

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the second * session, which was begun and holden at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Thursday, the twenty-first day of December, 1856, and ended Saturday, the thirtieth day of August, 1856.*

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

CHAP. I.—*An Act for the Relief of John Connolly, late a Private in Company A, Sixth Infantry, United States Army.* August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of John Connolly, late a Private in Company A, Sixth Regiment Infantry United States Army, be placed upon the pension roll by the Secretary of the Interior, at the rate of ten dollars per month.

John Connolly
to be placed on
pension roll, at
\$10 per month.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. II.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Bernard Hemkin.* August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the heirs and legal representatives of Bernard Hemkin be and they are hereby authorized to locate two hundred arpens of land on any of the unreserved and unappropriated public lands of the Ouachita land district in the State of Louisiana, it being in lieu of so much of the lot number four, recommended by the register and receiver of said land-office for confirmation, in their report made in July, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, in compliance with an act of Congress, as has been awarded to John B. Eddins: *Provided,* That by said location they shall not interfere with the pre-emptive or other valid rights of third persons.

Heirs and representatives of
Bernard Hemkin
authorized to locate certain
land in Louisiana.

Proviso.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. III.—*An Act for the Relief of Ursula E. Cobb, Widow of Charles Cobb.*

August 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 the

* The proclamation convening this session will be found in the Appendix to the Public Laws, Proclamation No. 47, *post*, p. 794. All the Private Laws of this session were in point of fact passed by the two Houses at the first session, but before the approval thereof by the President, both the Senate and House of Representatives on the first day of this session passed the following resolve: "Resolved, That such bills as passed both Houses of the last session, but, for want of time, were either not presented to the two Houses for the signatures of their presiding officers, or, having been thus signed, were not presented to the President for approval, be now reported or presented to the President as if no adjournment had taken place."

Ursula E. Cobb
to be placed on
naval pension
roll from May 9,
1853.
1837, ch. 38.
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Interior be required to place the name of Ursula E. Cobb, widow of the late Charles Cobb, a gunner in the naval service of the United States, upon the list of those pensioners who are allowed pensions by the act entitled "An act for the more equitable administration of the navy pension fund," approved the third day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and to allow her, as the widow of said Cobb, a pension agreeable to the provisions of said act, and that her said pension to commence on the ninth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-three.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856. CHAP. IV.—*An Act for the Relief of Peyton G. King, late Receiver of Public Money at Monroe, Louisiana.*

Peyton G. King
to be credited
\$7853.92 in his
account.

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, in adjusting the accounts of Peyton G. King, as late receiver of public money at the United States land-office at Monroe, Louisiana, to give him credit for the sum of seven thousand eight hundred and fifty-three dollars and ninety-two cents, the amount of the public money of which he was robbed on the twenty-second day of January, A. D., eighteen hundred and fifty-five, while acting in the aforesaid capacity.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856.

CHAP. V.—*An Act for the Relief of Henry L. Robinson.*

H. L. Robinson
to be paid \$171.

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 Henry L. Robinson the sum of one hundred and seventy-one dollars for retained bounty, and for his services in the United States army, from April, eighteen hundred and fourteen, to the day of his discharge in February, eighteen hundred and fifteen.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act for the Relief of William B. Cozzens.*

Wm. B. Cozzens
to be paid \$1000.

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 William B. Cozzens the sum of one thousand dollars, in full compensation for his storehouse, taken from him for the use of the United States, in January, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, by Captain L. H. Webb, by order of Quartermaster General Jesup.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Mrs. Magdalene Broutin, widow of De la Ronde.*

Land claim of
heirs &c. of Mag-
dalene Broutin
confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of the Heirs and legal representatives of Mrs. Magdalene Broutin, the widow of Don Pedro de la Ronde, be and the same is hereby confirmed to a tract of land in the Greensburg district, parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, fronting on the west bank of Pearl River, at about ten miles from its fall into the Rigolets; containing two thousand superficial arpents, as represented on the plat of survey made by Carlos Trudeau, and annexed to the title deed granted by Don Juan Ventura Morales, intendent or superintendent general of the province of West Florida, to Mrs. Magdalene Broutin, widow of De la Ronde, on the nineteenth January, eighteen hundred and four: *Provided, however,* That this act shall only operate as a relinquishment forever on the part of the United States to the said lands; and shall

