

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

*Passed at the second session which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the second day of December, A. D. 1861, and ended on Thursday, the seventeenth day of July, A. D. 1862.*

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Vice-President, and President of the Senate. SOLOMON FOOTE was elected President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, on the thirty-first day of March, and so acted until the twenty-first day of May inclusive; he was again elected on the twentieth day of June, and continued so to act until the end of the session. GALUSHA A. GROW, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. VII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Owner of the British Ship "Perthshire."* January 17, 1862

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the order of the proper functionary of Her Britannic Majesty's government, the sum of one thousand dollars, in full compensation to the owner of the British ship "Perthshire" in consequence of her detention by the United States steamer "Massachusetts," in June last, under the impression that she had unlawfully evaded the blockade of the port of Mobile.

APPROVED, January 17, 1862.

\$1000 to be paid to owner of British ship Perthshire.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act for the Relief of William Y. Strong.* January 31, 1862.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and required to pay to William Y. Strong, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, fifty dollars; being the amount so by him paid into the public Treasury on the twenty-seventh of January, eighteen hundred and forty-five.

APPROVED, January 31, 1862.

\$50 to be paid to William Y. Strong.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Philip Speyer & Co., of the City of New York.* February 13, 1862.

*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 to cause two certificates of the loan of eighteen hundred and forty-eight, of one thousand dollars each, with coupons of semi-annual interest from the first of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, attached thereto, to be issued to Philip Speyer & Co., or bearer, to replace that number of similar certificates, the property of said Speyer & Co., viz.: number one thousand and fifty-eight, issued to Corcoran and Riggs, or bearer, September first, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and number eleven hundred and twenty-nine, issued to R. L. Stuart, or bearer, September ninth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, which were mailed at Frankfort-on-the-Main, in Germany, for New York, on

Duplicate certificates of stock to issue to Philip Speyer and Co.

the third day of February, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, with the coupons from said first of July, eighteen hundred and fifty-four attached, and were never received in New York, and are therefore supposed to be lost or destroyed: *Provided*, That before the issue of such new certificates said Philip Speyer & Co. shall furnish to the acceptance of the First Comptroller of the Treasury such bond or bonds of indemnity as is usually required by the regulations of the Treasury Department for the issue of duplicate certificates of inscribed stock.

APPROVED, February 13, 1862.

March 14, 1862. CHAP. XLII. — *An Act for the Relief of Z. B. Caverly, late Secretary of Legation at Lima, Peru.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be paid, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of nineteen hundred and eighty-eight dollars to the said Z. B. Caverly, late secretary of legation at Lima, Peru, for his services and expenses as special messenger from Lima to Washington in eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, eighteen hundred and sixty, and eighteen hundred and sixty-one, that being the amount of the per diem and expenses of said messenger, after deducting therefrom his salary for the time of such service as secretary of legation.

APPROVED, March 14, 1862.

April 25, 1862. CHAP. LX. — *An Act to authorize the District Court of the United States for the Northern District of California to hear and determine upon its Merits the Claim of Pedro Chaboya to a certain Tract of Land in California, called La Posa San Juan Bautista.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That the district court of the United States for the northern district of California be, and is hereby, authorized and required to hear and decide upon the merits the claim of Pedro Chaboya to a tract of land described in his amended petition, filed in said court on the fifteenth day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-seven, and called "La Posa de San Juan Bautista," in the same manner and with the same jurisdiction as if the claim to the said tract of land had been duly presented to the Board of Land Commissioners under the provisions of the act entitled "An act to ascertain and settle the private land claims in the State of California," approved March third, anno 1851, ch. 41. Vol. ix. p. 631. Domini eighteen hundred and fifty-one, and an appeal had been duly taken from their decision to the said district court by the said Chaboya.

Testimony before taken may be used. SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That on the said hearing the testimony heretofore taken in said court in relation to the said claim on behalf of the said claimant, or of the United States, may be read subject to all just exceptions to its competency, and additional testimony on either part may be taken under the direction and order of said district court as to the validity of said claim or the extent thereof.

Appeal to Supreme Court of the United States. Vol. ix. p. 633. SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That an appeal may be taken from the final decision and decree of said district court to the Supreme Court of the United States by either party in accordance with the provisions of the tenth section of the said act of March third, eighteen hundred and fifty-one.

APPROVED, April 25, 1862.

April 25, 1862. CHAP. LXI. — *An Act for the Relief of the Owners, Officers, and Crew of the Danish Bark "Jorgen Lorentzen."*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled*, That there be paid, out of any

money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the order of the proper functionary of the government of his Majesty the King of Denmark, the sum of one thousand eight hundred and fifty dollars, as full compensation to the owners of the Danish bark "Jorgen Lorentzen," or their legal representatives, for damages occasioned by reason of the wrongful seizure and detention of the said bark by the "Morning Light," a vessel of the United States blockading squadron, in the month of December last, and also as full compensation to the master, mate, and crew of the said bark, the said sum to be distributed agreeably to the award of Moses Taylor and H. Dollner, esquires, to whom the claim was referred.

paid the owners &c., of the Danish bark "Jorgen Lorentzen."

