

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

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

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

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

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

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

APPROVED, August 11, 1856.

CHAP. XCV.—*An Act for the Relief of Daniel Doland.* Aug. 13, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Daniel Doland, a private in Captain Steele's company of New York volunteers, during the Mexican war, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay him the sum of six dollars and seventy-five cents per month, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-five, during his natural life.

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

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Charles Stearns.* Aug. 13, 1856.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Charles Stearns, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, to indemnify him for losses sustained and expenses incurred in defending his title to certain lands claimed by the United States; and also in defending two criminal prosecutions brought against him by direction of the Secretary of War.

Charles Stearns to be paid \$5,000.

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and is hereby, authorized and required, so to construe the act of Congress, approved twenty-seventh July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, for the relief of James M. Goggin, late special agent of the Post-Office Department in California, as that he shall be paid the same salary for the time he acted as such agent, as is now paid to his successor in office

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

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

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

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

Aug. 13, 1856.

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

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

1858, ch. 62.

Post, p. 532.

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

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

Aug. 13, 1856.

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

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay to J. R. Powell a reasonable compensation for the additional expense incurred by him and extra services performed on mail route number five thousand five hundred and eighty-five, made necessary by imposing on said route a larger mail than was contemplated at the time of making the contract.

APPROVED, August 13, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

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

Payment to Mrs. O. W. Cannon.

Proviso.

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

APPROVED, August 16, 1856.

Aug. 16, 1856.

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

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

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the letters-patent granted to Isaac Adams on the fourteenth day of October, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty, for new and useful improvements in the printing-machine called the power printing-press, and also letters-patent granted to the said Adams on the second day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, for additional improvements in the power printing press, be, and the same are hereby, renewed, revived, and extended, for the term commencing with the date of the passage of this act, and