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not interfere with adverse valid rights of other persons, if such exist, to any part of the land embraced in the claim and survey aforesaid.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act for the Relief of John Nash.*

August 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 the Treasury be and he is hereby directed to pay to John Nash, owner of the schooner L. J. Bowden, the sum of one hundred dollars, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same being one moiety of the penalty collected of the master of the said vessel by the collector of the port of Fredericksburg, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-three, for a breach of the revenue laws, it having been made to appear that the said penalty was incurred without any design to violate the law.

John Nash to
be paid \$100.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. IX.—*An Act for the Relief of John Otis.*

August 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 the Treasury pay to John Otis the sum of nine hundred and seventeen dollars and fifty cents, in full compensation for services rendered in taking care of the sick and wounded at the battle of Sandy Creek, and for quarters and material furnished the wounded prisoners at said battle, in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen.

John Otis to
be paid \$917.50.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. X.—*An Act for the Relief of Abner Dickson, a Soldier in the War of eighteen hundred and twelve.*

August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of Abner Dickson be placed on the roll of invalid pensions at the rate of sixteen dollars per month, commencing on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, and to continue during his natural life, instead of the pension heretofore allowed him.

Abner Dickson
to be placed on
the pension roll
at \$16 per month
from Dec. 1, 1835,
for life.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XI.—*An Act for the Relief of Calvin Hall, Assignee of William Jones.*

August 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 the Treasury pay to Calvin Hall, assignee of William Jones, such a sum of money as shall equal the value of three hundred and two sheep belonging to said Jones, and which were improperly seized and sold by the government officers, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-one, for an alleged nonpayment of duties.

Payment to
Calvin Hall, as-
signee of Wm.
Jones.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856. CHAP. XII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Sureties of the late Lieutenant Charles E. Jarvis, United States Army.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be and they are hereby directed to credit and allow the sum of three thousand and ninety-eight dollars and thirty-seven cents, in the accounts of Lieutenant Charles E. Jarvis, deceased, and late acting assistant commissary of subsistence for disbursements made on his passage to California, and for transportation on his arrival there, the vouchers for the same having been lost or stolen after his death in California.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Edmund Mitchell.*

Edmund Mitchell to be placed on the pension roll at \$8 per month, from March 1, 1854.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of Edmund Mitchell, of Carroll county, in the State of Kentucky, be placed upon the pension roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856. CHAP. XIV.—*An Act for the Relief of William Humphreys, jr., Owner of Fishing Schooner "Good Exchange," lost at Sea.*

Payment of fishing bounty of the "Good Exchange" to Wm. Humphreys, jr.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the collector of customs for the district of Marblehead, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to William Humphreys, jr., the owner of the schooner "Good Exchange," of ninety-four tons and thirty-nine ninety-fifths of a ton burden, upon his showing sufficient authority from the heirs, or the legal representatives of each person interested, such a sum of money as said vessel would have been entitled to if she had been engaged in the cod fisheries for the "fishing term" of four months or more, to be distributed as the law provides; such vessel having been lost while engaged in that business during the fishing season of eighteen hundred and forty-five: *Provided,* It shall be shown by sufficient proof that the master and three-fourths of the crew of the said schooner "Good Exchange," were citizens of the United States.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856. CHAP. XV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Ignacio Delino.*

Claim of heirs and representatives of Ignacio Delino to land in the Greensburg district, La., confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of the heirs and legal representatives of Ignacio Delino be and the same is hereby confirmed to a tract of land in the Greensburg district, parish of St. Tammany, Louisiana, fronting on the west bank of Pearl River, at about twelve miles from its fall into the Rigolets, containing two thousand superficial arpents, as represented on the plat of survey made by Carlos Trudeau, and annexed to the title deed granted by Don Juan Ventura Morales, intendent-general of the province of West Florida, to Ignacio Delino, on the eighteenth January, eighteen hundred and four: *Provided,* however, That this act shall only operate as a relinquishment forever on

This act to operate only as a relinquishment.

the part of the United States to the said lands, and shall not interfere with adverse valid rights of other persons, if such exist, to any part of the land embraced in the claim and survey aforesaid.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XVI.—*An Act providing an Increase of Pension to Daniel Waldo, of Onondago county, New York.* August 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 the Interior cause the pension of Daniel Waldo, of Onondago county, New York, to be changed on the pension roll from twenty-six dollars and sixty-six cents per annum, to eight dollars per month, commencing from the fourth of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and to continue during his natural life.

