States, deducting therefrom the sum of two hundred and eighty-one dollars, paid to him by Colonel

J. C. Fremont for his services as a member of the exploring expedition, within the period named above; the amount necessary therefor to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 18, 1856.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act to authorize the Issue of a Register to the Brig "Echo" of Boston.* April 18, 1856.

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 cause a register to be issued to the brig "Echo," a British built vessel, purchased by Eben Wheelwright, a citizen of the United States, said vessel having been damaged at sea, and repaired by the said Wheelwright: *Provided*, it shall be proved, to the satisfaction of the said secretary, that the repairs made in the United States after the purchase of the vessel by the said Wheelwright, are equal to, or exceed two thirds of the value of the vessel when so repaired.

Register to
issue to The
Echo.

Proviso.

APPROVED, April 18, 1856.

CHAP. XVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Mary E. Tillman.*

April 23, 1856.

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 paid to Mary E. Tillman, of South Carolina, a pension of twenty dollars per month, during her natural life, commencing on the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven.

Mary E. Till-
man to have a
pension of \$20
per month for
life, from March
4, 1857.

APPROVED, April 23, 1856.

CHAP. XXII. — *An Act to continue Half-pay to Mrs. Lewright Browning for a further term of five Years.* April 26, 1856.

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 continue to Mrs. Lewright Browning, widow of Robert L. Browning, late of the navy, half the monthly pay of her said deceased husband, for a further term of five years, from the time when the half-pay granted her by act of Congress, approved September twenty, eighteen hundred and fifty, shall cease.

Half pay to be
continued to
Mrs. Lewright
Browning.

APPROVED, April 26, 1856.

CHAP. XXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Christian Hax, of the State of Maryland.*

May 14, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the circuit court of the United States for the fourth circuit and Maryland district, be, and it is hereby, authorized to amend the record of the naturalization of Christian Hax, of date the twenty-third of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, so as to make the word "Hanks" read "Hax," if satisfactory proof shall be introduced to said court to show that the said Christian Hax is the identical person who was then naturalized by order of the court, and that his name has been entered upon the records of said court as "Hanks" by mistake or misprision of the clerk of said court. And the said record, when so amended, shall have the same force and effect as if no misprision or mistake had been made by the clerk in mis-stating his name in the order of said court: *Provided*, Said amendment shall not be so construed as to affect the rights of any other person than the said "Hax" which may, by law, have vested prior to the correction of said record.

Record of
naturalization
of Christian
Hax may be
amended.

Proviso.

APPROVED, May 14, 1856.

May 29, 1856.

CHAP. XXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Captain Langdon C. Easton, Assistant Quartermaster United States Army.*

Settlement of
accounts of
Capt. L. C.
Easton.

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 War Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to credit Captain Langdon C. Easton, assistant quartermaster United States army, on settlement of his accounts, with the sum of seventeen thousand six hundred and fifty dollars, being the amount of which he was defrauded by his late clerk, Gustavus McHarcourt, while stationed at Santa Fe, New Mexico.

APPROVED, May 29, 1856.

May 29, 1856.

CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of John Crawford.*

John Crawford
authorized to
locate certificate
3150 of forfeited
land-stock on
any public
land.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That John Crawford be, and he is hereby, authorized to locate certificate number three thousand one hundred and fifty, for eight hundred and ninety dollars and ninety cents, forfeited land-stock in the State of Mississippi, on any public lands in the United States subject to private entry, at not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre.

APPROVED, May 29, 1856.

May 29, 1856.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of William M. F. Magraw.*

Allowance to
Wm. M. F. Ma-
graw.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in consideration of Indian disturbances, and of the consequent increased expenses and difficulties of carrying the mails along the route number eight thousand nine hundred and eleven, from Independence to Salt Lake, the Postmaster-General is hereby authorized and required to allow and pay to William M. F. Magraw, contractor for the mail service aforesaid, the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars, for the year ending on the eighteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-six; which said allowance shall be in lieu of the present contract price for said service, and shall be paid out of the treasury.

Payment to
him.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to pay out of the treasury, to the said William M. F. Magraw, seventeen thousand seven hundred and fifty dollars, as full indemnity for his claim for property stolen and destroyed by the Indians, as included in his account filed with the Commissioner of Indian Affairs.

Contract with
him annulled.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* that the contract heretofore entered into by said William M. F. Magraw, for the transportation of the mails on said route, be, and the same is, with the assent of said Magraw, annulled from and after the eighteenth day of August, eighteen hundred and fifty-six; and that the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to let said contract for the term of four years from said day, and to advertise for proposals therefor.

APPROVED, May 29, 1856.

June 2, 1856.

CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act to incorporate St. Thomas' Literary Society in the District of Columbia.*

Incorporation.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Nicholas D. Young, George J. A. Wilson, and Sidney A. Clarkson, and their successors, be, and they are hereby, made a body politic and corporate, forever, by the name of St. Thomas' Literary Society, for purposes of

charity and education, and by that name may sue and be sued, prosecute and defend, may have and use a common seal, and the same alter and renew at pleasure, may adopt and establish rules, regulations, and by-laws not repugnant to the constitution and laws of the United States, for properly conducting the affairs of said corporation; may take, receive, purchase, and hold estate, real, personal, and mixed, not exceeding in value the sum of five hundred thousand dollars at any one time, and may manage and dispose of the same at pleasure, and apply the same, or the proceeds of the sales thereof, to the uses and purposes of the said corporation, according to the rules and regulations which now are or may hereafter be established; and the said corporators shall and may, from time to time, as the necessities of the said corporation shall or may require, increase their number, but so as not to exceed, at any time, ten persons, to be corporators in the same.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall have and enjoy the power and faculty to confer and confirm upon such pupils in the institution, or others, who, by their proficiency in learning or other meritorious distinctions, they shall think entitled to them, such degrees in the liberal arts and sciences as are usually granted in colleges. Power to confer degrees.

SEC. 3. *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 a currency. This act not to authorize issue of currency.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the corporators in said corporation shall be held liable, in his individual capacity, for all the debts and liabilities of the said corporation, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit, as other debts or liabilities, before any court of competent jurisdiction. Individual liability of members.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may at any time hereafter alter, amend, or repeal the foregoing act. Act subject to repeal.

APPROVED, June 2, 1856.

CHAP. XXXVII.—*An Act for the Benefit of the Hebrew Congregation in the City of Washington.* June 2, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the rights, privileges, and immunities heretofore granted by law to the Christian churches in the city of Washington, be, and the same are hereby extended to the Hebrew congregation of said city, and that the third section of the act approved the seventeenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, entitled "An act concerning conveyances or devises of places of public worship in the District of Columbia," shall be so construed as to allow the members of the Hebrew congregation from time to time, by a vote of two thirds, to elect their own trustees, and the same, by a like vote, to displace at pleasure; which said trustees shall, during their continuance in office, have the same title in and power over any lot or tract of land as if held by them under the act aforesaid for a Christian church, or as if they were appointed under said act trustees of any Christian church: *Provided*, That any and all legal and equitable rights, demands, or liabilities of the said Hebrew congregation, acquired or assumed by or through said trustees, shall be limited to the trust property of said congregation held by said trustees. Rights of Christian churches in Washington extended to the Hebrew congregation. 1844, ch. 101. Vol. v. p. 679.

APPROVED, June 2, 1856.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of John S. Pendleton.*

June 2, 1856.

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 moneys in the

Payment to
John S. Pendle-
ton.

treasury not otherwise appropriated, to John S. Pendleton, for his full compensation whilst employed as Minister of the United States on special mission to the Oriental Republic of Uruguay, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, the sum of nine thousand dollars, deducting therefrom any amount which he may have heretofore received as compensation in said mission; and for like full compensation for his services in the same character to the Republic of Paraguay, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, nine thousand dollars, deducting therefrom any amount of money he may have heretofore received as compensation in said mission to Paraguay.

APPROVED, June 2, 1856.

June 2, 1856.

CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Emma Bidamon.*

Payment to
Emma Bidamon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to Emma Bidamon, by the Secretary of the Treasury, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and ninety-seven dollars and thirty-five cents, with interest thereon from July eighth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, until paid, in full payment of the sum adjudged and decreed to her in lieu of dower by the circuit court of the United States for the district of Illinois, at the July term, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, in the case of "*The United States vs. Joseph Smith, et al.*"

APPROVED, June 2, 1856.

June 2, 1856.

CHAP. XL.—*An Act for the Relief of John Nugent.*

John Nugent
to have a pension
of \$30 per month
for life, from
Jan. 31, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, granted to John Nugent, of the city of New York, in the State of New York, who, whilst engaged in the discharge of his duty as a seaman on board of the United States sloop Germantown, on the nineteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, when at Montevideo, and while in the act of firing a salute, in honor of the birthday of the Queen of Spain, had one of his arms blown off, and the other arm so badly shattered that amputation was necessary, in lieu of any pension or allowance to which he may now be entitled by law, a pension of thirty dollars per month, to commence on the thirty-first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and to continue during his natural life, to be paid out of the Navy Pension Fund.

