

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRTY-FOURTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the third session, which was begun and holden at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday the second day of December, 1856, and ended Tuesday the third day of March, 1857.*

FRANKLIN PIERCE, President. JESSE D. BRIGHT, President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, till January 5, 1857, and JAMES M. MASON from that time till the close of the Session. NATHANIEL P. BANKS, Jun., Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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CHAP. I.—*An Act for the Relief of George K. McGunnege, surviving Partner of the late firm of Hill and McGunnege, of St. Louis, Missouri.*

Dec. 26, 1856.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of two thousand two hundred and eighty-two dollars and sixty-seven cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated for the payment of a balance due by the United States, to Hill and McGunnege, for commissary and other supplies furnished for the use of the Illinois militia, in eighteen hundred and thirty-two; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be directed to pay over the said sum to the said Hill and McGunnege or their assigns.

\$2282.67 to be paid to Hill and McGunnege.

APPROVED, December 26, 1856.

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CHAP. III.—*An Act for the Relief of James Harrington.*

Jan. 2, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper officers of the Treasury Department be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to pay to James Harrington, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred dollars, as a full indemnification for loss of time and expense incurred during sickness caused by melting lead while in the employment of the United States.

\$500 to be paid to James Harrington.

APPROVED, January 2, 1857.

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CHAP. IV.—*An Act for the Relief of Peter Grover.*

Jan. 8, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid to Peter Grover, of the State of Maine, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eight hundred dollars, being for injuries received while in the employment of the United States in a dangerous service, and for medical and other expenses incurred in consequence thereof.

\$800 to be paid to Peter Grover.

APPROVED, January 8, 1856.[7]

Jan. 8, 1857.

CHAP. V.—*An Act for the Relief of A. S. Bender.*

\$1281.92 to be  
paid to A. S.  
Bender in full.

*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 A. S. Bender, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twelve hundred and eighty-one dollars and ninety-two cents, in full consideration of his services as superintendent of the United States lead mines of the upper Mississippi, from the second of August, eighteen hundred and forty-four, to the sixteenth of October, eighteen hundred and forty-seven,—it being the difference between his pay as such superintendent, to which he is entitled, and the pay of acting superintendent which he did receive for the same period.

APPROVED, January 8, 1856.[7]

Jan. 8, 1857.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act granting Bounty Land to Jared L. Elliott.*

Land-warrant  
granted to Jared  
L. Elliott.

*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 cause a warrant to be granted and issued to Jared L. Elliott, late chaplain in the army, for one hundred and sixty acres of land, as bounty, upon the production of such proofs of identity and term of service as are, or may be, required by law.

APPROVED, January 8, 1856.[7]

Jan. 10, 1857.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act increasing the Pension of George W. Torrence.*

Pension of Geo.  
W. Torrence to  
be increased to  
\$40 per month.  
1854, ch. 97.  
Vol. x. p. 785.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the pension allowed to George W. Torrence, by the act approved July seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, be increased to forty dollars per month, commencing from the date of the beginning of his present pension, in consideration of his great disability by reason of wounds received at the National Bridge, Mexico, on the ninth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, January 10, 1857.

Jan. 13, 1857.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act to authorize the Postmaster-General to execute a Contract with Messrs. Garman, Wigle, and Benford, for carrying the Mail from Cumberland, Maryland, to Greensburg, Pennsylvania.*

Contract to be  
made with Gar-  
man, Wigle, and  
Benford, for mail  
service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster-General be and he is hereby authorized to execute a contract with Messrs. Garman, Wigle, and Benford, accepted bidders at the late lettings of mail contracts on route number three thousand three hundred and thirty-one, from Cumberland, Maryland, to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, at the sum of forty-three hundred and twenty dollars per annum.

APPROVED, January 13, 1857.

Jan. 13, 1857.

CHAP. IX.—*An Act for the Relief of J. Randolph Clay.*

\$1,312.50 to be  
paid to J. Ran-  
dolph Clay.

*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 J. Randolph Clay, envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary of the United States to the government of Peru, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand three hundred and twelve dollars and fifty cents, it being the difference between the salary allowed him as

charge d'affaires from the sixteenth of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, (the date of his appointment as minister,) to the thirtieth of June following, after which he was allowed a compensation according to his rank.

APPROVED, January 13, 1857.

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CHAP. X.—*An Act for the Relief of Hannah F. Niles.*

Jan. 13, 1857.

*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 unto Hannah F. Niles, or to her legal representatives, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand dollars, in consideration of the meritorious services of her father, Captain Robert Niles, during the war of the Revolution.

\$3,000 to be paid to Hannah F. Niles.

APPROVED, January 13, 1857.

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CHAP. XI.—*An Act for the Relief of the surviving Children of Sarah Crandall, deceased.*

Jan. 16, 1857.

*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 the surviving children of Sarah Crandall, deceased, the sum of ninety-six dollars per annum, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to the date of her death, being the amount she would have received per annum, under a special act for her relief approved July twenty-four, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, had she survived.

Payment to surviving children of Sarah Crandall.

1854, ch. 128.

APPROVED, January 16, 1857.

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CHAP. XIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Charles L. Denman.*

Jan. 17, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized to pay to Charles L. Denman the sum of two hundred dollars, the same to be in full consideration of a like sum by him advanced to the Pacific Mail Company for the passage of two American citizens from Acapulco, in Mexico, to San Francisco, California, and to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

\$200 to be paid to Charles L. Denman.

APPROVED, January 17, 1857.

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CHAP. XV.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph White.*

Jan. 17, 1857.

*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, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to Joseph White the sum of five hundred and sixty-one dollars and two cents, being for the amount of money by mistake omitted to be credited to him, as Navy Agent, in settling his accounts at the treasury.

\$561.02 to be paid to Joseph White.

APPROVED, January 17, 1857.

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CHAP. XVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Amos B. Corwine.*

Jan. 17, 1857.

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

\$27,804.33 to be paid to Amos B. Corwine. Treasury pay, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Amos B. Corwine, the sum of twenty-seven thousand eight hundred and four dollars and thirty-three cents, in full compensation for moneys expended by him in forwarding destitute citizens of the United States from Panama to San Francisco.

APPROVED, January 17, 1857.

Jan. 21, 1857. CHAP. XVII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Major-General Arthur St. Clair.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in consideration of the claims, services, and sacrifices of the late Major-General Arthur St. Clair, in the war of the Revolution, and in the subsequent Indian wars, the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay to the heirs of the said Major-General Arthur St. Clair—one-sixth to be paid to the heirs of each of his six children—the sum of thirty thousand dollars, the same to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 21, 1857.

Jan. 26, 1857. CHAP. XX.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas J. Churchill, late a Lieutenant in the first Kentucky Regiment of Volunteers.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be and they are hereby authorized and directed, in settling the accounts of Thomas J. Churchill, late a lieutenant in the first Kentucky regiment of volunteers, and acting commissary and quartermaster during the war with Mexico, to allow him a credit in full for whatever amount may be charged against him upon the books of the Treasury Department, as such commissary and quartermaster, in the same manner as if he had presented vouchers therefor, all his accounts and vouchers having been lost or destroyed during his imprisonment by the Mexicans in the year eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, January 26, 1857.

Jan. 26, 1857. CHAP. XXI.—*An Act to authorize the Legal Representatives of Pascal L. Cerre to enter certain Lands in the State of 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 Pascal L. Cerre be and they are hereby authorized to locate, free of costs, on any of the public lands of the United States in the State of Missouri, agreeably to the United States surveys, subject to sale at private entry, at the minimum price, the quantity of seven thousand and fifty-six arpens of land, less such quantity of lands as they may have already acquired under and by virtue of the confirmatory act of eighteen hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An act confirming claims to lands in the State of Missouri, and for other purposes," approved July fourth, eighteen hundred and thirty-six; and the Commissioner of the General Land-Office, upon the receipt of the proper certificate or certificates, and upon being satisfied that such claimants are such legal representatives, shall cause a patent or patents to be issued as in other cases.

APPROVED, January 26, 1857.

1836, ch. 361.

Vol. v. p. 126.

Representatives of Pascal L. Cerre authorized to locate certain land in Missouri.

Settlement of accounts of Thos. J. Churchill.

\$30,000 to be paid to the heirs of Major-General Arthur St. Clair.

CHAP. XXII.—*An Act for the Relief of James P. Fleming, of Augusta, Georgia.* Jan. 26, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars be and the same is hereby appropriated for the relief of James P. Fleming, in payment for extra services in transporting the mails on route number thirty-three thousand three hundred and thirteen, in eighteen hundred and fifty-four; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby authorized and directed to pay the said James P. Fleming, or his legal representatives, the said sum of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars out of any money in the treasury to the credit of the Post-Office Department not otherwise appropriated.

\$1,450 to be paid to James P. Fleming.

APPROVED, January 26, 1857.

CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of John H. Horne.* Jan. 26, 1857.

*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 and required to pay to John H. Horne, of Mississippi, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six hundred and fifty dollars and fifty cents.

\$650.50 to be paid to John H. Horne.

APPROVED, January 26, 1857.

CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act making a Reappropriation from the Surplus Fund for the Relief of Lieutenant John Guest, United States Navy, and others.* Jan. 26, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of one thousand seven hundred and sixty dollars and forty-nine cents, being the balance remaining of the appropriations made by Congress in the years eighteen hundred and forty, and eighteen hundred and forty-one, for the survey of the coast from Apalachicola bay to the mouth of the Mississippi River, for the ascertainment of the practicability of establishing a navy yard and naval station which should best subserve the protection of the commerce of the Gulf of Mexico, which balance has been carried to the credit of the surplus fund, be and the same is hereby reappropriated, for the payment of the sum due Lieutenant John Guest, United States Navy, (six hundred and seventeen dollars,) for services rendered in such survey, and for other lawful claims of officers who were employed in that survey.

Balance of appropriations for coast survey carried to surplus fund, reappropriated for John Guest and others.

APPROVED, January 26, 1857.

CHAP. XXVI.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to approve the Accounts of the Marshal for the District of Missouri, for Furniture provided for the Use of the Circuit Court of the United States for said District, at the April Term of said Court, held at St. Louis, in the Year eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and for the Allowance and Payment to the Marshal of the District of Indiana, of the Account for Furniture for the Office of the Clerk of the District Court of the District of Indiana.* Jan. 28, 1857.

*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 to allow, in the accounts of Thomas S. Bryant, marshal of the United States for the district of Missouri, the sum expended for furniture purchased for the use of the circuit court of the United States for said district, (and approved by Judge R. W. Wells, the district judge for Missouri,) at the April term of said court, held April, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, at St. Louis, Missouri, not exceeding in all the sum of three hundred dollars.

Allowance in accounts of Thos. S. Bryant.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to pay to the marshal of the district of Indiana, the account of Messrs. Weaver and Williams, for furniture purchased for the use of

Same subject.

the Clerk's office of the district court for the district of Indiana, not exceeding the sum of one hundred and thirty-eight dollars: *Provided*, That in each case proper vouchers be presented.

APPROVED, January 28, 1857.

Jan. 28, 1857.

CHAP. XXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Charlotte Turner.*

Mrs. Charlotte Turner authorized to enter certain land in Louisiana.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Mrs. Charlotte Turner be, and is hereby, authorized to enter, at the minimum price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, the east half of the southeast quarter of section twenty-one, and the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-two, in township three, of range eight east, in the southeastern district, Louisiana, in virtue of her long settlement and valuable improvements thereon.

APPROVED, January 28, 1857.

Feb. 3, 1857.