Pension of Daniel Waldo to be increased to \$8 per month, from March 4, 1831, for life.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XVII.—*An Act to confirm the Title of Ruhama Whitaker and Rebecca Whitaker to certain Lands in the State of Louisiana.* August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby confirmed to Ruhama Whitaker the usufruct title during her natural life, in two certain tracts constituting one body of land on the northwest branch of Thompson's creek, in Louisiana; the one tract of five hundred and sixty arpens having been surveyed in the year seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, in the name of Juan Brown; the other, of three hundred and ten arpens, having been surveyed in the year eighteen hundred and six, for Edward O'Connor; and there is hereby relinquished to Rebecca Whitaker the reversionary interest of the United States in fee simple to the said land; and it shall be the duty of the United States surveyor-general to execute a proper survey of the land, according to the evidence accompanying the memorial of the said Ruhama Whitaker and Rebecca Whitaker to Congress: *Provided*, however, that the confirmation and relinquishment by this act shall not interfere with any subsisting valid adverse right, if such exist, to the whole or any part of the aforesaid land.

Life-estate in certain land in Louisiana confirmed to Ruhama Whitaker.

Reversion relinquished to Rebecca Whitaker.

Valid adverse rights saved.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones.* August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer of the treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to Captain Thomas Ap Catesby Jones the sum of nine hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full for the moneys paid by him to Hall McAllister, Esq., as counsel on the trial of Black and five others for mutiny, before a general naval court-martial on board the sloop-of-war "Warren," in October, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

Capt. T. Ap Catesby Jones to be paid \$900.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Rudolf Kussmaul.* August 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 the Interior be and he is hereby authorized and directed to place the name of

Rudolf Kussmaul to be placed on pension

roll at \$12 per month from June 30, 1856, for life, instead of his present pension.

Rudolf Kussmaul of New York upon the pension list, at the rate of twelve dollars per month; commencing on the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and continuing during his natural life, in lieu of the pension of six dollars per month, which he now receives.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856. CHAP. XX.—*An Act authorizing the Legal Representatives of Manuel Gonzales Moro to enter certain Lands in Missouri.*

Representatives of Manuel Gonzales Moro authorized to enter certain land in Missouri.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legal representatives of Manuel Gonzales Moro be and they are hereby authorized to enter, without payment, at any land-office in the State of Missouri, in such quantities, agreeably to the United States surveys, as the claimants may desire, a quantity of land subject to private entry, not exceeding seven thousand and fifty-six arpens of land, at a price not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, in lieu of and in compensation for a claim of that quantity allowed to them by the board of commissioners appointed for the final adjustment of private land claims in the State of Missouri, and confirmed to them by "An act confirming claims to land in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes," approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-six. And the register and receiver of the land-offices aforesaid shall receive the proper applications and proofs, and shall issue the necessary certificate or certificates; on return of which to the General Land-Office, with proof sufficient, in the opinion of the Secretary of the Interior, to establish the right of the claimants as such legal representatives, a patent or patents shall issue as in other cases.

