

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

*Passed at the first session * which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Thursday, the fourth day of July, A. D. 1861, and ended on Tuesday, the sixth day of August, A. D. 1861.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Vice-President, and President of the Senate. SOLOMON FOOTE was elected President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, on the eighteenth day of July, and continued so to act until the close of the session. GALUSHA A. GROW, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of the United States Sloop-of-war Levant, and for other Purposes.*

July 24, 1861.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, for the purpose of fixing the time at which shall commence the pensions, under the existing laws, of the widows and orphan children of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in the United States sloop-of-war Levant, as well as the time to which the pay of said officers, seamen, marines, and others in the service, shall be allowed, the thirtieth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, shall be deemed and taken to be the day on which the said sloop-of-war Levant foundered at sea.

The Levant to be deemed as lost June 30, 1861, for certain purposes.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the widow, or child, or children, and in case there shall be no widow, or child, or children, (as aforesaid,) then the parent or parents, and if there be no parents, the brothers and sisters of the officers, seamen, marines, and others in service, who were lost in said sloop-of-war Levant, including captain's clerk and assistant draughtsman, shall be entitled to and receive, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months' pay of their respective deceased relations aforesaid, in addition to the pay due to the said deceased at the date of the loss of said vessel.

Additional pay to widows and children, &c., of those lost.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and are hereby, authorized and directed to settle the accounts of Andrew J. Watson, late a purser in the navy, who was lost in the sloop-of-war Levant, with all his accounts and vouchers for expenditures and payments made by him, and with all the money, stores, and supplies procured for the use of said vessel, and to allow him a credit for whatever sum appears to be due from him on the books of the Department.

Accounts of Andrew J. Watson to be settled.

APPROVED, July 24, 1861.

* This session was called by Proclamation of the President, dated April 15th, 1861. See Proclamation, No. 3, Appendix, *post*, p. 1258.

July 24, 1861. CHAP. XV. — *An Act for the Relief of certain Musicians and Soldiers stationed at Fort Sumter, in South Carolina.*

Certain musicians and soldiers at Fort Sumter to be paid for losses of private property.

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 to pay, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eleven hundred and fifty dollars, to remunerate soldiers and members of the band stationed at Fort Sumter, in South Carolina, for losses of private property incurred in the removal from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter on the evening of December twenty-six, eighteen hundred and sixty; said sum to be distributed as follows, namely: To the band, four hundred dollars; to company E, first artillery, five hundred dollars; to company H, first artillery, two hundred and fifty dollars; and to be divided among the members of said band and said companies suffering losses, or the heirs of such persons as aforesaid, according to the award of the commanding officers of the several commands.

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CHAP. XVI. — *An Act for the Relief of the Ohio and other Volunteers.*

Preamble.
1795, ch. 36, § 2.
Vol. i. p. 424.

Whereas the War Department has decided that the term of service of the ninety days' volunteers, called out under the act of seventeen hundred and ninety-five, commenced only on the day when they were actually sworn into the service of the United States; and whereas the troops now in service of the United States from the State of Ohio were not sworn into said service until some days after their organization and acceptance as companies by the Governor of said State, and that for such period, under existing laws no payment can be made: Therefore,

Volunteers to be paid from the date of their organization and acceptance as companies by the governor of the State.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper disbursing officer compute and pay to the said volunteers compensation from the day of their organization and acceptance as companies by the Governor of the State of Ohio, as aforesaid, until the expiration of their term of service.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That where the militia of other States are situated similarly with those of Ohio, the War Department pay them according to the provisions of the foregoing section.

APPROVED, July 24, 1861.

July 29, 1861.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act to authorize the Issue of a Register to the Steamer "Estella."*

Register to issue to the steamer "Estella."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to issue a register to the steamer "Estella," in accordance with existing laws, excepting only that provision of law requiring the said vessel to have been built in the United States.

APPROVED, July 29, 1861.

August 3, 1861.

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

Accounts of John C. McConnell to be settled.

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 hereby is, directed to audit and settle, upon terms of equity and justice, the accounts of John C. McConnell against the United States, for expenses necessarily incurred by him in raising a regiment of volunteers in the State of Maryland, in May, June, and July, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and now in the United States' service: *Provided,* That the

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same shall not exceed the sum of eight thousand five hundred dollars, to be paid out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 3, 1861.

CHAP. LXVII. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of War to pay the Volunteers, who, under the Command of Charles W. White, and by Order of Brigadier-General T. A. Morris, enlisted to protect the Railroad Bridges and other Property, in the Vicinity of Oakland, Alleghany County, Maryland.* August 6, 1861.

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, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the commissioned officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians, and privates who served as a Home Guard for the protection of the railroad bridge and other property, near Oakland, Alleghany County, Maryland, under command of Captain Charles W. White, and were called into service by order of Brigadier-General T. A. Morris, and to make to them just and reasonable compensation for the failure of the officer of the Government of the United States to furnish to them rations, clothing, and other supplies during their service: *Provided,* the amount to be paid shall not exceed the amount to which, for similar service, and like rations, clothing, and supplies, volunteers, regularly mustered into service under the President's proclamation of May third, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, would be equitable entitled.

Certain volunteers in Alleghany county, Maryland, to be paid.

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APPROVED, August 6, 1861.

CHAP. LXVIII. — *An Act to provide for the Payment of Arnold and Willett for Bread, and Henry North, for Wood, supplied to the United States Volunteers in Maryland.* August 6, 1861.

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 to cause the account of G. W. Arnold and Charles S. Willett, for bread, and the account of Henry North, for wood, furnished to the United States volunteers in the State of Maryland to be audited and adjusted on terms of equity and justice.

Accounts of G. W. Arnold, Charles S. Willett, and Henry North, to be settled.

APPROVED, August 6, 1861.

RESOLUTION.

August 5, 1861. [No. 4.] *A Resolution to pay to the Widow of the late Stephen A. Douglas the Amount due to him as a Senator at the time of his death.*

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 is hereby, required to pay to the widow of the late Stephen A. Douglas, late a Senator of the United States, the amount of compensation due to him up to the time of his death, being seven hundred and fifty dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 5, 1861.

Widow of Stephen A. Douglas, to be paid amount of salary due him at his death.