APPROVED, June 2, 1856.

June 14, 1856.

CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act making Appropriation [s] for the Payment of certain Claims.*

Payment to
Samuel P. Todd.

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 Samuel P. Todd, a purser in the navy, the sum of five hundred and fifty-three dollars, being for the amount of depreciation upon certain treasury notes sold by him for the purpose of paying seamen and others employed in the United States Delaware flotilla, in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Payment to
John Shaw.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to John Shaw, of Wisconsin, the sum of one thousand dollars, in full for his services, travel, and attendance, as an interpreter upon the trial of certain Winnebago Indians, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, before the Honorable James Duane Doty, at Prairie du Chien.

Payment to
Isadore D. Beau-
grand.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Isadore D. Beauprand, the sum of two hundred and fifty-seven

dollars and twelve cents, in full for expenses incurred and money expended by him for subsistence, quarters, and transportation furnished to Captain Bradley's company of Ohio volunteers from the first to the fifth of June inclusive, eighteen hundred and forty-six, prior to their being mustered into the service of the United States for the Mexican war.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the several sums herein directed to be paid, be, and the same are hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated. Appropriation.

APPROVED, June 14, 1856.

CHAP. XLIX.—*For the Relief of the Heirs of Col. Charles Simms, late Collector of the Port of Alexandria.* June 26, 1856.

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 the account of the late Col. Charles Simms, collector of the port of Alexandria, to be audited and settled without any charge of interest on any indebtedness due from him to the government at the time of his death. And when the principal of such indebtedness shall be paid, the estate of the said Charles Simms, and his heirs and representatives, shall be forever discharged from any liability on account of any interest that may have accrued thereon.

Accounts of Col. Charles Simms to be audited and paid without interest.

APPROVED, June 26, 1856.

CHAP. LII.—*An Act authorizing a Settlement of the Accounts of Charles P. Babcock, late Indian Agent at Detroit, in the State of Michigan.* July 3, 1856.

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 adjust and pay the accounts of Charles P. Babcock, late Indian Agent at Detroit, in the State of Michigan; and that in making such adjustment, certain vouchers, heretofore presented by him, and now on file, for expenses incurred for premiums in exchanging gold for silver coin, and also for one quarter's salary for his own services, shall be allowed and paid: *Provided*, That any balance thus found due said Babcock, shall first be applied in liquidation of his indebtedness to the United States, if any there shall be, and the remainder only shall be paid to him: *And provided further*, That the sum allowed to him shall not exceed the sum of four hundred and fifty-seven dollars and twenty-two cents.

Accounts of Charles P. Babcock, adjustment of.

Proviso.

APPROVED, July 3, 1856.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act to authorize the issue of a Register to the Barque Tropic Bird.* July 3, 1856.

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 issue a register to the American built barque "Tropic Bird," now owned by Asa F. Tift, of Key West, Florida.

Register to issue to the Tropic Bird.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said barque Tropic Bird be and is hereby exempted from the payment of tonnage money to the United States, from the time she became American property.

Exempted from tonnage money.

APPROVED, July 3, 1856.

July 14, 1856.

CHAP. LX.—*An Act granting the Right of Way to the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad through the Arsenal, Magazine, and Jefferson Barracks, Tracts.*

Right of way
granted to the
St. Louis and
Iron Mountain
R. R.

Provisos as to
mode and line of
construction.

Liability for
losses.

Regulations as
to sparkers, and
as to precautions
when gunpow-
der is to be
moved.

Inconsistent
parts of act of
1853, ch. 68, re-
pealed.

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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 feet in width, through the lands in which the St. Louis Arsenal, the St. Louis Marine Hospital, and Jefferson Barracks are situated, in the State of Missouri, be, and the same is hereby, granted to the St. Louis and Iron Mountain Railroad Company, for the construction of a railroad from the city of St. Louis through said lands: *Provided*, said road shall be constructed on the line upon which it is now located: *Provided further*, That a strong, substantial plank fence be erected by said company between the road and the public grounds, and between the road and the river, at such place and of such character as the commanding officer at Jefferson Barracks shall direct, with suitable iron gates, not exceeding four, at such points as shall be selected by such commanding officer; and the said company shall also cause to be constructed not exceeding four covered ways, at suitable places in part of said public grounds, and in such manner as shall be approved by said commanding officer; and if, after the fence herein provided for shall have been erected, and the said road put in operation, it shall be found, in the opinion of the President, to be insufficient for the protection of lives and property, he may require a fence of brick, stone, or iron, on the land side, to be constructed, and the said company shall cause the same to be erected accordingly at their proper cost and charge: *Provided also*, That the said company shall be liable for all losses which may be sustained by the public, either by the destruction of public property, or by collision with the trains in passing over said grounds: *And provided further*, That said company shall use on their locomotives the customary or most approved means for arresting sparks from the chimneys; and that when the government expects to receive, or intends to ship powder at the magazine landing, upon giving twenty-four hours' notice to said company of such expectation or intention, horse-power alone shall be used by said company in passing during the receiving or shipping of powder; and that so much of an act passed February fourteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, as is inconsistent with this act, be and the same is hereby repealed.

APPROVED, July 14, 1856.

July 17, 1856.

CHAP. LXI.—*An Act to grant to L. Jane Horner and Children a Section of Land in Oregon.*

Grant of land
in Oregon to L.
Jane Horner and
her children.

Proviso.

1850, ch. 76.

Vol. ix. p. 496.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That one section, or six hundred and forty acres of land, in the territory of Oregon, being the tract formerly in possession of Emanuel Horner, and on which his wife, L. Jane Horner, and her children now reside, be and the same is hereby granted to the said wife and children, in the following manner: the south half of said section to the said L. Jane Horner, in her own right, and the north half to her said children: *Provided*, it be shown to the satisfaction of the register and receiver in Oregon, with the approval of the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, that the continued possession by the said L. Jane Horner has been such as, under the conditions of the act of twenty-seventh [of] September, eighteen hundred and fifty, in regard to settlement, would entitle her to a donation; and such as would have entitled the said Emanuel Horner to a donation had he remained in possession.

APPROVED, July 17, 1856.

CHAP. LXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Captain J. P. Hatch, of the United States Army.* July 17, 1856.

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, in the settlement of the accounts of Captain J. P. Hatch, of the United States Army, be and they are hereby directed to allow to his credit the sum of six hundred and ten dollars, the amount lost by him whilst the recruiting officer at Cleveland, on the twenty-fifth day of October, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

Allowance of \$610 in accounts of Capt. J. P. Hatch.

APPROVED, July 17, 1856.

CHAP. LXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the legal Representatives of Captain Joseph H. Whipple, deceased.* July 17, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the settlement of the accounts of the late Captain Joseph H. Whipple, the accounting officers be authorized and directed to pass to his credit the sum of twelve hundred and ninety-eight dollars and three cents, or so much thereof as, in the opinion of the Secretary of War, was properly expended by him on account of "barracks at Turkey River," and that the amount due on such settlement, if any, be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Capt. J. H. Whipple to be credited a certain amount in his accounts.

APPROVED, July 17, 1856.

CHAP. LXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Jacob Price, of Jefferson County, Virginia.* July 17, 1856.

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 cause the name of Jacob Price, of Jefferson County, Virginia, to be placed on the pension roll at four dollars per month, during the term of his natural life, commencing the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

Jacob Price to be placed on the pension roll at \$4 per month for life, from Jan. 1, 1854.

APPROVED, July 17, 1856.

CHAP. LXVI.—*An Act to authorize the Entry of certain Lands in the State of Iowa by Mrs. Caroline Newington.* July 30, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Mrs. Caroline Newington be and she is hereby authorized to enter, at the proper land-office, in the State of Iowa, the east half of section seven and the west half of section eight, in township ninety-six north of range nine west, situated in the State of Iowa, upon payment to the receiver of the proper land-office one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre: *Provided,* That said entry shall be made within six months after the passage of this act.

Mrs. Caroline Newington authorized to enter certain lands in Iowa within six months.

APPROVED, July 30, 1856.

CHAP. LXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth V. Lomax, only surviving Child of Captain William Lindsay, of the Revolution.* July 30, 1856.

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 required to pay to Elizabeth V. Lomax the sum of five thousand six hundred and seventy-five dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; the same being the arrears of pension due Captain William Lindsay, from the first of October, seventeen hundred and seventy-eight, to the first of September, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven.

Eliz. V. Lomax to be paid \$5,675, being arrears of pension of Capt. Wm. Lindsay.

APPROVED, July 30, 1856.

July 30, 1856. CHAP. LXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the legal Representatives of Zadock Thompson, of Vermont.*

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 Zadock Thompson, of Vermont, the sum of three hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; the same to be in full for his services in preparing a historical introduction to the returns of the seventh census for the State of Vermont.

APPROVED, July 30, 1856.

July 30, 1856.