CHAP. XXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Charles Lucas, or his Legal Representatives, and for other Purposes.*

Charles Lucas or his representatives confirmed in their title to land in Missouri.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Charles Lucas, or his legal representatives, be and he or they are hereby confirmed in the hereinafter described one hundred and twenty-five acres and fifty-eight one-hundredths of an acre, part and parcel of a tract of three hundred and twenty-three acres and fourteen one-hundredths of an acre, located by virtue of New Madrid certificate number two hundred and thirteen, corresponding to survey number two thousand five hundred and ninety-two, lying in the Palmyra, Missouri, land district, that is to say, the west half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-five, a strip eighty-one links wide off the entire north side of the northwest quarter of section thirty-six, and so much off the south end of the east half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-five, township fifty-eight north, of range six west, as together will (with the said west half and said strip) make said quantity of one hundred and twenty-nine acres and fifty-eight one-hundredths of an acre, and that a patent be issued therefor to the said Charles Lucas, or his legal representatives, upon the receipt of a plat and survey of the same, executed by the proper officer, which said patent shall have the same force and effect as if the said certificate number two hundred and thirteen had issued for said quantity hereby confirmed.

John T. Redd permitted to enter certain land in Missouri.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That John T. Redd, for himself and those claiming title derived from him, be and he is hereby permitted to enter with the register and receiver of the proper land-office, at the price of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, all the rest and residue of said east half of the southwest quarter of section twenty-five, in township fifty-eight north, of range six west, included in the location under said certificate number two hundred and thirteen, and not included in the said one hundred and twenty-nine acres and fifty-eight one-hundredths of an acre, so as aforesaid confirmed.

APPROVED, February 3, 1857.

Feb. 3, 1857.

CHAP. XXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of the Sureties of Daniel Winslow.*

Relief of sureties of Daniel Winslow.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That David Winslow, and James N. Winslow, and their legal representatives, and the real and personal property of each, be, and they are hereby, released and relieved from all judgments, and from all liens and incumbrances of said judgments, and all levies made by virtue thereof in favor of the United States obtained

against them in any district court of the United States, as security for Daniel Winslow: *Provided*, That the costs of said suits be first paid by the said Winslows.

APPROVED, February 3, 1857.

CHAP. XXX.—*An Act for the Relief of Sally T. Mathews.*

Feb. 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be paid to Sally T. Mathews the sum of three hundred and fifty-one dollars, being in full compensation for the services of her late husband, William P. Mathews, as an extra clerk in that department, between the first September, eighteen hundred and forty-two, and the fourteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and forty-three, which sum is hereby appropriated out of any unappropriated moneys in the treasury.

\$351 to be paid to Sally T. Mathews.

APPROVED, February 3, 1857.

CHAP. XXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Brevet Major James Belger, of the United States Army.*

Feb. 3, 1857.

*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 allow to Brevet Major James Belger, of the United States army, in the settlement of his accounts with the Government, the sum of nine thousand three hundred dollars, being the amount stolen from him by his late principal clerk, John S. Sheahan, whilst he was acting in charge of the quartermaster's department in San Antonio, Texas: *Provided*, That previous to the said allowance, the said Belger assign to the Government *to the government* of the United States the judgment found in his favor in the district court, in the county of Bexar, in the State of Texas, against the said John S. Sheahan, for the amount of said embezzlement, and the benefits of the attachment issued by said court at the instance of said Belger, on the property of the said Sheahan, and all control over the proceedings of the aforementioned case.

Major James Belger to be allowed \$9,300, in his accounts.

Provided he assign to the U. States a certain judgment.

APPROVED, February 3, 1857.

CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Ransdell Pegg.*

Feb. 5, 1857.

*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 Ransdell Pegg the sum of one hundred and eight dollars and fifty cents out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being the amount of difference of pay received by him as a watchman at the east wing of the Patent-Office and that received by the other watchman of said building from the twenty-third July eighteen hundred and forty-nine to first October eighteen hundred and fifty.

\$108.50 to be paid to Ransdell Pegg.

APPROVED, February 5, 1857.

CHAP. XXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs or Legal Representatives of Jeremiah Bryan.*

Feb. 5, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the heirs or legal representatives of Jeremiah Bryan, late of the parish of St. Helena, State of Louisiana, be allowed, and are hereby authorized, to select from, and to enter and locate, free of cost, in the proper land-office, six hundred and forty acres of any of the public lands in the Greensburg (late St. Helena) land district, in Louisiana, according to legal subdivisions; and that such right of entry or location shall be exercised in full satisfaction of the con-

Heirs or representatives of Jeremiah Bryan authorized to enter certain land in Louisiana.

firmation made to said Bryan under the act of third March, eighteen hundred and nineteen, according to the report of actual settlers in said district, made by J. O. Cosby, and to certificate of confirmation, number two hundred and nine, issued by the register and receiver of said land-office: *Provided*, That the selections shall be made from lands subject to private entry, at a minimum of *of* not more than one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; and patents shall issue therefor, as in ordinary cases of entry and sale.

Proviso.

APPROVED, February 5, 1857.

Feb. 5, 1857. CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Captain Thomas Duncan, of the United States Army.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That Thomas Duncan, as the assignee and owner of the following warrants, issued under the act of September, eighteen hundred and fifty, viz: Number nine thousand seven hundred and forty-five, for eighty acres, in the name of George Chewning, issued July ten, eighteen hundred and fifty-one; number thirty-one thousand one hundred and thirty-eight, for forty acres, in the name of Benjamin Lindsley, issued November twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and fifty-one; number forty-four thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, for forty acres, in the name of Eleanor P. Pool, issued March six, eighteen hundred and fifty-two; number fifty-three thousand three hundred and four, for forty acres, in the name of Turner Brown, issued April twenty-eight, eighteen hundred and fifty-two; number fifty-five thousand one hundred and eight, for forty acres, in the name of George Bromer, issued April twenty-nine, eighteen hundred and fifty-two; number fifty-three thousand one hundred and forty, for forty acres, in the name of Laban Mauldin, issued April twenty-four, eighteen hundred and fifty-two; the originals of which, with assignments thereon in his favor, have been lost, be and he is hereby authorized to locate, in his name and as his property, the duplicates of said warrants, which have been or may be issued from the Commissioner of Pensions; and upon said locations being made according to the stipulations of said act of eighteen hundred and fifty, patents shall issue for the same, as in ordinary cases.

Thomas Duncan authorized to locate certain bounty land warrants issued in the name of Geo. Chewning, Benj. Lindsley, Eleanor P. Pool, Turner Brown, George Bromer, and Laban Mauldin, under act of 1850, ch. 85.

APPROVED, February 5, 1857.

Feb. 7, 1857. CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of John Mitchell, of the District of Columbia.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to place the name of John Mitchell on the pension roll, at the rate of thirty dollars per month, instead of twenty dollars, as per act of Congress, May fifteen, eighteen hundred and fifty.

John Mitchell to be placed on the pension roll at \$30 per month instead of \$20. 1848, ch. 51. 1850, ch. 42. Vol. ix. pp. 715, 801.

APPROVED, February 7, 1857.

Feb. 7, 1857. CHAP. XL.—*An Act to extend the Charter of the President and Directors of the "Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown, in the District of Columbia."*

Charter of the Firemen's Ins. Co. of Washington extended. 1837, ch. 69. Vol. vi. p. 694.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the charter of the president and directors of the "Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown, in the District of Columbia," approved on the third day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, which will expire by its own limitation on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, be and the same is hereby extended until the first day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight, upon the terms and conditions as hereinafter provided.



SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That every stockholder shall be entitled to vote by himself, his agent, or proxy, appointed under his hand and seal, attested by two witnesses, at elections made by virtue of this act, and shall have as many votes as he holds shares: *Provided,* That no person or body corporate shall have more than one hundred votes in his, her, or their own right; and every stockholder not in debt to the company may, with the assent of the president and directors in person or by power of attorney, assign and transfer his stock in the company on the books of the same, or any part thereof, not less than a share; but no stockholder indebted to the company shall be permitted to make a transfer or receive a dividend, until such debt is paid or secured to the satisfaction of the president and directors. The capital stock of the company shall consist of a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand dollars, divided into ten thousand shares of twenty dollars each.

Voting.

Assignment of shares.

Capital stock.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors of the present company, two weeks prior to the expiration of the present charter, shall call a meeting of the stockholders, if the present company, giving two weeks' notice in two of the papers printed and published in the city of Washington, of the time and place of meeting, and the stockholders, who shall assemble in person or by proxy, shall choose by ballot from among the stockholders, by a majority of the votes of those present, thirteen directors, who shall continue in office for one year from the first Monday in January, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-eight; and on the first Monday in January, in every year thereafter, an election shall be held for thirteen directors as aforesaid, who shall continue in office for one year from the time of their election and until others are chosen in their stead, and each director shall hold in his own right not less than twenty shares in the capital stock of the company; and the said directors, at their first meeting, and annually thereafter, shall choose from among themselves a president, and allow him a reasonable compensation for his services; and in case of death, resignation, removal or other disqualification of the president or any of the directors, the remaining directors may elect others to fill such vacancies, to serve during the remainder of the term for which they were chosen. The president and directors of the company, or any three of them, shall superintend the first election of directors under this act, and a committee of three stockholders, to be appointed by the directors, shall superintend every succeeding election. The president and directors elect shall, previous to entering on the duties of their respective offices, take the following oath or affirmation: "I (A. B.) do swear (or affirm) that I will faithfully, fully, diligently, impartially and honestly fulfil the duties of my office of \_\_\_\_\_, to the best of my knowledge and ability."

Annual stock holders' meetings.

Directors.

President.

Oath of office.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors shall be and they are hereby authorized to make all kinds of insurance against fire within the limits of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia only, and generally to transact and perform all business relative to the objects aforesaid, and also to invest the capital and funds of the company, from time to time, in the public funds of the United States, or in any other bonds or stocks, and to dispose of the money or property of the company in such manner (not being contrary to law) as to them shall appear most advantageous to the company.

Powers of president and directors.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors shall cause a semi-annual statement of the affairs of the company to be made on or before the first Mondays of January and July in each and every year, which statement shall be signed by the president and secretary, and sworn to by them, and be published in some paper printed in the city of Washington, in order to ascertain the net earned profits, as near as may be, for the preceding half year; and if it be ascertained that, after payment of all claims against the company, any profits have

Semi-annual statement of affairs to be published

Dividends. been made during this period, the directors, or a majority of them, may declare a dividend of said profits, which shall be paid within ten days thereafter, but it shall not be lawful to divide more than two thirds of said clear profits until a contingent fund of twenty thousand dollars shall be formed; and as often as the said fund shall be impaired by losses, the president and directors shall continue the half-yearly appropriation of one third of the net profits aforesaid, until the contingent fund be restored to the amount before mentioned.

Fund for injured and disabled firemen. SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted,* That the said president and directors be, and are hereby, authorized to set apart out of the profits of said company, from time to time as they may think necessary, a portion of said profits, to constitute a fund for the special benefit of such members of the several fire companies as may become injured or disabled in discharge of their duties at any fire, and to appropriate such sums as they may see fit in aid of the several fire companies, and which appropriation shall not be less than one hundred and fifty dollars per annum.

Appropriation for fire companies.

Losses, how estimated.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted,* That every building insured by this company that is destroyed by means of fire, from the first floor upwards, shall be deemed as demolished, and it shall be lawful for the directors, in such case, to order the money insured thereon to be paid within three months after the notice given of the loss as aforesaid; and in case of a partial destruction by fire, the loss shall be determined by assessors, appointed as follows: the person whose property is insured shall have the privilege of selecting one disinterested person, the board of directors shall select another; should these two persons disagree in their valuation of a loss, they shall select another disinterested person, the award of any two of these three shall be final.

Secretary and other officers.

By-laws, &c.

Record.

Building may be hired or purchased.