How to be distributed.

APPROVED, April 25, 1862.

CHAP. LXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Francis Huttman.*

May 1, 1862.

*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 adjust the claim of Francis Huttman for return of tonnage and light duties illegally exacted and paid by him on the Peruvian bark "Callao," at the port of San Francisco, California, on the fifth day of September, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, amounting to one hundred and twenty-four dollars and eighty cents; and also import duties collected in excess upon the cargo of the said vessel, amounting to the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars and sixteen cents, and to pay him the amount due.

Duties illegally exacted to be repaid Francis Huttman.

APPROVED, May 1, 1862.

CHAP. LXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Sylvester Crooks.*

May 12, 1862.

*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 directed to cancel the transportation bond of Sylvester Crooks, given at the collector's office in the city of New York, in the month of November, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, for a package of merchandise shipped by him to V. Marzion and Company, San Francisco, California, and marked "F. B., one case."

Transportation bond given by Sylvester Crooks to be cancelled.

APPROVED, May 12, 1862.

CHAP. LXV. — *An Act for the Relief of the Owners, Officers, and Crew of the Spanish Bark "Providencia."*

May 12, 1862.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the order of the proper functionary of her Catholic Majesty's government, the sum of two thousand seven hundred and ninety-one dollars and ninety-one cents, as full compensation to the owners of the Spanish bark "Providencia," or their legal representatives, for damages occasioned by reason of the wrongful seizure and detention of said bark by a steamer of the United States blockading squadron, in the month of November last; and also as full compensation to the master, mate, and crew of said bark; the said sum to be distributed agreeably to the two several awards of Moses Taylor, esquire, to whom the claim was referred for adjustment.

Payment to owners, &c. of bark "Providencia" for wrongful seizure, &c.

APPROVED, May 12, 1862.

CHAP. LXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of John Skirving.*

May 13, 1862.

*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 treas-

Payment to John Skirving for drawings, &c.

for public buildings in Washington.

ury not otherwise appropriated, to pay to John Skirving the sum of eleven hundred and forty-two dollars, in full for his services in making designs, drawings, working drawings, and measurements, in and about the public buildings in the city of Washington, and other expenses attending the same, under the direction of the Commissioner of Public Buildings, from the year eighteen hundred and forty-two to the year eighteen hundred and fifty-two, inclusive.

APPROVED, May 13, 1862.

May 17, 1862.

CHAP. LXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Lieutenant-Colonel Charles F. Ruff, of the United States Army.*

Certain pay, &c. of Lt.-Col. Charles F. Ruff to be paid him.

*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 is hereby, directed to cause to be paid unto Charles F. Ruff, Lieutenant-Colonel of the third Regiment of Cavalry, Army of the United States, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four hundred and forty-nine dollars, being the amount of pay and emoluments due him for the months of March and April, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-one, as Major of the Regiment of Mounted Riflemen, United States Army, and never received by him.

APPROVED, May 17, 1862.

May 30, 1862.

CHAP. LXXXVII. — *An Act for the Benefit of Robert Small, and others.*

Half of the value of the steamer "Planter" to be apportioned between Robert Small and others.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized to cause the steam transport boat "Planter," recently in the rebel service, in the harbor of Charleston, and all of the arms, munitions, tackle, and other property on board of her at the time of her delivery to the Federal authorities, to be appraised by a board of competent officers, and when the value thereof shall be thus ascertained, to cause an equitable apportionment of one half of such value so ascertained as aforesaid, to be made between Robert Small and his associates, who assisted in rescuing her from the enemies of the Government.

Share of each may be invested in United States securities, and income paid over until, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Navy may, if he deems it expedient, cause the sum of money allotted to each individual under the preceding section of this act, to be invested in United States securities for the benefit of such individual, the interest to be paid to him or to his heirs, annually, until such time as the Secretary of the Navy may deem it expedient to pay to him, or his heirs, the principal sum as aforesaid.

APPROVED, May 30, 1862.

May 30, 1862.

CHAP. LXXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of John Goulding.*

John Goulding may apply for renewal and extension of patent.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That John Goulding be, and hereby is, authorized to apply to the Commissioner of Patents for a renewal and extension, for the term of seven years, from the time of such renewal and extension, the letters-patent heretofore granted to him, for his improvement in machinery for the manufacture of wool and other fibrous substances, and the said Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized and empowered to grant such renewal and extension, or withhold the same, under the existing laws, in the same manner as if the applications therefor had been seasonably made: *Provided,* That such renewal and extension shall not have the effect or be construed to restrain persons who may be using the machinery invented by said Goulding at the time of the

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renewal and extension hereby authorized for continuing the use of the same, nor to subject them to any claim or damage for having so used the same.