CHAP. LXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Samuel Scott.*

Adjudication of claim of heirs at law of Samuel Scott to a bounty land warrant.

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 investigate the claim of the heirs at law of Samuel Scott, late of the State of Virginia, and if he should find, on such investigation, they were entitled to bounty land for revolutionary services, under the laws of that State, and that they failed to procure the same for the reason that the papers which established their right had been mislaid in the Pension Office, that he issue to them a warrant or warrants for such number of acres as they may be entitled to under the bounty land laws of the State of Virginia.

APPROVED, July 30, 1856.

July 30, 1856.

CHAP. LXX.—*An Act for the Relief of Levi Robinson.*

Payment of fishing bounty to Levi Robinson.

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, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to Levi Robinson, of Eden, Maine, owner of the Schooner "Mary Jane," two hundred and sixteen dollars as fishing bounty for eighteen hundred and fifty-two, said schooner having complied with all the requisitions of law to entitle her to bounty, but was unable to present her papers, they having been consumed by fire.

APPROVED, July 30, 1856.

July 30, 1856.

CHAP. LXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Owners and Sharesmen of the Fishing Schooners Wanderer, Mary, Olive Branch, Two Brothers, and Brothers.*

Payment of certain fishing bounties.

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, out of any unappropriated money in the treasury, to the owners of the fishing schooners hereinafter mentioned the following sums, respectively:

Owners of the Sch. Wanderer, of Bristol.

To the owners of the schooner Wanderer, of Bristol, Maine, one hundred and thirty-six dollars, as bounty for eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

Sch. Mary, of Brooksville.

To the owners of the schooner Mary, of Brooksville, Maine, one hundred and thirty-seven dollars and eighty-one cents, as bounty for eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

Sch. Olive Branch, of Sedgewick, Me.

To the owners of the schooner Olive Branch, of Sedgewick, Maine, one hundred and fifty-four dollars and ninety cents, as bounty for eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

Sch. Two Brothers, of Sedgewick, Me.

To the owners of the schooner Two Brothers, of Sedgewick, Maine, one hundred and twenty-six dollars and thirty-five cents, as bounty for eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

Sch. Brothers, of Lyme, Conn.

To the schooner Brothers, of Lyme, Connecticut, three hundred and sixty dollars, as bounty for eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

Said sums to be divided among the owners and sharesmen of said schooners, respectively, as now provided by existing laws. Said amounts how to be divided.

APPROVED, July 30, 1856.

CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act directing a Settlement of the Account of David Gordon.* August 1, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the First Auditor of the Treasury be authorized and required to adjust and settle the account of David Gordon as examining agent of the land-offices in Louisiana and Mississippi, and that he be allowed the per diem specified in his letter of instructions, from the eighth day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, the day upon which he commenced the service at Greensburg, Louisiana, to the eleventh day of June following, when he terminated the service at Jackson, Mississippi, inclusive, and that he be allowed mileage from this city to the offices visited and back, agreeably to a schedule of distances furnished by the General Post-Office Department: *Provided,* That the rate of mileage shall not exceed that specified in his letter of instructions; and that the same be paid out of any fund hitherto subject to be charged for such special or contingent services: *And provided further,* That the sum paid by the Secretary of the Treasury on account of the second service be deducted in the final settlement under this act.

Settlement of accounts of David Gordon.

Proviso.

Proviso.

APPROVED, August 1, 1856.

CHAP. LXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Cephise Piseros, Widow of Louis Labranche, of the Parish of St. Charles, and State of Louisiana.* August 6, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Cephise Piseros, as heir-at-law of Jean Francois Piseros, deceased, be, and she is hereby, confirmed in her title to a tract of land in the Parish of St. Charles, and State of Louisiana, situate on the left bank of the Mississippi River, of about four arpents in front, with a depth of forty arpents, bounded on the north by the claim of Jean Francois Piseros, designated as "number eighty-eight" in the report of the board of commissioners for the eastern district of the Territory of Orleans, and on the south by the lands of Adelaar Fortier, designated as claim number "four hundred and eighty-eight" by the register and receiver of the land-office for the eastern district of Louisiana, in their report of March twenty-second, eighteen hundred and sixteen.

Cephise Piseros confirmed in a land claim in the Parish of St. Charles, La.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office shall, upon being presented with a plat and certificate of survey of the said tract of land, legally executed by the proper officer, issue a patent for the same: *Provided, however,* That such patent shall operate only as a relinquishment on the part of the United States, and shall not affect or prejudice the rights of any third person.

Patent to issue.

APPROVED, August 6, 1856.

CHAP. LXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Randall D. Livingston.* August 6, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Randall D. Livingston be, and he is hereby, confirmed in his title to a certain tract of land, lying and being within the limits of the "Baron de Bastrop grant," in the State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to wit: Beginning at a corner post in the edge of a prairie known as prairie "Mer Rouge;" running thence south one hundred and fifty poles, to two black oaks and three gums; thence east one hundred and thirty-three poles, to a hickory and gum; thence north one hundred and fifty poles, to three gums and a

Randall D. Livingston confirmed in his land claim within the De Bastrop grant in Louisiana.

dogwood; thence west one hundred and thirty-three poles, to the place of beginning; containing two hundred acres, being the same tract of land conveyed by A. Morehouse to John Martin Merriwether, by deed, dated February first, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and five; and being, also, that part of the two tracts of land, amounting in the aggregate to four hundred acres, claimed by the said Randall D. Livingston before the commissioners appointed under the act entitled "An act for the settlement of certain classes of private land claims within the limits of the Baron de Bastrop grant," &c., approved March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, which was not confirmed by the said commissioners.

1851, ch. 26.

Vol. ix. p. 597.

Patent to issue.

To operate only as a relinquishment of title of the U. States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office shall, upon the receipt of a plat and certificate of survey of the said tract of land, legally executed by the proper officer, issue a patent for the same: *Provided, however*, That such patent shall only operate as a relinquishment on the part of the United States, and shall not affect or prejudice the rights of any third person.

APPROVED, August 6, 1856.

August 6, 1856. CHAP. LXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Mrs. M. E. McKnight, Widow of Francis M. McKnight.*

Mrs. M. E. McKnight to be placed on pension roll.

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 upon the pension list the name of Mrs. M. E. McKnight, widow of Francis M. McKnight, who was, while in the discharge of his duty as an artificer of ordnance, accidentally killed on the twenty-second June, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, in the same manner as if he had been killed in battle—her pension to commence upon the day of the death of her late husband.

APPROVED, August 6, 1856.

August 6, 1856.

CHAP. LXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph Hill.*

Pension of Joseph Hill to be increased.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the pension allowed to Joseph Hill, an invalid pensioner, be increased to twelve dollars per month, from June twenty-five, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 6, 1856.

August 6, 1856. CHAP. LXXIX.—*An Act to confirm Joseph Wandstrand in his Title to certain Lands.*

Title of Joseph Wandstrand to certain land in Louisiana confirmed.

Confirmation to act only as a relinquishment of title.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Joseph Wandstrand be, and he is hereby, confirmed in his title to a certain tract of land in the State of Louisiana, and described as follows, to wit: Sections numbered fifty-five, fifty-six, and fifty-seven, in township numbered twelve south, of range numbered ten east, (east of the Mississippi River,) in the southeastern district of Louisiana: *Provided*, That this act shall only be construed to be a relinquishment on the part of the United States; and shall not prejudice, or in any way affect, the rights of any third person.

APPROVED, August 6, 1856.

August 6, 1856.

CHAP. LXXX.—*An Act for the Relief of Richard Albritton.*

Richard Albritton authorized to

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Richard Albritton be, and he is hereby authorized to locate, free of cost, six hundred and forty

acres of land, upon any of the public lands belonging to the United States, and subject to private entry, at the minimum price.

locate, free of cost, 640 acres of land.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the location so made shall be in full compensation to the said Richard Albritton for a certain private land claim for six hundred and forty acres, reported for confirmation by James O. Crosby, commissioner, under date of June seven, eighteen hundred and thirteen, and confirmed by the act of Congress approved March three, eighteen hundred and nineteen.

Said location to be in full for claim confirmed by act of 1819, ch. 100.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, upon the receipt of the certificate from the proper land-office, shall issue a patent to the said Richard Albritton for the lands authorized to be located by this act.

Patent to issue.

APPROVED, August 6, 1856.

CHAP. LXXXVIII.—*An Act to incorporate the Columbia Library of Capitol Hill, in the City of Washington.*

Aug. 11, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That James Adams, as president, and Jacqueline S. Pendleton, William H. Winter, James A. Brown, James A. Tait, and James McDermott, and their successors duly elected or appointed in the manner hereinafter directed, be, and they are hereby made, declared, and constituted a corporation or body politic, in law and in fact, to have continuance forever by the name, style, and title of "The Columbia Library of Capitol Hill, in the City of Washington," and by that name, style, and title, shall be hereafter forever able and capable, in law and equity, to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered unto, defend and be defended in any court or courts, or other places, and before any judge or judges, justice or justices or other person, whatsoever, within the District of Columbia, or elsewhere, in all and all manner of suits, actions, complaints, pleas, causes, matters, and demands of whatever kind or nature they may be, in as full and effectual a manner as any other person or persons, bodies politic or corporate may or can do.