Liability of stockholders.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors shall have power and authority to appoint a secretary, and such other clerks and officers under him as they may think necessary, for transacting the business of the company, and may allow them such salary as they shall judge reasonable; to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations for conducting the concerns of said company, not being contrary to, nor inconsistent with this act, or the Constitution and laws of the United States; they shall keep a full and fair record of their transactions in books kept for that purpose, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the stockholders; they shall have power to hire or purchase a suitable building, or buildings, in the city of Washington or Georgetown, for the purpose of transacting the affairs of the company, and generally to conduct the entire business thereof.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the stockholders in this company shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or responsibility arising from any contract of insurance other than the property they have in the capital or funds of the company, to the amount of the stock respectively held by them and any profits arising therefrom, not divided: *Provided,* The said company shall, from time to time, apply all sums of money received by them for premiums to the payment of losses in the first instance, and to make up the original capital whenever it shall have suffered diminution by losses.

Power to hold real estate.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the said company shall not be competent to purchase, take, or hold any real estate other than such as shall be requisite for its immediate accommodation in relation to the convenient transaction of its business, and such as shall have been *bonâ fide* mortgaged or conveyed to it by way of security, or in satisfaction of debts contracted in the course of its dealings, or purchased at sales upon deeds of trust or judgments which shall have been obtained for such debts.

Policies, notes, &c. how authorized and signed.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That all policies of insurance and notes or obligations of every description shall be signed by the president

and countersigned by the secretary; and no promissory note or obligation, except contracts of insurance, shall be given without the previous vote of the board of directors; and no sale or transfer of stock or property shall be made, nor any bond or mortgage discharged, except in pursuance of a vote of the board of directors. Transfer of shares.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors may call a general meeting of the stockholders for any purpose relating to the affairs of the company, giving at least two weeks' notice thereof in the newspapers published in the city of Washington; and any number of stockholders who, together, shall be proprietors of five hundred shares of stock, may at any time apply to the president and directors to call a general meeting of the stockholders for any purpose relating to the affairs of the company; and if the president and directors shall refuse to call such meeting, the said stockholders, proprietors of not less than five hundred shares of stock, shall have power to call a general meeting of the stockholders, giving at least two weeks' notice in the newspapers afore-said, specifying in such notice the object of the meeting. Other meetings of stockholders.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted,* That should it so happen, from any cause whatsoever, that the annual election of directors should not take place in any year on the day hereinbefore mentioned for that purpose, this company shall not for that reason be dissolved; but such election may be lawfully held on such convenient day thereafter as may, for that purpose, be fixed on by the president and directors, they causing ten days' notice thereof to be given in one or more newspapers published in the city of Washington. Effect of non-election of directors at the annual meeting.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted,* That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize the company to issue any note, token, device, scrip, or other evidence of debt, to be used as a currency. Nothing to be issued as currency.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall take effect on the first day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, except so far as it provides for a notice of the first election of directors, in the third section of this act, which shall go into operation two weeks prior to said first of June, and this act shall continue and be in force until the first day of June, eighteen hundred and eighty-eight. When this act shall take effect

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be lawful for Congress, at any time hereafter, to alter, amend, or repeal this act. This act may be amended or repealed.

APPROVED, February 7, 1857.

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CHAP. XLI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Legal Representatives of Edmund H. McCabe, Assignee of Antoine Soulard.* Feb. 7, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the legal representatives of Edmund H. McCabe, assignee of Antoine Soulard, be and they are hereby authorized to enter, of the public lands of the United States subject to entry, at not exceeding one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, such quantity of land as has been sold by the United States within the boundaries of the claim of Antoine Soulard, confirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, at January term, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, from the time of filing the petition on which said confirmation was made to the issue of the patent under such confirmation, and that a patent or patents shall issue therefor. E. H. McCabe, assignee of Antoine Soulard, authorized to enter certain land.

APPROVED, February 7, 1857.

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CHAP. XLII.—*An Act for the Relief of Mary Reeside.* Feb. 7, 1857.

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

Mary Reeside to be paid \$188,496.06 with interest.

Treasury be and he hereby is directed, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to Mary Reeside, executrix of the will of James Reeside, the sum of one hundred and eighty-eight thousand four hundred and ninety-six dollars and six cents, with interest thereon from the sixth day of December, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and forty-one, being in full for the amount due upon a verdict and judgment thereon rendered by the Circuit Court of the United States for the eastern district of Pennsylvania, in a suit in which the United States were plaintiffs, and James Reeside aforesaid was defendant.

APPROVED, February 7, 1857.

Feb. 7, 1857. CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act to extend the Time for selling the Lands granted to the Kentucky Asylum for teaching the Deaf and Dumb.*

Five more years granted to sell the lands of the Kentucky Deaf and Dumb Asylum.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the further time of five years, from and after the expiration of the time heretofore allowed, be and the same is hereby allowed and permitted the trustees of the Centre College of Kentucky, who are also the trustees of said Kentucky asylum for teaching the deaf and dumb, to sell the lands heretofore granted said asylum by acts of Congress heretofore passed and confirmed to said trustees.

1826, ch. 24.  
1830, ch. 88.  
1836, ch. 51.  
1838, ch. 81.  
1840, ch. 89.  
1842, ch. 19.  
1843, ch. 139.  
1847, ch. 11.  
1852, ch. 12.

APPROVED, February 7, 1857.

Feb. 10, 1857. CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph D. Beers, of the City of New York.*

\$3396.66 with interest to be paid to Joseph D. Beers.

*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 Joseph D. Beers the sum of three thousand three hundred and ninety-six dollars and sixty-six cents, with interest thereon from the ninth day of August, Anno Domini, eighteen hundred and fifty, till paid in full for interest and damages on a bill of exchange drawn by Thomas B. Nalle, a purser in the Navy of the United States, on William Ballard Preston, late Secretary of the Navy, for twenty thousand dollars, payable to the order of Thomas Ap C. Jones, commander-in-chief of the Pacific squadron, three days after sight, dated the twenty-first day of January, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty, and endorsed by Thomas Ap C. Jones, to Moffall and Company or order, and by them to the order of said Joseph D. Beers.

APPROVED, February 10, 1857.

Feb. 16, 1857.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Martin Millett, of Iowa.*

Pre-emption entry of Martin Millett confirmed.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the preemption entry number twenty-nine thousand three hundred and forty, in the name of Martin Millett, which was allowed at the Dubuque Land-Office, on the twenty-first February, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and which includes the west half northeast quarter and east half northwest fractional quarter of section number eighteen, in township number ninety north, of range number six west, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and the commissioner of the General Land-Office is directed to cause a patent to be issued thereon.

APPROVED, February 16, 1857.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Jonathan Painter, a Black Man, who acted as a Spy in the War of eighteen hundred and twelve.*

Feb. 16, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to place the name of Jonathan Painter (a black man) on the pension list, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and to continue during his life.

Jonathan Painter to be placed on pension roll at \$8 per month from Sept. 4, 1856, for life.

APPROVED, February 16, 1857.

CHAP. XLIX.—*An Act to Incorporate an Insurance Company in the City of Washington.*

Feb. 16, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Silas H. Hill, William B. Todd, Samuel Bacon, William Wall, Benjamin Beall, Charles Miller, Joseph Bryan, M. W. Galt, Augustus E. Perry, J. C. McGuire, William F. Bayly, Walter Harper, Walter Lennox, and William T. Dove, and their associates and successors, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, a body politic and corporate by the name and style of the Washington Insurance Company, for the purpose of making insurance on dwellings, houses, stores, and all other kinds of buildings, vessels in port, house furniture, merchandise, and all other kinds of property, against loss and damage by fire; and also to make insurance on vessels, merchandise, freight, specie, bullion, commissions, profits, bank-notes, bills of exchange, and other evidences of debt, bottomry and respondentia interests, and all other personal property, or interests in or touching property at sea, land or water; and that the corporation hereby created shall, by the same name, have succession, and shall be capable in law to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity, or elsewhere, and to make and to have a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at their pleasure.

Names.

Title.

General powers

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the persons named in the foregoing section, or a majority of them, are hereby authorized to open a subscription in the city of Washington for raising a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars, in shares of twenty dollars each, and that each person on subscribing, shall pay to the persons above mentioned four dollars on each share subscribed for; and that the remainder of the said twenty dollars shall be secured by negotiable notes, signed and endorsed to the satisfaction of said persons, or a majority of them, and payment thereof may be demanded at such times and in such proportions as the president and directors hereafter mentioned shall judge advisable, giving six weeks' notice in three of the gazettes printed in the District of Columbia.

Capital stock how raised.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That every subscriber shall be entitled to vote by himself, his agent, or proxy, appointed under his hand and seal, attested by two witnesses, at elections made by virtue of this act, and shall have as many votes as he holds shares; and every stockholder, not in debt to the company, may, with the assent of the president and directors, in person or by power of attorney, assign and transfer his stock in the company on the books of the same, or any part thereof, not less than a share; but no stockholders indebted to the company shall be permitted to make a transfer or receive a dividend until such debt is paid or secured to the satisfaction of the president and directors.

Voters.

Transfer of shares.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That as soon as five thousand shares shall be subscribed, the persons hereby authorized to receive subscriptions shall call a meeting of the subscribers, giving two weeks' notice in two of the papers printed within the District, and the subscribers who shall assemble, in person or by proxy, shall choose, by ballot, from among the stockholders, by a majority of votes, nine directors, who shall continue in

First meeting

office until the first Monday in September, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven; on which Monday in September in every succeeding year thereafter, an election shall be held for nine directors as aforesaid, who shall continue in office for one year from the time of their election, and until others shall be chosen in their stead. And the said directors, at their first meeting, shall choose from among themselves, or from the stockholders at large, a president, and allow him a reasonable compensation for his services; and, in case of death, removal, resignation, or other disqualification of the president, or any of the directors, the remaining directors may elect others to supply their places during the remainder of the term for which they were chosen; and in every case where one of the directors shall be chosen president, the vacancy shall be supplied as in case of death, removal, or resignation; that the persons hereby authorized to receive subscriptions, or any three of them, be a committee to superintend the first election of directors, and a committee of three stockholders be appointed by the directors to superintend every succeeding election.

Annual meeting.  
Directors.  
President.  
Vacancies.  
Committee to superintend elections.

Responsibility of shareholders for losses.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the members of the company shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or responsibility arising from any contract of insurance other than the property they have in the capital or funds of the company, to the amount of the shares respectively held by them, and any profits arising therefrom not divided: *Provided*, The said corporation shall from time to time apply all sums of money received by them for premiums to the payment of losses in the first instance, and to make up the amount of their original capital whenever it shall have suffered any diminution by losses.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors shall have full power and authority to make insurance on dwellings, houses, stores, and all other kinds of buildings, vessels in port, house furniture, merchandise, and all other property against loss and damage by fire; and also to make insurance on vessels, merchandise, freight, specie, bullion, commissions, profits, bank-notes, bills of exchange, and other evidences of debt, bottomry and respondentia interests, and to make all and every insurance connected with marine risks of transportation and navigation; and to cause said company to be reinsured, when deemed expedient, against any risk or risks on which it may make insurance.

Power to insure.

Power and duties of president and directors.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the president and directors to superintend the concerns of the company in all things not otherwise herein provided for, and to cause a proper office to be kept in the city of Washington for the transaction of business; they shall have power to dispose of, according to the provisions of the second section of this act, the shares remaining unsold at the formation of the company; to appoint a secretary and other officers or agents, and to make such compensation for their services as they may deem proper. The president and directors shall hold stated meetings, at least once in each month, and at every such meeting shall examine the state of the company's affairs, and act on all matters and things which may come before them, and they shall hold such other special meetings as they may deem necessary, or when thereunto notified by the president; the president and three directors, or, in the absence of the president, five directors, shall constitute a quorum.