APPROVED, May 30, 1862.

CHAP. LXXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Horace M. Hieskell, a Paymaster in the United States Navy.* May 30, 1862.

Whereas Horace M. Hieskell was attached as paymaster to [the] United States receiving ship "Pennsylvania," at Norfolk, Virginia, at the time, to wit, on the twentieth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, when said ship was burned by order of the Government or the Commander of the station; and

Horace M. Hieskell to be credited in his accounts with certain goods burned in the "Pennsylvania."

Whereas, said Horace M. Hieskell, as paymaster aforesaid, is charged by the Department with sundry items for provisions, clothing, and small stores, which goods were destroyed when said ship was burned; Therefore,

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That Horace M. Hieskell be credited on the books of the Department with the amount of such goods charged against him.

APPROVED, May 30, 1862.

CHAP. C. — *An Act for the reciprocal Extinguishment of certain Claims between the United States and the Representatives of Robert Brent, deceased.* June 11, 1862.

*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, and he is hereby, directed to discontinue and to cause to be entered satisfied all suits and proceedings upon the claim of the United States against the representatives of Robert Brent, late paymaster general of the United States army, and against the representatives of Robert Y. Brent, his executor; such discontinuance and acknowledgment of satisfaction to be in full of all claims on the part of said Robert Brent, or his representatives in his right, against the United States.

All suits against representatives of Robert Brent and Robert Y. Brent to be discontinued.

Effect of discontinuance.

APPROVED, June 11, 1862.

CHAP. CVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant.* June 17, 1862.

*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 with the treasury of Lieutenant Ulysses S. Grant, as commissary and regimental quartermaster, fourth infantry, there shall be allowed to the said Grant the sum of one thousand dollars, on account of the loss of that amount of public funds in his hands by theft on the night of the sixteenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, the loss being without neglect or fault on the part of said Grant.

Allowance of \$1000, lost by theft, to be made in settling accounts of Ulysses S. Grant.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, if the accounts of the said Grant have been fully settled at the proper accounting office of the treasury, and the said amount of one thousand dollars accounted for, then and in that case there shall be paid to said Grant the sum of one thousand dollars out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

If accounts are settled, &c. then \$1000 to be paid Grant.

APPROVED, June 17, 1862.

CHAP. CVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Oliver Spencer Wood.* June 17, 1862.

*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 to examine and settle, on principles of equity, the accounts of Oliver Spencer Wood, late temporary naval storekeeper for the United States

Accounts of Oliver Spencer Wood to be settled equitably and allowance made of not over \$1,620.97.

squadron on the African station, and to make him such allowances, subject to the approval of the Secretary of the Navy, as under the circumstances shall appear to them reasonable and just, such allowances not to exceed the deficiencies with which the said Oliver Spencer Wood now stands charged, amounting to the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty dollars and ninety-seven cents, (\$1,620.97.)

APPROVED, June 17, 1862.

June 19, 1862. CHAP. CXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Rose M. Harte, Widow of Edward Harte.*

Payment of  
\$274.80 to widow  
of Edward Harte.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Commissioner of Patents be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay, out of any money belonging to the fund of the Patent Office not otherwise appropriated, to Rose M. Harte, widow of Edward Harte, the sum of two hundred and seventy-four dollars and eighty cents, in full for certain papers prepared by him, by direction of the Commissioner of Patents, illustrative of the "Progress of Agriculture in the United States during ten years," and also for an article entitled "Railroads of the United States in 1850."

APPROVED, June 19, 1862.

June 19, 1862. CHAP. CXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of the Sufferers by the burning of the Washington Infirmary on the Night of November 3d, 1861.*

Payment of  
\$625 to certain  
sufferers by the  
burning of the  
Washington In-  
firmary.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Second Auditor of the Treasury be, and hereby is, authorized and required to ascertain and determine the amount of property lost by each of the sisters of charity, and female servants employed in the Washington Infirmary at the time of its conflagration, which occurred on the night of the third of November, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the amount so determined, not exceeding in the aggregate six hundred and twenty dollars, shall be paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the claimants respectively.

APPROVED, June 19, 1862.

June 20, 1862. CHAP. CXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Commodore Hiram Paulding.*

Payment to  
Hiram Paulding  
for expenses of  
lawsuit.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay to Commodore Hiram Paulding, of the United States navy, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twelve hundred dollars, or so much thereof as he may be satisfied is necessary to reimburse him for his expenses incurred in defending himself against a suit brought against him for taking Charles McDonald (one of William Walker's followers) from the steamer "Morgan," at San Juan del Norte, in Nicaragua, and sending him on board the United States ship "Saratoga," in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, the said Paulding being at the time flag-officer in command of the home squadron, and acting in the line of his duty.