Columbia Library of Capitol Hill incorporated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all and singular the goods, chattels, and other effects of what kind or nature soever heretofore given, granted, or devised to the said library, or to any person or persons for the use thereof, or that may have been purchased for or on account of the same, be, and the said goods and chattels, and other effects, are hereby vested in and confirmed to the said corporation. And the said corporation may take and receive any sum or sums of money or any goods, chattels, or other effects of what kind or nature soever which shall or may hereafter be given, granted, or bequeathed unto them by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable of making such gift, grant, or bequest: *Provided*, That the goods, chattels, and other effects vested in and confirmed to said corporation and the moneys, goods, chattels, and other effects which by this act the said corporation is authorized hereafter to receive, shall not in the whole exceed the value of one hundred thousand dollars.

Power to hold property.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall have full power and authority to make, have, and use a common seal, with such device and inscription as they shall think proper, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure; to appoint a treasurer and librarian and such other officers as they may from time to time deem necessary; to assign them their duties, fix their compensation and remove him or them from office, and appoint another or others in his or their place as often as they shall think fit; to make, ordain, establish, and execute such by-laws and ordinances as may be deemed useful to the said library, and the same to alter, amend, or abrogate at pleasure; to procure by

Corporate power.

purchase or otherwise a suitable place for keeping the library; to appoint the time for keeping the library open or for taking out and returning books; to fill up vacancies that may happen in their own body between two annual elections; to levy and collect fines and forfeitures; and to determine upon, do, and transact all business and matters appertaining to the said corporation and library, agreeable to the rules, ordinances, and by-laws thereof during their continuance in office: *Provided*, That no less than a majority of the said directors be a quorum to do business; that no rule, ordinance, or by-law be made repugnant to the laws of the District of Columbia or of the United States.

Election of Directors.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That an election for seven directors of this corporation shall be held on the first Monday of April next and on the first Monday in April annually thereafter at the library-room, under the direction of such persons as the present directors and their successors may appoint, which appointment shall be at least ten days previous to the day of election. They shall also publish the names of the persons so appointed to hold the election, in some paper published in the city of Washington, at least three days previous to such election's being held, the polls for which shall be kept open from three to nine o'clock, P. M. And no person shall be eligible as a director, or have a right to vote for a director, who is not at the time of voting or being voted for, a member of the Columbia Fire Company of the city of Washington, or who shall be in arrears to the said library for any annual contribution, fines, or forfeitures; all persons qualified to vote, may vote either personally or by proxy, by ballot.

This act may be altered, &c.

SEC. 5: *And be it further enacted*, That this act may be repealed, altered, or amended at any time by the Congress of the United States.

Directors individually responsible.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the directors of this library for the time being shall be responsible for the debts and liabilities thereof which may have been created or incurred during their respective continuance in office as such directors.

Secretary of Interior to furnish the laws and public documents.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to furnish to said library bound copies of the laws of the United States. And to furnish annually thereto a bound copy of all documents, journals, laws, and State papers which shall hereafter be published by the authority of Congress.

This act not to authorize issue of currency.

SEC. 8. *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 a currency in this District or elsewhere.

Debts not to exceed capital, and stockholders individually responsible.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the debts and liabilities of the said corporation, shall not at any time exceed the amount of their capital, and that each stockholder shall be held liable, in his or her individual capacity, for all the debts and liabilities of the corporation, however incurred or contracted, to be secured by suit, as other debts and liabilities in any court, or before any tribunal, having jurisdiction of the case.

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

Aug. 11, 1856.

CHAP. LXXXIX.—*An Act to establish a Library for Young Men in the District of Columbia.*

Columbia's Library for young men incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That James Dunlop, chief justice of the circuit court in the District of Columbia; John T. Towers, mayor of the city of Washington; Henry Addison, mayor of the city of Georgetown, Joseph Henry, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, John S. Meehan, librarian for Congress, and their successors in said respective offices; with such person as the mayor of Washington may designate; and with such person as the mayor of Georgetown may designate;

nate ; are hereby created a corporate body forever, under the name of "Columbia's Library for Young Men," and in that name to sue and be sued, in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That said corporation may receive and possess property, real and personal, not exceeding in value one hundred thousand dollars, for a library, for the purpose aforesaid. If a lot and house shall be granted, or devised for said library, and the same shall be accepted by said corporation, no sale thereof shall be made without the consent of Congress. Power to hold property.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That power is given to said corporation to appoint needful officers, messengers, and laborers, and to compensate them ; to pass such by-laws, rules, and regulations as may be necessary to carry into effect this act ; to alter, amend, or revoke them ; to limit the ages within which the young men of said District may be entitled to the benefit of this act ; to diffuse knowledge among them in such ways as shall be best calculated to instruct them, to elevate their morals, and fit them for usefulness, and to receive assurances of permanent aid from the corporations of Washington and Georgetown, and either of them, to sustain said institution by annual or other aid. Corporate powers.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporations may elect a presiding officer from one of their number. If this shall be omitted, the person holding the office first named shall preside, if present, and in succession, in case of absence in the order of the offices designated in the first section. Presiding officer.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the meeting to organize may be held at such time and place within said District, as a majority may designate, having given notice in writing three days to all the members. Semi-annual meetings to be held at the library room, on the first Mondays of January and July. All votes, resolutions, by-laws, regulations, and other proceedings to be recorded, and subject to the inspection of each of the corporations of Washington and Georgetown, or committee of either. Meetings.
Records.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the property of said corporation shall be exempted from all public assessments and taxes so long as the same shall remain dedicated to the purposes of a library. Property exempt from taxes.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That each person designated as provided by the mayor of Washington or Georgetown, may hold his appointment two years, and until his successor shall be appointed. Term of office of appointees of the mayor.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for Congress at any time hereafter to amend or repeal this act. This act may be altered, &c.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to authorize said corporation to make, issue, or put in circulation, any bill, draft, check, promissory note, or 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 violations of any one of the provisions of this section shall be a forfeiture of the charter herein granted, and a fine of fifty dollars against each one of the directors voting for the same. This act not to authorize the issue of currency.
Penalty for violation.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the debts and liabilities of the said corporation shall not at any time, exceed the amount of their capital, and that each stockholder shall be held liable, in his or her individual capacity, for all the debts and liabilities of the corporation, however incurred or contracted, to be recovered by suit, as other debts and liabilities, in any court, or before any tribunal having jurisdiction of the case. Liabilities not to exceed capital, and stockholders individually responsible.

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

Aug. 11, 1856.

CHAP. XC.—*An Act for the Relief of Bridget Maher.*

Settlement of
claim of Bridget
Maher.

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 settle and adjust the claim of Mrs. Bridget Maher, for boarding certain Cherokee Indians from the State of North Carolina, disallowed by him on the nineteenth of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and to pay to her, out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated, such sum of money as she is in justice entitled to: *Provided,* That the sum so settled and adjusted shall not exceed the sum of two hundred and ninety-three dollars.

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

Aug. 11, 1856.

CHAP. XCI.—*An Act to continue the Pension of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford.*

Pension of
Nancy Weather-
ford under act of
1855, ch. 196,
continued till
July 4th, 1859.
Vol. x. p. 867.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the pension granted to Nancy Weatherford, by the act of Congress entitled "An act for the relief of Mrs. Nancy Weatherford, widow of Col. William Weatherford, of the first regiment of Illinois volunteers in the Mexican war," be, and the same is hereby continued for five years, from the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

Aug. 11, 1856.

CHAP. XCII.—*An Act for the Relief of Benjamin La Fonte, William Altenburg, and others.*

Benjamin
La Fonte, Wil-
liam Altenburg,
William Davern,
and Louis Lar-
vie, authorized
to enter certain
lands in Still-
water District,
Minnesota, at
the usual price.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Benjamin La Fonte be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter the north half of northeast quarter of section thirty-six, township twenty-nine, north, range twenty-three west; that William Altenburg be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter the southeast quarter of section thirty-six, in township twenty-seven, of range twenty-one west; that William Davern be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter the southeast quarter of section number sixteen, in township twenty-eight north, of range number twenty-three west; that Louis Larvie be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter the northwest quarter of the southwest quarter, and lots number one and two of section sixteen, in township twenty-nine north, of range twenty-two west, (all of said lands being in the Stillwater land district, Minnesota Territory,) upon payment by said Benjamin La Fonte, William Altenburg, William Davern, and Louis Larvie of the usual minimum of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; and the Commissioner of the General Land-Office is directed to issue patents on said entries.

Other school
lands to be se-
lected in lieu of
the above.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the superintendent of public schools in the Territory of Minnesota is hereby authorized to select, in equal amounts, other lands in said Territory for the use of public schools in lieu of the lands herein granted.

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

Aug. 11, 1856.