Duties of secretary.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the secretary shall attend daily at the company's office, and receive applications for insurance, and shall, whenever he may deem it necessary, examine alone or jointly with the directors, the property offered for insurance; he shall cause all the property belonging to the company to be safely kept; shall receive all moneys paid into the office, and shall deposit the same in bank to the credit of the "Washington Insurance Company," subject to be drawn by check or checks signed by the president; he shall sign all policies; and he shall

exhibit to the board at each of its stated meetings a full statement of the affairs of the company, and cause the same to be recorded; and said statement shall at all times, during office hours, remain subject to the inspection of all persons holding policies of the company.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted,* That the secretary, with the concurrence of the president, shall have power to make and execute contracts of insurance in behalf of the company; and also to cause said company to be reinsured, when deemed expedient, against any risk it may have insured. But the board may, by a by-law, restrict the authority of the secretary and president in this respect, and a larger sum than fifteen thousand dollars shall not be taken at any one risk.

Same subject.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors shall have full power and authority, by a vote of not less than a majority of the whole board, to establish by-laws and such regulations as may be necessary to regulate the concerns of the company: *Provided,* They be not contrary to this act, and to the laws and Constitution of the United States.

By-laws.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted,* That the president and directors shall have full power and authority to invest the capital and surplus funds of the company, from time to time, in public funds and other securities, and generally to invest and dispose of the capital, money, and property of the company, as they shall deem most advantageous.

Investments.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted,* That the said company shall have authority to loan its funds, or any part thereof, to the holders of its policies, upon the security of the mortgages on unencumbered real estate within the county of Washington, insured by them; but never in amount exceeding one half the sum insured thereon; the said loans when made, to be subject to reimbursement after a period of sixty days, unless at the expiration of said credit the company shall agree to a renewal of the same.

Loans to policy holders.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted,* That the said company shall not be competent to purchase, take, or hold any real estate other than such as shall be requisite for its immediate accommodation in relation to the convenient transaction of its business, and such as shall have been *bona fide* mortgaged or conveyed to it by way of security, or in satisfaction of debts contracted in the course of its dealings, or purchased at sales upon judgments which shall have been obtained for such debts.

Not to hold real estate except, &c.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted,* That all policies of insurance and notes or obligations of every description, shall be signed by the president, and countersigned by the secretary; and no promissory note or obligation, except contracts of insurance, shall be given without the previous vote of the board of directors; and no sale or transfer of stock or property shall be made, nor any mortgage or bond discharged, except in pursuance of a vote of the said board.

Instruments how signed.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted,* That a semi-annual statement shall be made of the company's business, on or before the first Monday of January, and the first Monday of July, in each and every year, which statement shall be signed and sworn to by the president and secretary of the company, and be published in some paper printed in the city of Washington, in order to ascertain the net earned premiums, as near as may be, for the preceding half year; and if it be ascertained that, after payment of all claims against the company, any profits have been made during this period, the directors, or a majority of them, may declare a dividend of said profits, which shall be paid within ten days thereafter; but it shall not be lawful to divide more than two thirds thereof clear profits until, by the half-yearly appropriation of the other third thereof, a contingent fund of twenty thousand dollars shall be formed, and, as often as the fund shall be impaired by losses, the president and directors shall continue the half-yearly appropriation aforesaid until it be restored to the amount before mentioned.

Semi-annual statement to be made and published.

Dividends.

No banking powers given.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be so construed as to authorize this corporation to issue any note, token, device, scrip, or other evidence of debt to be used as currency.

Individual liability of stockholders.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That the members of the said corporation shall each be liable in his or her individual capacity for all debts created by such corporation in favor of persons not members thereof, to be recovered by action of debt in any court having jurisdiction thereof.

Duration of this act. May be amended, &c.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be and continue in force for and during the term of thirty years from and after the date of its passage, but Congress may, at any time hereafter, amend or repeal the same.

APPROVED, February 16, 1857.

Feb. 17, 1857.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act providing for the regular Transmission of the Mail on Route six thousand eight hundred and forty-two.*

Payment to George Bucknam for mail service.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Postmaster-General be and he is hereby authorized to allow and pay to George Bucknam, such sum not exceeding fifteen thousand dollars per annum as he may deem just and reasonable for the transportation of the mail for the balance of the term of his contract for that service, on route six thousand eight hundred and forty-two, between Bainbridge, Georgia, and Apalachicola, Florida, unless the Postmaster-General, after giving thirty days' notice, shall be able to let a contract to some responsible person, who will perform such service for a less sum: *Provided*, That if such increased sum over and above the contract price, be paid to the present contractor, it shall only be so paid at the end of each year, and upon the faithful performance of this contract.

APPROVED, February 17, 1857.

Feb. 18, 1857.

CHAP. LII.—*An Act for the Relief of Dr. James Morrow.*

Payment to Dr. James Morrow for services as agriculturalist to the Japan Expedition.

1857, ch. 108.

*Ante*, p. 227.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of State be authorized, and he is hereby required, to pay to Dr. James Morrow, for his services as agriculturalist to the Japan Expedition under Commodore Perry, compensation at the rate of fifteen hundred dollars per annum, during the time he was actually employed in such service, the same being additional to his compensation of twenty-five dollars per month as master's mate; the same being in full for his services of every nature on behalf of the Government during his connexion with said expedition.

APPROVED, February 18, 1857.

Feb. 18, 1857.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Officers and Privates of the "Clinton Guards," of the County of Macomb, in the State of Michigan.*

Accounts of the Clinton Guards to be audited and paid.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be and they are hereby authorized and required to audit and settle, at the like rates which similar services have been heretofore audited and paid, the accounts of the Company of Michigan Militia, known as the "Clinton Guards," of the third regiment, third brigade, third division of Michigan militia, in the county of Macomb, in said State, upon satisfactory proof that they were ordered into service of the United States by the Governor of the said State of Michigan, on requisition of the United States marshal, for the maintenance of the neutral obligations and laws of the United States, in the year Anno Domini eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and that they rendered service in pursuance of said re-



quisition; and the amount found due them shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, February 18, 1857.

CHAP. LIV.—*An Act for the Relief of William Craig.*

Feb. 18, 1857.

*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 William Craig, of Pennsylvania, upon the pension list, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence from the twenty-second day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, and to continue during his natural life.

Wm. Craig to be placed on the pension roll at \$8 per month for life, from Nov 22, 1853.

APPROVED, February 18, 1857.

CHAP. LVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of the late Colonel John Hardin.*

Feb. 21, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby instructed to pay to the heirs of Col. John Hardin, deceased, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand six hundred dollars, that sum being the amount of the balance due them under the agreement between General Wilkinson and Col. Hardin, and to be in full satisfaction of all claims on their part against the government of the United States.

\$5,600 to be paid to heirs of Col. John Hardin

APPROVED, February 21, 1857.

CHAP. LIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Mary B. Winship, Widow of Oscar F. Winship.*

Feb. 26, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to place the name of Mary B. Winship, widow of the late Major Oscar F. Winship, deceased, on the pension roll at the rate of fifty dollars a month, from the thirteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, for and during her natural life.

Mary B. Winship to be placed on the pension roll at \$50 a month from Dec. 13, 1855, for life.

APPROVED, February 26, 1857.

CHAP. LXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of John C. McConnell.*

March 2, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of nine hundred and ninety-three dollars and forty-two cents be paid to John C. McConnell, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same being for fresh beef furnished by him to General Quitman's brigade of volunteers in the Mexican war in April, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

\$993.42 to be paid to John C. McConnell.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Whitemarsh B. Seabrook and others.*

March 2, 1857.

*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 examine and settle, upon the principles of equity and justice, the claim of Whitemarsh B. Seabrook, William C. Meggett, Benjamin Bailey, W. E. Wood, Edward Mitchell, Joseph J. Murray, Charles Townsend, John Patterson, William R. Hart, paid.

1858, ch. 7. Post, p. 527. Claims of members of the Edisto Island Company to be audited and paid.

Joseph Jenkins, Edward Bailey, Henry Seabrook, Cato A. Beckett, Benjamin S. Whaley, Isaac Auld, John Ailcock, James B. Adams, William Beckett, Edward Beckett, James Beckett, William G. Baynard, John Baynard, Ephraim Baynard, Charles Bailey, Henry Bailey, Francis Bowler, Henry Calder, James Clark, sr., Robert Chisholm, Gabriel Crawford, William Clement, James Dignan, Thomas Dunmire, William Edings, George W. Freeman, Barney Gilbert, William Hannahan, jr., Henry J. Jones, Christopher Jenkins, Benjamin W. Jenkins, Robert S. Jenkins, Daniel Lowrey, Robert Mason, Ephraim Mikell, John C. Mikell, Josiah Mikell, John Mikell, sr., John Raven Matthews, Isaac C. Moses, Mungo Mackay, John McDougall, Robert McLeod, John C. Pillans, Robert Pillans, John Pattieson, William Seabrook, Gabriel Seabrook, Joseph A. Seabrook, Andrew Seabrook, Lewis Strobel, James Swinton, Christian Staley, Daniel Shandley, Andrew E. Thayer, Daniel Townsend, Thomas Tompson, George M. Towers, Edward Whaley, Joseph Whaley, William Wilkinson, Christopher Wilkinson, Morton Wilkinson, Thomas Wescoat, William J. Wescoat, Randall Wescoat, Walley Meggett, Mingoe Crawford, and Joseph Beamer, they being the officers, musicians, and privates composing the Edisto Island Company of militia, in the State of South Carolina, in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve; and that he allow to those named, who are living, and the heirs of those deceased, the amount of pay and allowances to which each of them would have been entitled, according to their respective positions, under the regulations of the service at that time, for such length of time as they shall each of them be proved to have served in defence of said island during the said war; and that he allow them just and reasonable compensation for the material and labor which shall be proved to have been expended by them in the erection of two fortifications on that island, for the purposes of defence in said war.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount adjudicated to be due the said parties by the Secretary of War.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Henry T. Mudd, of Missouri.*

Preamble.

1841, ch. 16.

Vol. v. p. 453.

WHEREAS Charles Burke, on the fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entered at the land-office at Palmyra, Missouri, under the provisions of the preëmption act of the fourth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-one, the southeast quarter of section thirty-four, township fifty-one, range two west, containing one hundred and sixty acres, for which he paid two hundred dollars, per receivers receipt number twenty-nine thousand two hundred and ninety-three, which entry failed for want of proof, and was cancelled at the General Land-Office; and whereas Henry T. Mudd, before said entry was cancelled, in good faith, but in ignorance of the provisions of the preëmption law, bought said land of said Burke for eight hundred dollars, and holds a deed from said Burke, dated March seventeen, eighteen hundred and fifty-four; but the purchase-money, as the law stands and has been construed by the General Land-Office, cannot be paid to said Mudd, though the equitable right is acknowledged to be in him, and said Burke has gone to parts unknown, and his order or power of attorney cannot be had—

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the said transfer of said Burke to said Mudd shall be received and treated as an admission of the right of said Mudd to the repayment of the purchase-money on said entry, viz: the said sum of two hundred dollars, and that the same shall be refunded to him accordingly.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

Payment to  
Henry T. Mudd.

CHAP. LXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Richard Phillips.*

March 2, 1857.

*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 Richard Phillips, of the State of Massachusetts, on the invalid pension roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the third day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and to continue during his natural life.

Richard Phillips to be placed on the pension roll at \$8 per month from Dec. 3, 1855, for life.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of C. B. R. Kennerly.*

March 2, 1857.