1836, ch. 361.
Vol. v. p. 126.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856. CHAP. XXI.—*An Act for the Relief of J. W. Todd, a Lieutenant of Ordnance in the United States Army.*

Allowance of \$2,450 in accounts of J. W. Todd.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officer of the treasury of the United States be and he is hereby directed to give credit to J. W. Todd, a lieutenant of ordnance in the United States army, in the sum of two thousand four hundred and fifty dollars, the same being the amount placed in his hands by the United States, and charged to him as disbursing officer, which was irrecoverably lost whilst in his charge and custody by the burning and sinking of the steamboat Gipsev on the Mississippi River, between Baton Rouge and New Orleans, on the seventh of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856. CHAP. XXII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Legal Representatives of Louis Reggio.*

Heirs and representatives of Louis Reggio confirmed in their title to land in Louisiana.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the heirs and legal representatives of Louis Reggio, original claimant, be and they are hereby confirmed in their title to a certain tract of land situated on the Bayou Lacomb, in the parish of St. Tammany, State of Louisiana, containing sixteen hundred arpents, more or less, according to the original plat of survey made and returned to the land-office, and located in townships eight and nine, of ranges twelve and thirteen east, in the land district east of the island of Orleans, and west of Pearl River: *Provided,* That this con-

firmation is in no manner to affect or impair any adverse valid rights, if such should be found to exist; but the area of such interference, if not less than the quantity of a sixteenth of a section, the aforesaid legal representatives shall be authorized to locate on other government lands in Louisiana, subject to entry by private sale at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre or less.

Adverse rights saved and other land to be entered therefor.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the Surveyor-General of Louisiana to ascertain whether any part of the original claim is not covered by other rights, and for such portion he shall make a return of a plat to the General Land-Office; and for the area of interference, if not less than the quantity aforesaid, he shall issue his certificate authorizing the location thereof on other lands in Louisiana as aforesaid; and upon the return of such a plat, or the surveyor-general's certificate, with the tracts designated thereon by the proper register, which may be selected in accordance with this act, a patent shall issue.

Ascertainment whether there are adverse rights.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of James M. Lindsay.*

August 23, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of James M. Lindsay, of the State of Alabama, to fractional section twenty-one, township six, range five, west of the Alabama River, except the south half of the southeast quarter and the south half of the southwest quarter of said section be and the same is hereby confirmed—the land herein described being the part of a reservation made to Samuel and David Hale, Creek Indians, by the treaty of the ninth of August, eighteen hundred and fourteen, between the United States and the hostile Creeks: *Provided*, That this act shall be construed to vest in the said Lindsay only the reversionary interest of the United States, and not to prejudice the rights of *bonâ fide* claimants other than the United States.

Land claim of James M. Lindsay, confirmed.

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Adverse rights saved.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Thomas Gordon, deceased.*

August 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 the Treasury be and is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the legal representatives of Thomas Gordon, deceased, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, nineteen and eighteen ninetieths dollars, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum from the fifth day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, being in full for a certificate given by Timothy Pickering, quartermaster-general, to the said Thomas Gordon, deceased, for nineteen and eighteen ninetieths dollars and interest, and bearing date the twenty-ninth of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two.

Payment to representatives of Thomas Gordon.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Antoine Robedeau.*

August 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 the Interior shall inscribe on the invalid pension roll the name of Antoine Robedeau, who was an interpreter to General Kearney whilst in command of the army of the West, and was wounded in the battle of San Pasqual,

Antoine Robedeau to be placed on pension roll at

\$16.66 per
month from Dec.
1 1855, for life.

at the rate of sixteen dollars and sixty-six cents per month, to commence on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Salvador Accardi.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be and he hereby is directed to place the name of Salvador Accardi upon the roll of invalid pensions, and that the said Accardi be paid a pension at the rate of six dollars per month, commencing from the fourteenth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

August 23, 1856.

CHAP. XXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of William H. Chase.*

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 pass to the credit of William H. Chase, a major in the army, in the settlement of his accounts, the sum of eight hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents, being for the amount heretofore disallowed him in lieu of quarters and fuel in the years eighteen hundred and thirty-eight and eighteen hundred and thirty-nine; and the further sum of one hundred and thirty dollars for money paid by him for the hire of a vessel to convey him, in the course of his duty, from Key West to Havana, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-five, amounting in all to the sum of nine hundred and forty-two [dollars] and fifty cents.

APPROVED, August 23, 1856.

Capt. Wm. H.
Chase to be al-
lowed \$812.50,
and \$130 in his
accounts.