CHAP. XCIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Robert Mitchell.*

Robert Mitch-
ell authorized to
enter certain
lots, in Alaba-
ma, on proof of
occupancy, &c.,
and paying the
usual price.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Robert Mitchell be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter lots B, C, and D, of fractional section nineteen, in township sixteen, of range twenty-one east, in the district of lands subject to sale at Montgomery, Alabama, upon his producing proof, satisfactory to the land officers for said district, and subject to the approval of the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, of the occu-

pancy and improvement of said lands, and paying therefor the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; and, upon such proof and payment being made, a certificate and patent shall issue for said lots Patent to issue. as in other cases of sales of public lands.

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

CHAP. XCIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the "Columbia Harmony Society," of the City of Washington.* Aug. 11, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the association of free persons of color in the City of Washington, commonly known as the "Columbia Harmony Society," be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to sell a certain square of ground, deeded to them on the twenty-sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, by J. Elgar, Commissioner of Public Buildings, and known in the plat of Washington City as square number four hundred and seventy-five, and to reinvest the proceeds of such sale in other grounds in the District of Columbia, outside of the corporate limits of the City of Washington: *Provided,* That no contract for the sale of said square shall be binding until first approved by the Secretary of the Interior, and that the reinvestment of the funds arising from such sale, shall in like manner be subject to the approval of the Secretary aforesaid.

Columbia Harmony Society authorized to sell a certain square in Washington City and invest proceeds in a lot outside the corporate limits.

Sale and investment to be approved by Secretary of the Interior.

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

CHAP. XCV.—*An Act for the Relief of Daniel Doland.*

Aug. 13, 1856.

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 Daniel Doland, a private in Captain Steele's company of New York volunteers, during the Mexican war, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay him the sum of six dollars and seventy-five cents per month, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, during his natural life.

Daniel Doland to be placed on pension roll at \$6.75 per month for life, from Jan. 1, 1855.

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Charles Stearns.*

Aug. 13, 1856.

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 Charles Stearns, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, to indemnify him for losses sustained and expenses incurred in defending his title to certain lands claimed by the United States; and also in defending two criminal prosecutions brought against him by direction of the Secretary of War.

Charles Stearns to be paid \$5,000.

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

CHAP. XCVII.—*An Act to construe the Act entitled, "An Act for the Relief of James M. Goggin," approved twenty-seventh July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.* Aug. 13, 1856.

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 is hereby, authorized and required, so to construe the act of Congress, approved twenty-seventh July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the relief of James M. Goggin, late special agent of the Post-Office Department in California, as that he shall be paid the same salary for the time he acted as such agent, as is now paid to his successor in office

1854, ch. 153. Vol. x. p. 800.

Payment to James M. Goggin, 1854, ch. 153.

under the present law ; and also the amount for office-rent and clerk hire, which may be shown by proper vouchers to have been actually paid by him for the same.

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

Aug. 13, 1856.

CHAP. XCVIII.—*An Act granting a Pension to Ansel Wilkinson.*

Ansel Wilkinson to be placed on pension roll at \$17.50 per month, from Feb. 19, 1856.

1858, ch. 62.

Post, p. 532.

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 hereby required to place on the pension roll, at the rate of seventeen dollars and fifty cents per month, to commence from the nineteenth February, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, the name of Ansel Wilkinson, which said Ansel Wilkinson was seriously injured while doing service as a pilot on board the United States schooner Ariel, in the action fought on Lake Erie, under the command of Oliver H. Perry, on the tenth September, eighteen hundred and thirteen.

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

Aug. 13, 1856.

CHAP. XCIX.—*An Act for the Relief of J. R. Powell.*

Payment to J. R. Powell for extra mail services.

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 pay to J. R. Powell a reasonable compensation for the additional expense incurred by him and extra services performed on mail route number five thousand five hundred and eighty-five, made necessary by imposing on said route a larger mail than was contemplated at the time of making the contract.

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. C.—*An Act granting a Pension to Mrs. Olivia W. Cannon, Widow of Joseph S. Cannon, late a Midshipman in the United States Navy, now deceased.*

Payment to Mrs. O. W. Cannon.

Proviso.

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 Mrs. Olivia W. Cannon, widow of Joseph S. Cannon, late a midshipman in the United States navy, now deceased, a sum equal to five years' half-pay of her deceased husband's grade in the navy, estimated according to his pay for active sea service, under act of second March, eighteen hundred and thirty-five: *Provided,* That said half-pay pension shall be paid from any money appropriated, or to be appropriated, to pay the half-pay pensions of widows and orphans of the navy, and that no sale, transfer, or mortgage of the whole or any part of the sum granted by this act, made prior to the taking effect hereof, shall be valid.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. CI.—*An Act for the Relief of Isaac Adams.*

Certain letters patent to Isaac Adams for printing presses extended to March 2, 1864.

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 Isaac Adams on the fourteenth day of October, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty, for new and useful improvements in the printing-machine called the power printing-press, and also letters-patent granted to the said Adams on the second day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, for additional improvements in the power printing press, be, and the same are hereby, renewed, revived, and extended, for the term commencing with the date of the passage of this act, and

ending on the second day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, for the benefit of said Adams, his heirs and legal representatives; and the Commissioner of Patents is hereby directed, upon the presentation of said patents, and the payment of the fees and charges provided by law, to renew, revive, and extend said patents, by making a certificate on each of said patents, or upon certified copies thereof, of such extension, in the name of the said Isaac Adams; and the said Commissioner is hereby directed to cause it to be entered on the record in the Patent-Office. And the said patents, so renewed 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, in the form herein provided: *Provided, however*, That said renewed and extended patents, respectively, shall be open to legal inquiry and decision, in the same manner as if issued under the general law relating to patents: *And provided, further*, That all persons enjoying the lawful use of the improved machines so patented by the said Isaac Adams in his said patents, and the purchaser of any machine so in use, or lawfully constructed therefor, may continue to use the same as if this act had not been passed.

Certificate of this extension to be indorsed on patent and record.

Effect of this extension.

Persons using the presses may continue to use them.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CII.—*An Act restoring Joshua Mercer to the Roll of invalid Pensioners.*

Aug. 16, 1856.

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 restore the name of Joshua Mercer to the list of invalid pensioners, and pay him at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, during his natural life.

Joshua Mercer to be restored to the pension roll at \$8 per month for life, from Jan. 1, 1852.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CIII.—*An Act for the Relief of West Drinkwater and others.*

Aug. 16, 1856.

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 West Drinkwater, Kingsbury Duncan, Jonathan Clark, Samuel Duncan, and John Duncan, or to such persons as may be legally authorized to receive the same, as their heirs or legal representatives, the sum of thirty-three thousand two hundred and thirteen dollars and seventeen 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, *The United States versus Sloop "Mary"* and cargo, in the district court of Maine, January and April, eighteen hundred and fifteen; the said sloop having been captured by the aforesaid named persons from the British, and delivered to the proper authorities of the United States in the State of Maine; said sum to be paid to the several persons hereinbefore named, or to their heirs or legal representatives, in equal parts.

Payment to W. Drinkwater and others, or their heirs, and of \$33,213.17, being proceeds of a capture made by them in 1815.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Amos B. Eaton, a Commissary of Subsistence in the United States Army.*

Aug. 16, 1856.

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 allow and credit to Amos B. Eaton, a commissary of subsistence in the United States army, the sum of eleven hundred and thirty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents, the amount paid by him to William Sibley, William H. Spen-

Amos B. Eaton to be allowed \$1137.79 in his accounts.

cer, and A. Hebert, who were clerks in the United States commissary department, for services rendered by them as auctioneers in the sales of certain damaged and surplus subsistence stores at Brazos Island, Texas, and at Monterey, Mexico, in the years eighteen hundred and forty-seven and eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. CV.—*An Act for the Relief of Betsey Whipple.*

Betsey Whipple to be placed on the pension roll at \$96 per year, from June 28, 1853, during widowhood.

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 Betsey Whipple, widow of Stephen Whipple, late a pensioner of the United States, upon the roll of pensioners, and pay to her annually, during her widowhood, the sum of ninety-six dollars, to commence on the twenty-eighth day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. CVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Levi C. Harris.*

Levi C. Harris to be placed on the pension roll for life at \$96 per annum, from Dec. 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 Levi C. Harris, of the State of Mississippi, upon the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay him a pension at the rate of ninety-six dollars per annum, from the first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. CVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Cezaire Wallace, of the Parish of Bossier, and State of Louisiana.*

Claim of Cezaire Wallace to land in the "Neutral Territory," Louisiana, confirmed.

1823, ch. 30.
Vol. iii. p. 756.
1824, ch. 182.
Vol. iv. p. 65.

Confirmation to operate only as a relinquishment of title.

Location of said claims.

Patents to issue.