*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 C. B. R. Kennerly, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred and thirty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, for medical services rendered the military escort of the United States boundary commission, in the years eighteen hundred and fifty-four and eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

\$536.66 to be paid to C. B. R. Kennerly.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Jacques Godfroy.*

March 2, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a patent be and the same is hereby directed to be issued to the heirs of Jacques Godfroy, for a second concession, (numbered nineteen,) in rear of the front grant on Detroit River, patented to said heirs July twenty-four, eighteen hundred and eleven, according to the survey of said second concession made by deputy surveyor Joseph Fletcher, in July, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, and returned into the land-office by the surveyor-general, and contained in the patent certificate numbered three hundred and thirteen, issued by the register of the land-office at Detroit, dated April sixteen, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Land patent to issue to heirs of Jacques Godfroy.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXX.—*An Act for the Relief of John L. Vattier.*

March 2, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That John L. Vattier be and he hereby is entitled to select and locate of the public lands of the United States open to entry at one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre, two thousand eight hundred and eighty acres, for which he shall duly receive a patent as indemnity for the undivided half of the claim of George Schamp and Pelagie Schamp, his wife, as filed before the register and receiver of the land-office of the southwestern land district of the State of Louisiana, as reported by them first of November, eighteen hundred and twenty-four.

John L. Vattier authorized to locate 2,880 acres as indemnity.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Jesse Morrison, of Illinois.*

March 2, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid to Jesse Morrison, of Illinois, the sum of five hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same being in full for damage in being dispossessed of his storehouse at Fort Jackson, Michigan Terri-

\$500 to be paid to Jesse Morrison.

tory, for use of the United States military force, and for rent of the said storehouse by the government during the Black Hawk war.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857. CHAP. LXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of John Shaw, a Soldier in the War of eighteen hundred and twelve.*

\$3,000 to be paid to John Shaw.

*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 Shaw, of the State of Wisconsin, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand dollars, in full for his extraordinary services as a scout and spy on the upper Mississippi frontier in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857. CHAP. LXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas B. Steele, passed Assistant Surgeon of the Navy of the United States.*

\$717.66 to be paid to Thomas B. Steele.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid to Thomas B. Steele, passed assistant surgeon of the navy of the United States, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seven hundred and seventeen dollars and sixty-six cents, being the difference of compensation to an assistant surgeon and a passed assistant surgeon, from the twenty-fourth April, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to the twenty-first April, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857. CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of John Huff, of Texas.*

\$1,556 to be paid to John Huff in full.

*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 John Huff, of Texas, the sum of fifteen hundred and fifty-six dollars, in full of all demands against the government of the United States, for damages done to his property whilst his house and premises were in possession of a battalion of United States infantry in December, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857. CHAP. LXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of George Schellinger.*

\$284.25 to be paid to George Schellinger.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby required to pay George Schellinger, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and eighty-four dollars and twenty-five cents, in full, for damages sustained by him by reason of destruction of property by the army of the United States during the Black Hawk war.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857. CHAP. LXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Lyman N. Cook.*

Lyman N. Cook to be placed on the pension roll at \$22.50 per month for life.

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

during his natural life, to be paid to him out of the treasury of the United States.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of William Kendall.*

March 2, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the accounting officers of the treasury be and they are hereby directed to settle the account of William Kendall, sutler at Fort Columbus, for all articles furnished by him to soldiers there recruited or stationed during the late Mexican war; and in all cases where the several amounts claimed were regularly entered on the original muster or descriptive rolls which accompanied the detachments from said fort, and were thus charged against the respective soldiers, but were not transferred to the company rolls, nor retained out of the soldiers' pay and allowed to the said Kendall, the said amounts shall be allowed and paid to him out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Account of Wm. Kendall to be settled and paid.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Samuel R. Thurston, late Delegate from Oregon.*

March 2, 1857.

*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 authorized and directed to allow and pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the legal representative of Samuel R. Thurston, late delegate from Oregon, for the benefit of his heirs, the difference between the pay he has already received for mileage, and that now allowed to and received by the present delegate.

Payment to legal representative of Samuel R. Thurston, for his heirs.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of George F. Baltzell, Assignee of James P. Roan.*

March 2, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That George F. Baltzell, of the State of Florida, assignee of James P. Roan, be permitted to enter, at any land-office in the State of Florida, a full section of land, or less quantity in lieu thereof, by divisional lines, without making payment therefor: *Provided,* That the same shall be deemed and taken as a full satisfaction of any and all claims of the said James P. Roan, and the said George F. Baltzell, his assignee, under an act of Congress entitled "An act granting donations of land to certain actual settlers in the Territory of Florida," approved May twenty-sixth, eighteen hundred and twenty-four: *And provided further,* That in his location as aforesaid, the said George F. Baltzell shall in no case select any tract of land containing a less number than one hundred and sixty acres.

George F. Baltzell permitted to enter a section of land in Florida.

The same to be in satisfaction of the claims of said Baltzell and Jas. P. Roan under act of 1824, ch. 164.

Vol. iv. p. 47. No tract less than 160 acres to be selected.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXX.—*An Act for the Relief of Benjamin R. Gantt.*

March 2, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled.* That the claim of Benjamin R. Gantt, as the assignee or representative of George Rowe, to a tract of land on the east or left side of the Bayou Teche, in the parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, in virtue of a location made by H. Williams, surveyor-general, on the twenty-first day of February, eighteen hundred

Part of land claim of Benj. R. Gantt, assignee of George Rowe, confirmed.

1839, ch. 177.  
Vol. vi. p. 778.

and forty, under the act of Congress for the relief of the said George Rowe, approved on the third day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-nine, containing not more than four hundred superficial arpents, be and the same is hereby confirmed to so much of said land so located, as may be found undisposed of by the United States; the same to be patented and adjusted according to the approved plat of survey of the township in which it is situated, under instructions from the commissioner of the General Land-Office, so as to give him, the said Gantt, as near as may be, the lands sought to be located by him, being a part of sections one and two, and perhaps a fraction of eleven and twelve, in township number fifteen south, of range number ten east, in the southwestern district of Louisiana: *Provided*, That this act shall only operate as a relinquishment forever on the part of the United States to the said lands, and shall not interfere with adverse valid rights of third persons, if such exist, to any part thereof.

This act to be only a relinquishment of title.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Rebecca Smith.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior be directed to place the name of Rebecca Smith on the roll of revolutionary pensions for the State of Georgia, under the act of July seven, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and the other acts subsequent thereto continuing the benefits of said acts to the recipients thereof, and pay her a pension, at the rate of one hundred dollars a year, under said act, during her natural life.

Rebecca Smith to be placed on pension roll at \$100 per year for life.  
1838, ch. 189.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of William Poole.*

*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 cause to be paid to William Poole, of Maine, whose name is now on the roll of invalid pensioners, the sum of eight dollars per month, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, instead of the sum of four dollars per month, which the said Poole has heretofore received, and that the same be continued during his natural life.

Pension of Wm. Poole increased to \$8 per month from January 1, 1856, for life.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Mary Ann Clark.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby directed to place the name of Mary Ann Clark, of New York, on the pension roll, at the rate of five dollars per month, for five years, commencing on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

Mary Ann Clark to be placed on the pension roll at \$5 per month for 5 years, from Jan. 1, 1856.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Collins Boomer.*

*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 Collins Boomer the sum of one thousand dollars in full payment for the sloop and provisions captured from him, in eighteen

\$1000 to be paid to Collins Boomer in full.

hundred and thirteen, by the British, in consequence of his employment of the sloop in the conveyance of American troops upon the River St. Lawrence.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Samuel S. Haight.*

March 2, 1857.

*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 adjust and settle the claim of Samuel S. Haight, for his services and expenses in mustering into service, and marching to the New York frontier, his command, under orders from General Amos Hall, during the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, when said Haight was colonel of the first brigade of New York State militia.

Claim of Sam. S. Haight to be audited and settled.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXXVI.—*An Act for the Benefit of Anthony Devit, late a Sergeant in the Third Artillery of United States Army.*

March 2, 1857.

*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 Anthony Devit, late a serjeant of the third artillery of the United States army, and now at the western military asylum, Harrodsburg, Kentucky, upon the invalid pension roll, at seventeen dollars per month, beginning on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and to continue during his natural life, or the existence of his present disability.

Anthony Devit to be placed on pension roll at \$17 per month from Jan. 1, 1856, for life.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXXVII.—*An Act to reimburse the Estate of Joseph McClure, a Paymaster in the War of eighteen hundred and twelve.*

March 2, 1857.

*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 David McClure, administrator of Joseph McClure, a regimental paymaster in Colonel Warren's regiment of New York militia in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, the sum of five hundred and fifty-one dollars and thirty-six cents, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the same being the amount of a judgment paid by said McClure to the United States for moneys paid out by him, for which the vouchers were burned, but which was paid by him to his regiment.

\$551.36 to be paid to D. McClure, administrator of J. McClure.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

CHAP. LXXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Donn Piatt.*

March 3, 1857.

*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 Donn Piatt, late acting chargé d'affaires of the United States at Paris, the sum of two thousand one hundred and fourteen dollars, it being the amount of the difference between the salary received by him as secretary of legation at Paris and that of charge d'affaires, for the term of fourteen days in October, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and from the twenty-sixth day of December, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-four, until the first day of May, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and also from the third to the eleventh day of September, Anno Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

\$2,114, to be paid to Donn Piatt.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. LXXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Jedediah H. Lathrop and his Sureties.*

Jedediah H. Lathrop and his sureties released from certain judgments.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Jedediah H. Lathrop and his sureties be and they are hereby released from the judgments recovered against them by the United States, at the October term, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, of the circuit court for the District of Columbia, in the sum of seven thousand nine hundred and fifty-seven dollars and twenty-five cents, and interest thereon from the twenty-third day of June, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, upon the official bond of said Jedediah H. Lathrop, as navy agent at the city of Washington, in said District: *Provided,* said Lathrop and his sureties shall pay all costs accrued on the said judgments.

Costs to be paid.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of William L. Davidson.*

Half-pay to children of Col. Wm. Davidson in full.

*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 ascertain and allow to William L. Davidson, for himself and the other children of Lieutenant-Colonel William Davidson, of the North Carolina line, in the continental army of the United States, who was killed in battle on the first of February, seventeen hundred and eighty-one, at Cowan's ford, on the Catawba River, the amount of the half-pay for seven years of the said Colonel Davidson, as a lieutenant-colonel of infantry. The said sum of money, when ascertained, to be paid, without interest, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, and to be in full of all claims which the children of the said William Davidson may have against the United States under the resolution of Congress of the twenty-fourth of August, seventeen hundred and eighty.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Commander John L. Saunders.*

Payment to John L. Saunders.

*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 Commander John L. Saunders, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, ten dollars a day from ninth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-five, to sixteenth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-five, both inclusive, in full compensation for entertaining on board the ship *St. Mary's*, Colonel John C. Eldridge, whilst a bearer of despatches from Pensacola to Aransas, in September, eighteen hundred and forty-five.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXXIV.—*An Act to authorize Issue of Register to the Bark "Ann Elizabeth."*

Registry to issue to the bark Ann Elizabeth.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there shall be issued, under directions of the Secretary of the Treasury, a certificate of registry for the bark "*Ann Elizabeth*," a vessel built in the United States, but wrecked in the waters of the British West Indies, sold to British subjects, and afterwards repaired within the United States, and purchased and now owned by William Cummings and Thomas A. Norgrave, of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, whenever the said Cummings



and Norgrave shall furnish the Secretary of the Treasury with satisfactory proof that the vessel aforesaid has been repaired in the United States, and that her owners now are citizens of the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Adam D. Stuart.*

March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Solicitor of the Treasury be directed to remit the unpaid balance (exclusive of costs) of a judgment in favor of the United States against Adam D. Stuart, rendered in the United States Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, at the October term, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two.

Balance of judgment against Adam D. Stuart to be remitted.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there be paid to the said Adam D. Stuart, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seven thousand two hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents, that being the difference between the sum contracted to be paid to him and that which he received.