If location in

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Cezaire Wallace be, and he is hereby, confirmed in his claim to the two tracts of land, each containing six hundred and forty acres, lying in the State of Louisiana, and within the limits of the late "Neutral Territory," which said claims were founded on inhabitation and cultivation, and reported for confirmation by the register and receiver of the southwestern district of Louisiana, in their report, dated November first, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, in conformity to the provisions of the act of Congress, approved March third, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, and the act supplementary thereto, approved May twenty-six, eighteen hundred and twenty-four; which said claims are numbered, respectively, "thirty-four" and "fifty-six," and embraced in the "third class" of the said report.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the confirmation made by this act shall not be construed to extend further than to a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States; and the claims hereby confirmed shall be located under the direction of the register and receiver of the proper land-office, in conformity with the legal subdivisions of the public surveys, so far as practicable, and shall include the improvements of the claimant.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That upon the location, as herein provided, such register shall forward certificates thereof to the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, who, upon the receipt thereof, shall cause patents to be issued to the said Cezaire Wallace for the lands so located: *Provided,* The same does not exceed the quantity hereby confirmed. And if its location as herein confirmed should interfere with any

bonâ fide preëmption claim, or other adverse valid right, the same to the extent of such confiction may be located on any public land of the district to which there may be no existing preëmption or other valid claim under such regulations as may be prescribed by the commissioner of the General Land-Office.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CVIII.—*An Act to increase the Pension of Alpheus T. Palmer, late a Lieutenant in the Ninth Regiment United States Infantry.* Aug. 16, 1856.

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 Alpheus T. Palmer, late a lieutenant in the ninth regiment United States infantry, a pension at the rate of thirty dollars per month, instead of the pension of seventeen dollars per month, which he has heretofore received.

Pension of Alpheus T. Palmer increased to \$30 per month.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CIX.—*An Act granting a Pension to Nathaniel Mothershead, of Missouri.* Aug. 16, 1856.

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 Nathaniel Mothershead, of Missouri, upon the roll of invalid pensioners of the United States, and pay to him a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the first day of January, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty, during his natural life.

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

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CX.—*An Act for the Relief of Dempsey Pittman.* Aug. 16, 1856.

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, under the direction of the Secretary of War, are hereby authorized and directed to audit and settle the account of Dempsey Pittman against the United States, for his military services in Florida, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and pay him such compensation and allowance as may be found to be justly due him, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, that the amount shall in no case exceed the pay of a colonel of infantry for five months.

Settlement of accounts of Dempsey Pittman.

1858, ch. 62.
Post, p. 534.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CXI.—*An Act granting a Pension to Samuel B. Porter, a Soldier in the late War with Great Britain.* Aug. 16, 1856.

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 Samuel B. Porter on the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, and pay him a pension at the rate of six dollars per month, commencing on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, and continue during his natural life: *Provided*, That if, at any time hereafter, he shall prove to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Pensions that he is totally disabled in consequence of the injury alleged to have been received in the battle of Plattsburg, during the late war with Great Britain, then his pension, by this act granted, shall be increased to eight dollars per month; said increase to date from the completion of the proof of such increased disability.

Pension of Samuel B. Porter.

Proviso as to its increase.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856. CHAP. CXII.—*An Act to increase the Pension of Amaziah Goodwin, of the State of Maine.*

Pension of Am-
aziah Goodwin
increased from
Jan. 1, 1852, to
\$10 per month
for 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 directed to pay to Amaziah Goodwin, of Maine, the sum of ten dollars per month, instead of the sum of six dollars per month, now payable to him as an invalid pensioner of the United States. This increase to take effect from and after the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. CXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph Smith.*

Joseph Smith
authorized to lo-
cate 160 acres of
land in lieu of a
cancelled loca-
tion.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Joseph Smith is hereby authorized to locate, free of cost, one hundred and sixty acres of land, according to the legal subdivisions, on any of the public lands of the United States subject to private entry, in lieu of a location made by the said Smith on the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-five, and the east half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-six, in the township seven south, of range fifteen west, in the Kalamazoo land district, in the State of Michigan, as assignee of military land warrant number fifty-five thousand and ninety-nine, and which location was cancelled by the Commissioner of the General Land-Office.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, upon the receipt of the certificate of location from the register of the proper land-office, shall issue a patent to the said Joseph Smith, for the lands so located.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. CXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Samuel Forrest.*

Allowance to
Samuel Forrest.

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 directed to allow to Samuel Forrest two and a half per cent. upon the amount of military contributions received by him while acting as purser to the United States Ship Ohio, on the coast of the Pacific, during the Mexican war, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; the said allowance to be in full compensation for all extra services, expenses, and losses, during the period aforesaid, according to the spirit of the act of March third, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, "to provide for the settlement of accounts of public officers and others who may have received moneys arising from military contributions, or otherwise, in Mexico."

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

CHAP. CXV.—*An Act granting a Pension to Morris Powers.*

Morris Powers
to be placed on
the pension roll
at \$8 per month
from Jan. 1, 1856,
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 Morris Powers on the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, and pay to him the sum of eight dollars per month from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Norwood McClelland, Master of the Steamboat "New World."* Aug. 16, 1856.

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 to Captain Norwood McClelland, master of the steamer "New World," out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirteen thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine dollars and eighty-six cents, being in full payment for losses and expenses occasioned by the detention of the steamboat "New World," in the Arkansas River, while engaged in transporting military stores belonging to the United States from New Orleans to Fort Smith, during the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

Payment to Capt. N. McClelland for detention of the steamboat New World.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CXVII.—*An Act increasing the Pension of Albert Hart.* Aug. 16, 1856.

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 increase the pension of Albert Hart to sixteen dollars per month, and pay him at the said rate of sixteen dollars per month from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, during his natural life.

Pension of Albert Hart increased to \$16 per month, from Jan. 1, 1854, for life.

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas H. Baird.* Aug. 18, 1856.

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 directed, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to Thomas H. Baird, administrator of the estate of Absalom Baird, a commissioned surgeon in the army of the Revolution, the sum of ten thousand seventy-four dollars and eighty-four cents, with interest thereon from the twenty-seventh day of October, eighteen hundred and five, to the first day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, deducting therefrom the sum of twenty-four hundred dollars paid under the act of June twenty-third, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.

Payment to Thos. H. Baird.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Abraham Kintzing.* Aug. 18, 1856.

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, to Abraham Kintzing, late special examiner of drugs at Philadelphia, the sum of three hundred and nineteen dollars and fifty cents, being the difference between his salary as special examiner, and that of the assistant appraiser, for three months and twenty-five days, the period during which he performed the duties of the latter office, in addition to his own, in consequence of the death of its incumbent.

Payment to Abraham Kintzing.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXIII.—*An Act granting Five Years' Half-Pay to Mrs. Ann Turner, Widow of Elbert Turner, deceased.* Aug. 18, 1856.

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 Mrs. Ann Turner, widow of Elbert Turner, late of Norfolk, Virginia, deceased, the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars per annum, from the thirteenth day of October,

Payment to Mrs. Ann Turner, of \$250 per annum, for five years, from Oct. 13, 1855.

Proviso in case of her death or intermarriage. eighteen hundred and fifty-five, for five years: *Provided*, That in case of her death or intermarriage before the expiration of the five years aforesaid, then the half-pay shall enure to his children under sixteen years of age for the balance of the term.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXIV.—*An Act granting a Revolutionary Pension to Sarah Blount.*

Sarah Blount to be placed on the pension roll at \$20 per annum for life, from July 4, 1836.

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 Blount, widow of John Blount, deceased, a soldier of the Revolution, on the roll of revolutionary pensioners, and pay her the sum of twenty dollars per annum, from the fourth of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, during her natural life.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXV.—*An Act granting a Pension to Nancy M. Gunsally, formerly Widow of Lyman M. Richmond, deceased.*

N. W. Gunsally (Richmond) to be placed on pension roll at \$96 per annum, for 5 years from Jan. 1, 1849.

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 Nancy M. Gunsally, formerly the widow of Lyman M. Richmond, deceased, upon the roll of pensioners of the United States, and pay her at the rate of ninety-six dollars per annum, for five years from the first day of January, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Francis A. Gibbons and Francis X. Kelly.*

Payment to F. A. Gibbons and F. X. Kelly for building light-houses in California and Oregon.

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 directed, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to Francis A. Gibbons and Francis X. Kelly, the sum of thirty-one thousand one hundred and ninety dollars and fifty-four cents, in full for the balance due them, under their contract with the United States for the building of light-houses in California and Oregon.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Jabez B. Rooker, deceased.*

Accounts of Jabez B. Rooker to be settled and adjusted.

Payment to be made to his surviving children.

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 directed to settle and adjust the accounts of Jabez B. Rooker, deceased, late clerk to the Commissioner of Public Buildings, and to allow at the rate of nine hundred dollars per annum for the time he was actually employed in said service subsequently to the third day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-three; and that the amount so found due, after deducting all sums paid to him for his services during said period, be paid to the surviving children of said Rooker, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of John H. Scranton and James M. Hunt.*

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

ury be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to John H. Scranton and James M. Hunt, the sum of seven thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, for conveying the United States mail on Puget's Sound, in the years one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four and one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Payment to J. H. Scranton and J. M. Hunt, for mail services on Puget's Sound.

CHAP. CXXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Adam D. Stewart, and of Alexander Randall, Executor of Daniel Randall.* Aug. 18, 1856.

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 Adam D. Stewart, and to Alexander Randall, executor of Daniel Randall, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a commission of one per cent. upon such amounts of money as were respectively collected by the said Adam D. Stewart and Daniel Randall, and by them disbursed or paid into the treasury of the United States, in virtue of the authority specially invested in them, by order of the commanding general of the United States army, and arising from duties on imports, taxes, or other assessments in Mexico, during the late war with that Republic.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Payment to A. D. Stewart and Alex. Randall, (executor of D. Randall,) of a commission on certain sums received in Mexico.

1857, ch. 126.
Post, p. 509.

CHAP. CXL.—*An Act for the Relief of Talbot C. Dousman.*

Aug. 18, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the title of Talbot C. Dousman, the assignee of James Vieaux, to a certain tract of land at Green Bay, Wisconsin, confirmed to said Vieaux by the commissioners appointed under the act of Congress, approved February twenty-one, eighteen hundred and twenty-three, entitled "An Act to revive and continue in force certain acts for the adjustment of land claims in the territory of Michigan," and which is described as follows: commencing at low water-mark on Fox River, and running west eighty arpents, and bounded on the north by a certain tract occupied by the United States garrison, west by wild lands, south by a tract of land claimed by John Baptiste Longevine, senior, and east by Fox River, being five arpents in breadth, more or less, be, and the same is hereby confirmed to the said Talbot C. Dousman; and that the Commissioner of the General Land-Office cause the said tract of land to be surveyed in the same manner as other private claims to lands at Green Bay have been surveyed; and that he be required to issue a patent thereon to and in the name of the said Talbot C. Dousman, as the assignee of the said James Vieaux, as in other cases, and according to the provisions of the fifth section of the said act of eighteen hundred and twenty-three.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Title of Talbot C. Dousman to certain land at Green Bay, Wis., confirmed.

1823, ch. 10.
Vol. iii. p. 724.

Survey.
Patent.

CHAP. CXLI.—*An Act for the Relief of Brevet Brigadier-General John B. Walbach, of the United States Army.* Aug. 18, 1856.

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 pay to Brevet Brigadier General John B. Walbach, United States Army, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, such extra compensation as he may consider just and reasonable for the extra services performed by the said Walbach, as aid-de-camp to General Wilkinson, commissioner of the United States to treat with Western Indians, in the years one thousand eight hundred and one, and one thousand eight hundred and two: *Pro-*

Extra compensation to be made to John B. Walbach.

Proviso *vided*, The per diem allowance shall not exceed that paid to General Wilkinson, nor be less than that of the secretary to the commission for their extra services while they were engaged in the same service.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXLII.—*An Act for the Relief of John Tucker.*

Payment to John Tucker. *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 paid to John Tucker, of Florida, the amount to which he would have been entitled under the act entitled "An act providing payment for certain military services in Florida," approved March third, one thousand eight hundred and forty-five, had his name appeared upon the roll as a private in Major Isaac Garrason's command.

1845, ch. 64.

Vol. v. p. 745.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXLIII.—*An Act for the Relief of James Davidson, of Kentucky.*

Pension of Jas. Davidson to be \$20 per month for life. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That in lieu of the pension now paid to James Davidson of Kentucky, the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to said James Davidson twenty dollars per month from the day his present pension commenced, for and during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXLIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Isaac Cook and others.*

Payment to I. Cook, B. A. Napier and P. Shepard, or their respective executors, &c. *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 to Isaac Cook, B. A. Napier and Pelatiah Shepard, or the legal representatives of such of them as may be deceased, the sum of two hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full for the use of the schooner Tempest, belonging to them and impressed by Major J. G. Camp, in the month of September, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fourteen.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXLV.—*An Act for the Relief of Franck Taylor.*

Repayment to Franck Taylor. *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 out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Franck Taylor, of the city of Washington, the amounts of duties paid by or for him to the collectors of the ports of New York and Philadelphia, upon importations of quills, by or for him during the years eighteen hundred and fifty-three, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and eighteen hundred and fifty-five: *Provided*, said quills shall have been imported and delivered at the navy yard of the United States, in Washington city, in pursuance of any contract with, or orders from, the Bureau of Ordnance and Hydrography of the United States.

Proviso.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXLVI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Representatives and Sureties of Robert King, deceased.*

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

the United States for the district of East Tennessee be authorized, and he is hereby directed, to dismiss the suit by him instituted in favor of the United States on the official bond of the late Robert King, former pension agent at Knoxville, Tennessee; and that the claim of the United States founded upon said bond, and sought to be enforced in said suit, be, and the same is hereby, released and discharged: *Provided*, however, That the accounting officer of the Treasury shall first adjust the accounts of Robert King as pension agent, allowing to the defendants for him two per cent. on the moneys paid out by him for all the time he acted as such agent, and for which he was never allowed, and that the defendants shall have first paid the balance, if any, which may be found due to the United States.

Suit on the official bond of Robert King to be dismissed.

Claim released.

Proviso for a readjustment of his accounts and payment of any balance due.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXLVII.—*An Act granting a Pension to Benjamin Berry, a Soldier of the Revolution.* Aug. 18, 1856.

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 Benjamin Berry, a soldier of the Revolution, and now resident of the State of Maine, upon the list of revolutionary pensioners, and pay to him the sum of ninety-six dollars per annum, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty, during his natural life.

Benj. Berry to be placed on the pension roll at \$96 per annum, from Jan. 1, 1850, for life.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXLVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Anthony Rankin, of Tennessee.*

Aug. 18, 1856.

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 Anthony Rankin the sum of thirty dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, it being the amount paid by said Rankin in eighteen hundred and fourteen, while engaged in the military service of the United States, for medical aid and attendance when confined by a severe illness.

Payment to Anthony Rankin for expenses.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

CHAP. CXLIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Nancy Bowen and Sarah Larrabee.*

Aug. 18, 1856.

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 Nancy Bowen, formerly the widow of Robert Brice, upon the roll of pensioners, and pay to her the sum of ninety-six dollars per annum, from the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty, during her natural life; also, that he be, and is hereby, directed to place the name of Sarah Larrabee, formerly the widow of Barstow Newell, upon the pension rolls and pay to her the sum of ninety-six dollars per annum, commencing on the first day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and continuing during her natural life.

Nancy Bowen to be placed on the pension roll at \$96 per annum, from July 4, 1850, for life.

Also Sarah Larrabee from March 1, 1854.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

CHAP. CL.—*An Act for the Relief of John Poe, of Louisville, Kentucky.*

Aug. 18, 1856.

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 moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to John Poe, of Louisville, Kentucky, the sum of seven hundred and fifty-two dollars and fifty cents, in full com-

John Poe to be paid \$752.50.

pensation for his services in purchasing horses and mules for the army of the United States in eighteen hundred and forty-six.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CLI.—*An Act for the Relief of Josiah S. Little.*

Josiah S. Little to be paid \$1,000 for land lost by the treaty with Great Britain, of Aug. 9, 1842.
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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to Josiah S. Little, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand dollars, in full remuneration for a piece of land to which he lost title by the operation of the fourth article of the "Treaty to settle and define the boundries between the Territories of the United States and the possessions of her British Majesty," &c., of the ninth of August, eighteen hundred and forty-two.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CLII.—*An Act for the Relief of Nathan M. Lounsbury.*

Nathan M. Lounsbury to be paid \$756 for arrears of pension.

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 and authorized to pay to Nathan M. Lounsbury, of Rutland county, Vermont, the sum of seven hundred and fifty-six dollars, being at the rate of eight dollars per month, for arrears of pension, from the eighteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and eighteen, to the fourth day of February, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856

CHAP. CLIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Rebecca Halsey, Widow of Zephaniah Halsey, an Officer of the Revolution.*

Rebecca Halsey to be placed on pension roll at \$35 per month, from July 4, 1848, 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 Rebecca Halsey, widow of Zephaniah Halsey, deceased, an officer of the Revolution, on the list of revolutionary pensioners, and pay to her a pension at the rate of thirty-five dollars per month, from the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to continue during her natural life.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856.

CHAP. CLIV.—*An Act for the Relief of John H. Scranton and James M. Hunt, Owners of the Steamer "Major Tompkins."*

Payment to J. H. Scranton and J. M. Hunt.

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, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to John H. Scranton and James M. Hunt, owners of the steamer "Major Tompkins," the sum of nine thousand six hundred dollars, in full satisfaction for the services rendered, and for the risk, loss, and damages incurred in saving the United States mails and treasure, and in rescuing the passengers and crew which were on board the steamer "Southerner," at the time of the wreck of that vessel on the uninhabited coast of Washington Territory, in the month of December, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and for the clothing and subsistence necessarily furnished to said passengers and crew.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

CHAP. CLV.—*An Act for the Relief of F. A. Cunningham, Paymaster United States Army.* Aug. 18, 1856.