\$7,297.50 to be paid to said Stuart.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXVI.—*An Act explanatory of an Act approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, entitled "An Act for the Relief of Adam D. Stewart and of Alexander Randall, Executor of Daniel Randall."*

March 3, 1857.

1856, ch. 139. Ante, p. 469.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the above-recited act, as far as it relates to Adam D. Stewart, be and the same is hereby so construed as to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Treasury to pay to the said Adam D. Stewart a commission, at the rate stated in said act, upon the sum of six hundred and seventy-eight thousand four hundred and four dollars and ninety-one cents, the amount received and collected by said Adam D. Stewart, in Mexico, as chief of the pay department of the United States army during the war with that republic.

Construction of act of 1856, ch. 139.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Charles Parish, a Soldier of the War of eighteen hundred and twelve.*

March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the name of Charles Parish be placed on the roll of invalid pensions, at the rate of four dollars per month, commencing the third day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and continuing during his natural life.

Charles Parish to be placed on the pension roll at \$4 per month from Dec. 3, 1855, for life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Amos Armstrong, of Ohio.*

March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby required to place the name of Amos Armstrong, of Summit county, Ohio, upon the pension roll, and cause to be paid him the sum of eight dollars per month for and during the term of his natural life, commencing on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Amos Armstrong to be placed on the pension roll at \$8 per month from Jan. 1, 1857, for life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of James D. Johnston.*

James D. Johnston to have a certain credit in his accounts.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That James D. Johnston, a lieutenant in the navy of the United States, shall be entitled to a credit, in the settlement at the treasury of his accounts as naval storekeeper and acting purser of the storeship Fredonia, stationed in the harbor of Valparaiso, Chile, during the years eighteen hundred and fifty-three, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and eighteen hundred and fifty-five, of the sum of two thousand and forty-three dollars and eighty cents; the said allowance to be in full for losses of public property stolen or embezzled from said vessel during the time he was in command of her.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXX.—*An Act for the Relief of Robert S. Wimberly.*

Robert S. Wimberly to be placed on the pension roll at \$8 per month from Dec. 1, 1855, 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 and required to place the name of Robert S. Wimberly, of the State of Georgia, upon the roll of invalid pensions; and pay to him, from the first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, eight dollars per month, from thence during his (the said Wimberly's) natural life, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph Irish, William Sturgis, and Bartholomew Baldwin.*

Joseph Irish, Wm. Sturgis, and Bartholomew Baldwin, each authorized to enter certain land in Minnesota.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Joseph Irish be and he is hereby authorized to enter the northwest quarter of section thirty-six, township twenty-eight, range twenty-two; that William Sturgis be and he is hereby authorized to enter the east half of the northeast quarter, and the northwest quarter of the northeast quarter, and the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of section thirty-six, in township thirty-five north, of range thirty west, containing one hundred and sixty acres; that Bartholomew Baldwin be and he is hereby authorized to enter the southeast quarter of section thirty-six, township twenty-seven, range twenty-two, upon payment by said Joseph Irish, William Sturgis, and Bartholomew Baldwin, 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 selected in lieu thereof.

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, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Henry Stewart.*

Henry Stewart to be placed on pension roll at \$8 per month, from Dec. 1, 1855, for life.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the name of Henry Stewart be placed on the roll of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, commencing the first of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Captain Alexander Montgomery, an Assistant Quartermaster in the United States Army.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be and they are hereby authorized and directed in settling the accounts of Captain Alexander Montgomery, as assistant quartermaster in the United States army, to allow him a credit for any balance which may appear against him upon the books of the treasury, and accruing during his service as such quartermaster, in the same manner as if he presented the proper vouchers therefor: *Provided,* The said amount shall not exceed the sum of seven thousand dollars.

Captain Alex. Montgomery to be allowed a credit in his accounts.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Martin Fenwick.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Martin Fenwick be and he is hereby confirmed in his claim to five hundred arpens of land, situated on the west bank of the Mississippi River, in the State of Missouri, and described as follows, to wit: Fractional sections five and six, lying north of the private land claim surveyed to George A. Hamilton, number one thousand two hundred and forty-four, in township thirty-four: the southeast fractional quarter and the northwest fractional quarter of fractional section thirty-one, and fractional section thirty-two, in township thirty-five, all of range fourteen east, of the lands subject to sale at Jackson, Missouri, and containing in the aggregate four hundred and twenty-five acres and forty-six hundredths of an acre.

Martin Fenwick confirmed in certain land in Missouri.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That said Martin Fenwick shall have the exclusive right, within one year from the passage of this act, to enter at the minimum price of public lands, subject to private sale, the southwest quarter, and the fractional northeast quarter of fractional section thirty-one, township thirty-five north, of range fourteen east, of the lands subject to sale at Jackson, Missouri.

Authorized to enter certain land in Missouri.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the lands hereby confirmed, together with the lands authorized to be entered, are intended to embrace the claims of Martin Fenwick, as reserved on the plats of the land-office at Jackson, Missouri, on the twenty-seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and twenty-four, deducting therefrom any part thereof that may have been sold by the United States prior to the passage of this act.

Said lands to embrace said Fenwick's claim.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall cause a patent to be issued to the said Martin Fenwick for the lands hereby confirmed: *Provided,* That such patent shall only operate as a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and shall not affect the rights of any third person.

Patent to issue. To operate only as a relinquishment of title.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph Graham.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he is hereby directed to pay out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Joseph Graham, consul of the United States at Buenos Ayres, the sum of four thousand four hundred and seventy-nine dollars and sixty cents, for his services as acting charge d'affaires at Buenos Ayres, from the third day of August to the eleventh day of September, eighteen hundred and fifty-two; from the twenty-fifth day of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to the twenty-sixth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three; and from the thirty-first day

\$4,479.60 to be paid to Joseph Graham.

of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, to the twentieth day of October following.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Brevet Captain Frederick Steele, United States Army.*

Frederick Steele to be allowed a credit in his account.

*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 Brevet Captain Frederick Steele, of the United States army, the proper accounting officers of the treasury allow to his credit the sum of three thousand dollars, the same being the amount of government money of which he was robbed, whilst he was acting assistant quartermaster and commissary, near Stockton, in the State of California, on the fourth of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of John Drouot.*

John Drouot to be placed on the pension roll at \$8 per month, from Dec. 2, 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 Drouot, a soldier of the thirty-fourth regiment of United States infantry, in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve with Great Britain, be placed upon the pension roll, and that he be allowed the sum of eight dollars per month, to commence from the first day of the present Congress.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas Crown.*

\$3,500 to be paid to Thomas Crown in full.

*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 Crown the sum of three thousand and five hundred dollars, being in full for the sum to which he is entitled under a contract made by him on the sixteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, for the delivery of bricks to be used in the fortifications at Oak Island, at the mouth of Cape Fear River, in North Carolina.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of William Burdell, Samuel Medary, and William T. Martin, Administrator of the Estate of Edgar Gale, deceased.*

Sureties of John T. Arthur released.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That William Burdell and Samuel Medary, and the estate of Edgar Gale, deceased, who was co-surety with said Burdell and Medary of John T. Arthur, in his official bond executed eighth of December, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, as assistant quartermaster of the army of the United States, be released from their liabilities on said bond, and from any suits brought or judgment obtained thereon against said Burdell, Medary, and William T. Martin, as administrator of the estate of said Gale, all or any of them.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXL.—*An Act for the Relief of Tarrance Kirby.*

Tarrance Kirby 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 name of Tarrance Kirby, a second sergeant in Captain Griffin's company, fourteenth

regiment of Kentucky militia, commanded by Colonel Parker in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve with Great Britain, be placed upon the pension roll, and that he be allowed the half-pay of a second sergeant, to commence from the first day of the present Congress.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXLI.—*An Act for the Relief of Emilie R. Hooe, of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there is hereby granted to Mrs. Emilie R. Hooe, of Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin, the widow of the late Alex. S. Hooe, a tract of land, at said Prairie du Chien, containing about sixteen acres, it being the same tract of land conveyed for a specific purpose and without consideration, by Joseph Rolittle, the father of said Emilie R. Hooe, to the United States, on the nineteenth of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, the same being no longer used or wanted for the purpose for which it was conveyed.

Certain land at Prairie du Chien granted to Mrs. Emilie R. Hooe.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall only operate as a release of the United States from all claim to the premises hereby granted.

This act to operate only as a release of title.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXLII.—*An Act for the Relief of Matthew G. Emery.* March 3, 1857.

*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 Matthew G. Emery the sum of three thousand three hundred and seventy-five dollars, in full of his account for hauling marble for the government from the seventh day of September, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, to the eleventh day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, which account is set out in the petition filed by the claimant in this cause.

\$3,375 to be paid to Matthew G. Emery in full of an account.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXLIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas M. Newell.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the proper accounting officer be and he hereby is authorized to settle and pay to Thomas M. Newell, a commander in the navy, such sum as may be due to him in his capacity of commander, from the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, to the thirteenth of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, under existing laws, in the same manner as though no application had ever been made to Congress by the said Newell in relation thereto.

Settlement of accounts of Thos. M. Newell.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXLIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Dolly Empson.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the name of Dolly Empson, of the State of Tennessee, widow of Jacob Empson, deceased, a private in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, be placed on the pension roll; and that she be allowed and paid, by the proper officer of the government, such pension as is now allowed by law to the widows of soldiers who were killed in battle or died in the service of wounds received in battle or of disease contracted in the service in the line of their duty, or who died at any time after being discharged of wounds received or of

Dolly Empson to be placed on pension roll from Jan. 1, 1856.

disease contracted while in the service and in the line of their duty, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXLV.—*An Act for the Relief of John Ryley, an Indian, of the State of Michigan.*

John Ryley to be placed on the pension roll at \$8 per month, from Sept. 4, 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 is hereby directed to place the name of John Ryley, an Indian, of the State of Michigan, on the pension list, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-six, and to continue during his life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXLVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Mary Gay.*

\$2,000 to be paid Mrs. Mary Gay.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid to Mrs. Mary Gay, widow of the late William Gay, Indian agent for the Shawnees of Kansas Territory, and who was killed while in the discharge of his official duties, the sum of two thousand dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, as indemnity to cover his salary, the amount of money of which he was robbed, and the expenses of the widow and family in returning to their home, in the State of Michigan.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CXLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Jefferson Wilson, Administrator, with the Will annexed, of John F. Wray, deceased.*

\$602.19 to be paid to Jefferson Wilson, administrator of John F. Wray.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid to Jefferson Wilson, administrator, with the will annexed, of John F. Wray, deceased, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six hundred and two dollars and nineteen cents, which sum was paid by John F. Wray, deceased, for three quarters of section sixteen, in township nine of range five east of the meridian line, of the Chickasaw lands, in the State of Mississippi, the title to which tract of land has been adjudged by the competent tribunals, not to have been in the United States at the time of said sale.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXLVIII.—*An Act for the Benefit of John W. Cox.*

John W. Cox 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 directed to place the name of John W. Cox, of the State of Kentucky, upon the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay to him from the first of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, eight dollars per month during his natural life, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CXLIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Jonathan Cilly.*

Jonathan Cilly to be placed on

*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 Jonathan Cilly

upon the list of invalid pensioners at the rate of four dollars per month, beginning with the third day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

pension roll at \$4 per month, from Dec. 3, 1855, 1857, ch. 166.  
Post, p. 518.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CL.—*An Act to confirm to Charles Waterman his Title to certain Lots in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the title of Charles Waterman to lots numbered one and two, in block numbered ninety-eight, in the third ward of the city of Milwaukee, in the State of Wisconsin, extending to Lake Michigan, formerly occupied by the United States light-house keeper, be and the same is hereby confirmed, and that a patent shall issue therefor as in other cases: *Provided,* That this confirmation shall only operate as a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and shall in no way affect the rights of third parties.

Land title in Milwaukee, confirmed to Charles Waterman.

Act to operate only as a relinquishment.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Children of James Phelps, a Revolutionary Soldier.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be paid to the children or legal representatives of James Phelps, late of the county of Cortland, in the State of New York, the pay of a private, at eight dollars per month, under the act of Congress passed the seventh day of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two; said pay commencing on the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and ending on the twenty-third day of November, eighteen hundred and forty-two, when the said James Phelps died.

Payment to children or representatives of James Phelps of arrears of pension, 1832, ch. 126.  
Vol. iv. p. 529.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLII.—*An Act for the Relief of Leonard Lilly.* March 3, 1857.

*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 place the name of Leonard Lilly, of New York, upon the pension list, at the rate of four dollars per month, commencing on the fifth day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and continuing until the eighth day of September, eighteen hundred and fifty-one, the date of the commencement of his present pension.

Leonard Lilly to be placed on pension roll at \$4 per month, from Jan. 5, 1838, to Sept. 8, 1851.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857

CHAP. CLIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph M. Kennedy.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the sum of three hundred and sixty-two dollars and sixty cents be paid to Joseph M. Kennedy, marshal of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana, for the repairs of furniture and the furniture supplied for the court-room and offices of the United States court for the eastern district of Louisiana, rendered necessary in consequence of the removal of the said court from the municipal hall of the first district of New Orleans: *Provided,* That the vouchers therefor shall be submitted to the Secretary of the Interior, and the expenditure be approved by him.

\$362.60 to be paid to Joseph M. Kennedy.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CLIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the surviving Children of John Gilbert, a Revolutionary Soldier.*

Arrears of pensions to be paid to children of John Gilbert.

*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 directed to pay out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the surviving children of John Gilbert, late a soldier in Colonel W. B. Whiting's regiment, the full pay of a private, under the act of Congress of the seventh of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, to the time of his death, on the twelfth day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

1832, ch. 126.  
Vol. iv. p. 529.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

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March 3, 1857. CHAP. CLV.—*An Act increasing the Pension of Daniel Denver.*

Naval pension of Daniel Denver increased.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the naval pension of Daniel Denver, of Frederick county, Virginia, be increased to eight dollars per month, the increased pension to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

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March 3, 1857. CHAP. CLVI.—*An Act providing an Increase of Pension to Isaac Phillips.*

Pension of Isaac Phillips increased.

*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 Isaac Phillips, of Pennsylvania, to be changed on the pension roll from twenty dollars a year to eight dollars per month, commencing from the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and to continue during his natural life, deducting former payments.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

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March 3, 1857. CHAP. CLVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Catharine V. R. Cochrane, sole surviving Child of the late General Philip Schuyler.*

\$9,960 to be paid to Catharine V. R. Cochrane or her representative for services and losses of Gen. Schuyler.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be and he hereby is authorized and directed to pay to Catharine V. R. Cochrane, or her legal representative, the sum of nine thousand nine hundred and sixty dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full payment and discharge of all claims on account of services rendered or losses sustained by General Philip Schuyler in the war of the Revolution.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

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March 3, 1857. CHAP. CLVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Betsy Nash.*

Betsy Nash to be placed on pension roll at \$22 per month from Jan. 1, 1831, for 10 years.

*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 Betsy Nash of Stockbridge, in the county of Madison, State of New York, upon the list of half-pay pensioners as the widow of Doctor Sylvester Nash, at the rate of twenty-two dollars per month, to commence from the first day of January eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and to continue for ten years.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.



CHAP. CLIX.—*An Act for the Relief of the Inhabitants of the Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That all that certain tract or parcel of land situate on the west side of the Mississippi, in the parish of Ascension, containing four arpents one toise and five feet in front, and forty arpents in depth, as claimed by Isadore Blanchard, for the parish church of the parish of Ascension, under number three hundred and ninety-one, and reported favorably on by the old board of commissioners for the eastern district of New Orleans Territory, and as represented in the survey of a portion of township eleven south, in ranges fourteen and fifteen east, in the surveys of the United States, southeastern district of Louisiana, west of the Mississippi, be and the same is hereby confirmed to the inhabitants of the parish of Ascension, to and for the uses and purposes for which the same has been heretofore held and used: *Provided also,* That this act shall be only considered a relinquishment on the part of the United States, and not to interfere with the rights of others.

Land claim in Louisiana confirmed to the Parish of Ascension.

Act to operate only as a relinquishment.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLX.—*An Act for the Relief of Daniel Wacaser.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and directed to place the name of Daniel Wacaser, of the State of Georgia, upon the invalid pension list, at the rate of eight dollars per month, commencing on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and to continue during his natural life.

Daniel Wacaser to be placed on pension roll at \$8 per month, from Jan. 1, 1856, for life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXLI.—*An Act for the Relief of Mary Hooker.* March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and required to place the name of Mary Hooker, widow of James Hooker, who was military or hospital store-keeper in the State of Connecticut, during the war of the Revolution, from February, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, to November, seventeen hundred and eighty, on the pension roll of said State, under act of seventh July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and subsequent acts, at the rate of pension due for said service; and the amount so found due to be paid to the children of said Mary Hooker, deceased.

Arrears of pension of Mary Hooker to be paid to her children.

1838, ch. 189.  
Vol. v. p. 303.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXII.—*An Act for the Relief of William W. Belden, Administrator of Ebenezer Belden.* March 3, 1857.

*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 William W. Belden, administrator of Ebenezer Belden, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eight thousand six hundred and twenty-four dollars eighty-four cents, being the amount of loss sustained by Ebenezer Belden by the destruction of his stock of goods by the British, on the nineteenth December, eighteen hundred and thirteen, at Buffalo, New York, in consequence of his store being used in part as a military depot by order of the quartermaster-general of the United States army.

\$8,624.84 to be paid to Wm. W. Belden, administrator of Ebenezer Belden, for losses.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CLXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Children and Heirs of Levi and Mary Stone.*

Arrears of pension of Levi Stone and Mary Stone to be paid to their children or representatives.

1832, ch. 126.  
Vol. iv. p. 529.  
1836, ch. 362.  
Vol. v. p. 127.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior is hereby authorized and required to place the name of Levi Stone who was a captain of Artificers at Danbury, Connecticut, during the war of the Revolution from March, seventeen hundred and seventy-seven, to November, seventeen hundred and seventy-nine, on the pension roll of said State, under act of seventh June, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, at the rate of pension due for said service; and also the name of his widow, Mary Stone, on said pension roll under act of fourth July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, at the same rate deducting twenty-three dollars and thirty-three cents per annum during the continuance of said pension; and the balance so found due be paid to the children of said Levi and Mary Stone deceased, or their legal representatives.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CLXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the surviving Children of Sarah Van Pelt, Widow of John Van Pelt, a revolutionary Soldier.*

Arrears of pension to be paid to surviving children of John and Sarah Van Pelt.

*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 the surviving children of John Van Pelt and Sarah Van Pelt the pension due to her, from the fourth day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight to her death, which occurred on the twenty-ninth day of May, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, at the rate of thirty-one dollars and seventy-five cents per annum, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Barton Jewell.*

Barton Jewell 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 authorized and directed to place the name of Barton Jewell, of Kentucky, upon the invalid pension list, at the rate of eight dollars per month, commencing on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Jonathan Cilley.*

Jonathan Cilley to be placed on the pension roll at \$4 per month from Dec. 3, 1855.

*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 Jonathan Cilley upon the list of invalid pensioners, at the rate of four dollars per month, beginning with the third day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

1857, ch. 149.

Ante, p. 514.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857. CHAP. CLXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of J. H. F. Thornton, Lawrence Taliaferro, and Hay T. Taliaferro, sureties of D. M. F. Thornton, late a Purser in the Navy of the United States.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That in conformity with the principle of the report of the Committee on the Judiciary, made on the twenty-sixth day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, J. H. F.

Thornton, Lawrence Taliaferro, and Hay T. Taliaferro, be released from their liability as sureties on the bonds of D. M. F. Thornton, late a purser in the navy of the United States, executed on the third day of September, eighteen hundred and forty, and on the thirtieth day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-six.

Sureties of D. M. F. Thornton released.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Richard J. Murray, a Soldier in the Seminole War of eighteen hundred and eighteen.* March 3, 1857.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of Richard J. Murray be placed on the roll of invalid pensions, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and to continue during his natural life.

Richard J. Murray to be placed on pension roll at \$8 per month from Dec. 1, 1855, for life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph Bailey, an invalid Soldier of the War of eighteen hundred and twelve.* March 3, 1857.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of Joseph Bailey be entered on the rolls as an invalid pensioner, at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the first day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

Joseph Bailey to be placed on pension roll at \$8 per month from Dec. 1. 1855.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXX.—*An Act for the Relief of Puig, Mir, and Company, of New Orleans.* March 3, 1857.

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 is hereby authorized and required to release a judgment rendered in the circuit court of the United States, in the fifth circuit and eastern district of Louisiana, on the thirteenth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, in the case of The United States vs. Puig, Mir, and Company, of New Orleans, for the sum of one thousand three hundred and ten dollars and fifty-four cents, and interest thereon, being the amount of duties claimed to be due and payable to the United States on certain coffee imported into the port of New Orleans from Cuba, in the Spanish brig "Pépita;" and that the said Secretary of the Treasury is hereby further authorized and required to release a judgment rendered in said court, at the same date, in the case of the United States vs. P. Puig, and Puig, Mir, and Company, of New Orleans, for the sum of three thousand seven hundred and sixty-one dollars and twelve cents, and interest thereon, being the amount of import duties claimed to be due and payable to the United States on certain coffee imported into the said port of New Orleans, from Cuba, in the Spanish brig "Atalayador;" but if the judgments aforesaid or any part thereof shall have been paid by the defendants, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby further authorized and required to refund to them, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the amount so paid.

Judgments against Puig, Mir & Co. to be released.

Any amounts paid thereunder, to be refunded.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Isaac P. Washburne.*

March 3, 1857.

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

Lt. Isaac P. Washburne to be placed on pension list at \$15 per month from Jan. 1, 1856, for life.

terior be directed to place the name of Lieutenant Isaac P. Washburne, of Kentucky, upon the roll of invalid pensioners of the United States, at the rate of fifteen dollars per month; and that the said pension commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Robert H. Stevens.*

Robert H. Stevens to be placed on the pension roll at \$8 per month from March 1, 1854, for life.

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

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Collier H. Minge, Philip T. Ellicott, and Lucretia A. Brodie, Administratrix of Charles Brodie.*

\$6,919.38 to be paid to C. H. Minge, P. T. Ellicott, and L. A. Brodie, administratrix of C. Brodie.

\$13,913.62 to be paid to C. H. Minge and P. T. Ellicott.

*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 Collier H. Minge, Philip T. Ellicott, and Lucretia A. Brodie, administratrix of Charles Brodie, the sum of six thousand nine hundred and nineteen dollars and thirty-eight cents, to be divided equally among them; and to Collier H. Minge and Philip T. Ellicott, the sum of thirteen thousand nine hundred and thirteen dollars and sixty-two cents, to be equally divided among them. The said sums being in full for the amount due on a contract dated fifth December, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, for excavating the channel on Dog-River bar, in the Bay of Mobile.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Shadrach Rice, of Jackson County, Virginia.*

Shadrach Rice to be placed on the pension roll at \$8 per month from Oct. 15, 1855, 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 directed to place the name of Shadrach Rice, of Jackson County, Virginia, upon the roll of invalid pensioners, and to cause to be paid to him the sum of eight dollars per month during the term of his natural life; the payment of said sum to commence October fifteen, eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of William Easby, deceased, Partner of Easby & Henly.*

\$413.10 to be paid to heirs of Wm. Easby.