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, in the settlement of the accounts of F. A. Cunningham, paymaster of the United States army, to allow him a credit in the sum of thirty-six thousand and eighty-five dollars, of which sum of public money he was robbed at Santa Fe, New Mexico, on the eighteenth of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

F. A. Cunningham to be allowed \$36,085.00 in his accounts.

CHAP. CLVI.—*An Act for the Relief of John M. McIntosh.*

Aug. 18, 1856.

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 cause to be paid to John M. McIntosh, the sum of one hundred and sixty-four dollars, that being the joint amount of two accounts against the government, duly certified to be correct, in favor of John Clutes and Jacob Hart, for eighty-two dollars each; said accounts being on duplicate certificates, the originals having been lost and considered as cancelled; the same to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That the said McIntosh shall file a bond, to be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, to indemnify the United States against future liability for the payment of said accounts.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

John M. McIntosh to be paid \$164, on accounts of John Clutes and Jacob Hart.

Proviso for a bond of indemnity.

CHAP. CLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Eliza B. McNeill.*

Aug. 18, 1856.

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 required to place the name of Eliza B. McNeill upon the pension list, and to allow her a pension equal in amount to half the pay her husband, F. B. McNeill, was entitled to as captain in the United States marine corps at the time of his death, for five years, from April twenty-five, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, payable semi-annually.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Eliza B. McNeill to be placed on the pension roll at her husband's half-pay for five years, from April 25, 1856.

CHAP. CLVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Ambrose Lanfear, of Louisiana.*

Aug. 18, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the surveys of claim number seventy-four, known as the claim of the children of Paul Toups, and of claim number five hundred and twenty-nine, known as the claim of Daspit St. Amand, executed by Maurice Hanké, United States deputy surveyor, and approved of by William J. McCulloh, United States surveyor general for the State of Louisiana, on the fifth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, be, and the said surveys are hereby confirmed in favor of Ambrose Lanfear for the lands embraced within the said surveys hereby confirmed: *Provided,* That such confirmation shall only be construed into a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and shall not affect the rights of any third person claiming title either under adverse title or as præemptor: *And provided further,* That any person, or persons, who are now settled on the said lands, or any portion of the lands embraced in the said surveys, shall be entitled to have and maintain an action to test the validity of said surveys and the extent of the said claims of the children of Paul Toups, and of Daspit St. Amand,

Surveys of claims in Louisiana, known as claims of Toups children and of Daspit St. Amand, confirmed to Ambrose Lanfear.

This confirmation to be only a relinquishment of title.

Proviso that contestants may sue.

Preëmption
as on said sur-
veys.

numbers seventy-four and five hundred and twenty-nine—and to have the same determined judicially in the same manner as though the land on which they are settled had been surveyed as public land, and they had been permitted to enter the same by way of preëmption, it being the true intent and meaning of this act that no person who would be now entitled to a right of preëmption to any part of the said land, if the same were the property of the United States, shall be deprived of the same, unless it is judicially decided that the said surveys were made in conformity with the legal right of the said Ambrose Lanfear, under the said confirmation.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

August 18, 1856. CHAP. CLIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Hannibal Faulk and Eliza S. Collier, (formerly Widow Scriber,) and the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Benjamin Scriber, deceased.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Hannibal Faulk and Eliza S. Collier, (formerly widow Scriber,) and Abraham H. Scriber, Mary Ann Scriber, and William J. C. Scriber, heirs at law of Benjamin Scriber, deceased, according to their respective interests, be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their title to a certain tract of land, lying within the Baron de Bastrop grant, in the State of Louisiana, being a remainder of twenty-two hundred and fifty arpens of a tract of three thousand arpens, reported on by the register and receiver of the land-office at Monroe, Louisiana, under date of July thirtieth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, and numbered in said report as number one, of the first class; and being, also, that portion of said tract of land which was rejected by the said register and receiver, but recommended to the discretion and liberality of the Government. The confirmation hereby made, together with the confirmation under the act of Congress, approved June twenty-nine, 1854, ch. 68, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, shall be construed to confirm the title to the entire tract of land containing three thousand arpens, claimed by the said parties before the said register and receiver, and more particularly described in the deed from John McBride to Abraham Scriber, dated the fifteenth June, eighteen hundred and eighteen, a copy of which accompanies the said report of the thirtieth July, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

Confirmation,
how, to operate.

1854, ch. 68.

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Patent, how
issued.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, upon the receipt of a plat and survey of the said tract of land, executed by the proper officer, shall cause a patent to be issued ther for: *Provided, however,* That such patent shall only operate as a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and shall not affect the right of any third person, whether entitled to a preëmption under the laws of the United States, or having other valid claim to any part of said land.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 6.] *A Resolution for the Relief of the Southwestern and Muskogee Railroad Companies.* May 9, 1856.

Resolved 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 correct the error in the bid of R. R. Cuyler; for the President of the Southwestern and Muskogee Railroad Companies, on mail route six thousand three hundred and three; and that he be required to allow them fifteen thousand three hundred dollars per annum for the double daily service, from the commencement of their service to the expiration of the contract, or so long as the New York and New Orleans mail may continue to be transported over said route.

APPROVED, May 9, 1856.

Payment to R. R. Cuyler for mail service of certain railroads.

[No. 11.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to settle the Accounts of Oliver M. Wozencraft.* July 3, 1856.

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 authorized to audit and settle, upon just and equitable principles, the accounts of Oliver M. Wozencraft, late commissioner and Indian agent for California, for actual disbursements made by him; and that a sum not exceeding seven thousand dollars be appropriated for the purpose of carrying this resolution into effect, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That nothing herein contained shall authorize the settlement of any contracts entered into by said Wozencraft, or drafts drawn by him, on which individuals now base claims against the United States.

APPROVED, July 3, 1856.

Settlement of accounts of O. M. Wozencraft.

[No. 12.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Dr. William P. A. Hail, late of the Tennessee Volunteers in the Mexican War.* July 17, 1856.

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 be authorized and directed to adjust the claim of Dr. W. P. A. Hail, for medical services rendered to the volunteers while serving in Mexico, upon the following principles, to wit: to allow said Dr. Hail the pay of assistant surgeon while engaged in professional services, with the consent of his commanding officer, deducting therefrom the amount paid to said Hail as a private in the first regiment of Tennessee volunteers, during the period he performed the duties of surgeon.

Adjustment of claim of Dr. W. P. A. Hail.

SEC. 2. *And be it further resolved,* That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Dr. W. P. A. Hail, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, such sum as may, upon said adjustment, be found to be due him for medical services aforesaid.

Payment of amount found due.

APPROVED, July 17, 1856.

[No. 13.] *A Resolution for the Relief of John Y. Laub, a Clerk in the Office of the First Comptroller of the Treasury.* July 30, 1856

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the increase in the

Salary of J. Y. Laub.

1850, ch. 90. salary of John Y. Laub, a clerk in the office of the First Comptroller of
Vol. ix. p. 525. the Treasury, authorized by the act of the thirtieth of September, eighteen
hundred and fifty, shall commence on the first of July, eighteen hundred
and forty-nine, the date of the commencement of the additional services
performed by said Laub: *Provided*, The amount hereby authorized to
be paid shall not exceed the sum of three hundred and thirty-three dol-
lars and thirty-three cents.

APPROVED, July 30, 1856.

August 18, 1856. [No. 15.] *A Resolution for the Relief of Susan Decatur, Widow of Commodore Stephen Decatur, late of the United States Navy.*

Pension certi- *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United*
cate to issue to *States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the
Susan Decatur, Interior be, and he is hereby directed to cause a pension certificate to be
at \$50 per month. issued to Susan Decatur, widow of Commodore Stephen Decatur, late of
the United States Navy, at the rate of fifty dollars per month, for five
years, to cease on the death or marriage of said Susan Decatur.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.

Aug. 18, 1856. [No. 16.] *A Resolution for the Settlement of the Accounts of Charles M. Strader and Edward P. Johnson, Mail Contractors.*

Settlement of *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United*
accounts of *States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Postmaster-General
Charles M. Stra- be, and he is hereby authorized and directed to cause the accounts of the
der for mail ser- late Charles M. Strader, deceased, and Edward P. Johnson, mail con-
vice. tractors on route number three thousand three hundred and thirty, from
Louisville, Kentucky, to New Orleans, Louisiana, to be audited and settled,
and that the said contractors be allowed the amount to which they may
be entitled in equity and justice for the discontinuance of that part of
their aforesaid contract under the order of the Postmaster-General, dated
sixth of February, eighteen hundred and forty-one, as may appear by
the records of the Post-Office Department; and that the Postmaster-
General pay the said amount to James Thompson, surviving partner and
administrator, and Mary B. Strader, widow and administratrix of the
said Charles M. Strader, deceased, or to their legally authorized attor-
neys, out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 18, 1856.