*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 the heirs of William Easby, deceased, formerly of the city of Washington, four hundred and thirteen dollars and ten cents out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being the value of three hundred and six barrels of lime shipped on board the schooner Elizabeth on the fourth of March,

eighteen hundred and forty-two, by order of Colonel R. E. De Russey, for and on account of Fort Monroe, Virginia, and lost by the vessel getting aground at Old Point Comfort.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of George Chorpensing, Jr.*

March 3, 1857.

*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 hereby is required to adjust and settle the claim of said Chorpensing, as surviving partner of Woodward and Chorpensing, and in his own right, for carrying the mails by San Pedro, and for supplying the post-office in Carson's Valley, and also for carrying part of the Independence mail by California; allowing a *pro rata* increase of compensation for the distance by San Pedro, for the service to Carson's Valley, and for such part of the eastern mail as was carried by California, during all the time when said services were performed, as shown by the affidavits and proofs on file in the House of Representatives.

Claim of Geo. Chorpensing, Jr., as surviving partner of Woodward & Chorpensing, for mail services to be adjusted and settled.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster-General be and he hereby is required to adjust and settle the claim of said Chorpensing, as surviving partner of Woodward and Chorpensing, for damages on account of the annulment or suspension of Woodward and Chorpensing's contract for carrying the United States mail from Sacramento, in California, to Salt Lake, in Utah Territory, as shown in the affidavits and proofs on file in the House of Representatives.

Also, another claim by the same for other mail services.

SEC. [3] 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster-General be required to allow and pay to said Chorpensing, his full contract pay, during the suspension of Woodward and Chorpensing's contract, from the fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, to the first day of July of the same year; and, also, to allow and pay to said Chorpensing, thirty thousand dollars per annum from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, when he resumed service under the contract of Woodward and Chorpensing, down to the termination of his present contract, which said sum of thirty thousand dollars per annum shall be in lieu of the contract pay under both contracts. And the sums in this act authorized to be allowed shall be paid out of the treasury.

Payments to said Chorpensing.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of William Walton, a Soldier of the War of eighteen hundred and twelve.*

March 3, 1857.

*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 required to place the name of William Walton, of the State of Indiana, on the invalid pension roll, and that he be entitled to receive a pension at the rate of four dollars per month as an invalid, from the third day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, during his life.

Wm. Walton to be placed on pension roll at \$4 per month from Dec. 3, 1855, for life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas Rhodes and Jeremiah Austill.*

March 3, 1857.

*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 Rhodes and Jeremiah Austill, the sum of four thousand dollars, in full, for their expenses in con-

\$4,000 to be paid to Thomas Rhodes and Jeremiah Austill.

structing a road from Mobile, in Alabama, to Pascagoula Bay, for the transportation of the mail, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-eight.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of George Cassady.*

George Cassady to be placed on pension roll at \$3 per month, from Aug. 28, 1847, 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 authorized and directed to place the name of George Cassady, of the State of Ohio, on the invalid pension roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the twenty-eighth day of August, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXX.—*An Act for the Benefit of William L. Oliver.*

Wm. L. Oliver to be placed on the pension roll at \$10 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 William L. Oliver, of Davis county, in the State of Iowa, upon the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay him from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, the sum of ten dollars per month during his natural life, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Claiborn Vaughn.*

Claiborn Vaughn to be placed on pension roll at \$6 per month from Dec. 4, 1855, 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 Claiborn Vaughn on the roll of invalid pensions for the State of Georgia, at the rate of six dollars per month, to commence on the fourth day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of George Bond.*

George Bond to be placed on pension roll at \$8 per month from Dec. 4, 1855, 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 George Bond on the roll of invalid pensions for the State of Georgia, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the fourth day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Sampson Hays, a Soldier in the Mexican War.*

Sampson Hays to be placed on pension roll at \$8 per month from Dec. 3, 1855, 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 place the name of Sampson Hays on the roll of invalid pensions at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the third day of December, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of Benjamin W. Smithson.*

March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid to Benjamin W. Smithson, late a captain in the third regiment Missouri mounted volunteers, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the pay and emoluments of a captain, from the date of his resignation until he was informed by his commanding officer of the acceptance of the same, and discharged from the service of the United States; deducting therefrom such amount as may have been paid him for services during the same time.

Payment to Benjamin W. Smithson.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Mark and Richard H. Bean, of the State of Arkansas.*

March 3, 1857.

*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 to adjust upon principles of equity and justice, the claim of Mark and Richard H. Bean, and to pay whatever may be found due, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, deducting what they may have heretofore received: *Provided,* That the compensation shall not exceed fifteen thousand dollars.

Claim of Mark and R. H. Bean, to be adjusted and paid.

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APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Isaac Swain.*

March 3, 1857.

*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 Isaac Swain, the sum of four thousand eight hundred dollars, in full for freight on stores for the army of the United States, from Benicia, in California, to the government hulk or post-landing near that place, and for injuries received by his ship, Ellen Brooks, whilst lying at said post-landing.

\$4,800 to be paid to Isaac Swain in full.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXVII.—*An Act relinquishing the claim of the United States to certain Property of which Elijah King died seized and possessed, in the District of Columbia, upon certain specified Conditions.*

March 3, 1857.

WHEREAS it has been represented to the Congress of the United States, that one Elijah King, an emancipated slave, died intestate recently in the city of Washington, in the District of Columbia, seized and possessed of, and entitled to real estate in said city of considerable value, leaving a wife, Christian King, a slave, the property of one William A. Stephenson, of the county of Fauquier, and State of Virginia, to whom the said Elijah, whilst they were both slaves, was married by John B. Armistead, a justice of the peace, with consent of the owners of both said Elijah and said Christian, and having also two sons, Bayliss King and Thomas King, issue of the marriage, the said two sons being slaves, and owned by one Robert Carter, of said county and State: and whereas it is doubtful whether said wife and children can, by reason of their condition as slaves, lawfully take and hold said real estate by inheritance, in which event it is believed that said real estate, for want of lawful heirs of such Elijah King, has vested in the United States: and whereas it is represented to the Congress of the United States, that the owners of the said slaves, the wife and sons, are willing to emancipate and set free the said slaves, and thereby invest them with power to take, hold, and enjoy said real estate, provided the United States will release

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to and vest in them all right, title, and interest to and in said real estate which may have vested in the United States, one third of said right, title, and interest to be held and enjoyed by the wife for life, and the other two thirds, with the reversion of the wife's third, by the sons absolutely: Therefore,—

Real estate of Elijah King to vest in his wife and children when emancipated.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That so soon as the said Christian King, and the said Bayliss King and Thomas King, the wife and sons of the said Elijah King, shall have been emancipated and set free by their owners, respectively, all right, and title, and interest to and in the real estate of which the said Elijah King shall have died seized, possessed or entitled, which by default of his having left heirs capable of inheriting from him, shall have vested in the United States, shall be and the same is hereby vested in the wife and sons, to be held, owned, and enjoyed by them, one third by the said wife for life, and the other two thirds, with the reversion of the wife's third, to the sons absolutely, with full power to sue for, and recover such right, title, and interest, as is hereby vested or intended to be vested in said wife and sons.

If all shall not be emancipated, this act to enure to those who shall be.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That in the event either or any two provisions of this act, and the owner or owners shall decline to set free all of them, the provisions of this act shall inure to such as shall be emancipated and set free. If the wife alone be emancipated and set free, then the said right, title, and interest shall vest in her absolutely; if the two sons be emancipated, and the wife be not, then said right, title, and interest shall vest absolutely in said sons, or in one of them, if but one be emancipated; and if the wife and one son be emancipated, then the wife shall hold and enjoy one half of the said real estate for life, and the son shall take and hold the other half, and the reversion of the wife's half, absolutely: *Provided, nevertheless,* That this act shall not be construed to affect or impair in any manner, or to any extent, the legal or equitable rights, titles or interests of other persons, if any such there be, to or in such real estate. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after the passage thereof.

Others rights not to be affected.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of John B. Rose, of Wabash County, Indiana.*

Bounty land warrant to issue to John B. Rose.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be and he is hereby directed to cause to be issued to John B. Rose, of Wabash county Indiana, a warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land, in consideration of his services as lieutenant of the fifteenth regiment of United States infantry during the last war with Great Britain.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

March 3, 1857.

CHAP. CLXXXIX.—*An Act granting a Pension to Franklin W. Armstrong, of Hardin County, Kentucky.*

Franklin W. Armstrong to be placed on the pension roll at \$16 per month, from Jan. 1, 1856, during disability.

*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 Franklin W. Armstrong, of Hardin county, Kentucky, upon the invalid pension roll, at sixteen dollars per month, beginning on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, and to continue during the existence of his present disability.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.



CHAP. CXI.—*An Act for the Relief of Robert Davis.*

March 3, 1857.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper disbursing officers of the government be and they are hereby directed to pay to Robert Davis, of Warren county, Kentucky, the sum of one hundred and forty dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being the value of a horse lost by him in battle.*

\$140 to be paid to Robert Davis.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857.

## RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 3.] *A Resolution to authorize the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Interior to settle the Claim of William Carey Jones, for certain Services.*

Jan. 17, 1857.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the Interior shall adjudge and settle on terms of equity and justice the claim of William Carey Jones for compensation for services performed by him in the years eighteen hundred and forty-nine, and eighteen hundred and fifty, as special agent of the United States to Mexico and California; and that the amount which shall be allowed by them shall be paid to said Jones out of any money in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, on his giving a receipt therefor, and in full compensation for said services.*

Settlement and payment of claim of Wm. C. Jones.

APPROVED, January 17, 1857.

[No. 4.] *Joint Resolution in favor of J. W. Nye.*

Jan. 17, 1857.

*Resolved 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 J. W. Nye, or his attorney, the sum of three thousand two hundred dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for improvements made upon the public grounds, for which he has received no compensation.*

\$3,200 to be paid to J. W. Nye.

APPROVED, January 17, 1857.

[No. 10.] *Joint Resolution to pay the Pension due Parmelia Slavin, late Wife of John Blue, deceased, to her Administrator.*

March 2, 1857.

WHEREAS at the last session of Congress an act was passed granting a pension to Parmelia Slavin, late the wife of John Blue, deceased, of four dollars per month, for five years from the first day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-eight, who is now dead, and in order said pension may be secured to her representatives—

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*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States [of America] in Congress assembled, That the proper officer is hereby directed to pay Artemas Sayles, the administrator of Parmalia Slavin, late the wife of John Blue, deceased, out of the money appropriated for the payment of pensions, the amount of pension due the said Parmelia Slavin, by the act of the second day of March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and fifty-five.*

Pension of Parmelia Slavin to be paid to Artemas Sayles, her administrator.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 2, 1857.[No. 11.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Israel B. Bigelow.*

Israel B. Bigelow to have a pension of \$15 per month from Jan. 14, 1847, for life.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That a pension of fifteen dollars per month during his natural life, be allowed to Israel B. Bigelow, of Texas, to commence from the fourteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, the day on which he was severely wounded and disabled by the enemy, while bearing important despatches from Major-General Patterson to General Quitman, during the march of the division of volunteers from Victoria to Tampico, in Mexico.

APPROVED, March 2, 1857.

March 3, 1857.[No. 19.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of W. W. Wimmer, late Postmaster of West Zanesville, Ohio.*

Payment to William W. Wimmer for mail service.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Postmaster-General be and hereby is authorized to allow and pay to William W. Wimmer, Esq., late postmaster at West Zanesville, Ohio, for service performed by him as special mail messenger to transport the mail between his said post-office and the cars of the Central Ohio Railroad Company, from May, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, and November, eighteen hundred and fifty-six inclusive, such rate of compensation as he may consider just and reasonable: *Provided,* The same shall not exceed in the aggregate, the sum of one hundred dollars.

APPROVED, March 3, 1857