APPROVED, June 20, 1862.

June 20, 1862. CHAP. CXVIII. — *An Act to pay B. Y. Shelley for his Claim and Improvements taken from him by the Omaha Reservation in the Territory of Nebraska.*

Payment to  
Benneville Y.  
Shelley.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be, and hereby is, appropriated, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appro-

priated, to Benneville Y. Shelley, thirteen hundred and fifteen dollars, in full for all claims of said Shelley against the government of the United States for his "claim" and improvements thereon, which were taken from him by the United States for the Omaha reservation, in Nebraska Territory, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five.

APPROVED, June 20, 1862.

CHAP. CXXXI.—*An Act granting a Pension to Lawrence P. N. Landrum, of Taylor County, Kentucky.* July 2, 1862.

*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 Lawrence P. N. Landrum, of Taylor County, State of Kentucky, on the roll of invalid pensions of the United States, and pay to him the sum of ninety-six dollars per annum, to be computed from the twenty-third day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and sixty-two.

Invalid pension  
to Lawrence P.  
N. Landrum.

APPROVED, July 2, 1862.

CHAP. CXXXII.—*An Act for the Relief of the President and Directors of the Panama Railroad Company.* July 2, 1862.

*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 instructed to pay to the President and Directors of the Panama Railroad Company the sum of seven thousand four hundred and seventy-five dollars, in full of all claims of said company on the United States for the transportation of certain persons from Panama to New York by agreement with Commodore Mervine.

Panama Rail-  
road Company,  
payment of  
\$7,475 to.

APPROVED, July 2, 1862.

CHAP. CXXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of J. W. Nye.*

July 5, 1862.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay unto J. W. Nye, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fourteen hundred and fifty-four dollars and eighty-four cents, for balance due for furnishing horses and carryalls, and hauling boxes and other articles, for the use of the House of Representatives for the twenty-eighth Congress, under a written contract with the postmaster of the House of Representatives, dated January the fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-four, and approved by said House of Representatives.

J. W. Nye,  
payment to, for  
horses, &c., for  
28th Congress.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be further authorized and required to pay unto J. W. Nye, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three thousand four hundred and thirty-two dollars and forty-four cents, for balance due for improvements made on the botanical garden lot, and for damages sustained by said J. W. Nye in being deprived of the use and occupation of the lot according to the terms and conditions contained in a certain lease from the President of the United States to said J. W. Nye.

For damages  
for determination  
of a lease.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed and required, on payment of the sums hereinbefore named, to take receipts from said J. W. Nye, in full satisfaction of all claims for services or damages arising from the aforesaid contracts.

Receipts to be  
given in full.

APPROVED, July 5, 1862.

July 5, 1862.

CHAP. CXXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Brigadier General Joseph G. Totten.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid to Brigadier General Joseph G. Totten, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred dollars, in full for so much advanced by the said Totten for the benefit of the United States in the purchase of certain land of William Aspinwall, for fortifications on Staten Island, in the harbor of New York.

APPROVED, July 5, 1862.

July 11, 1862.

CHAP. CLII. — *An Act for the Relief of D. G. Farragut.*

D. G. Farragut,  
payment of  
\$407.19 to.

*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 instructed to allow to Captain D. G. Farragut, United States navy, in the settlement of his accounts, the sum of four hundred and seven dollars and nineteen cents, being the amount paid by him as wages to two master's mates on board the United States ship Warren, employed at Mare Island, California.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

July 11, 1862.

CHAP. CLIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Louisa Abert Byrne.*

Louisa Abert  
Byrne, pension  
to.

*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 Louisa Abert Byrne, widow of the late Surgeon Bernard M. Byrne, of the United States army, on the pension roll, at the rate of twenty-five dollars per month, from the sixth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty, for and during her widowhood.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

July 12, 1862.

CHAP. CLXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Fanny Mactier Smith.*

Fanny Mactier  
Smith, pension  
to.

*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 Fanny Mactier Smith, widow of the late Major General Charles Ferguson Smith, of the United States army, on the pension roll, at the rate of fifty dollars per month, from the first day of May, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, for and during her widowhood.

APPROVED, July 12, 1862.

July 14, 1862.

CHAP. CLXXVI. — *An Act granting an Invalid Pension to Hugh H. Howard, of Hockingport, State of Ohio.*

Pension to  
Hugh H. How-  
ard.

*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 Hugh H. Howard, of Hockingport, in the State of Ohio, a soldier in the Oregon Indian war, in eighteen hundred and fifty-five and eighteen hundred and fifty-six, upon the pension roll, and allow him a pension at the rate of eight dollars a month from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty.

APPROVED, July 14, 1862.



CHAP. CXCI. — *An Act for the Relief of Robert M. Evans.*

July 16, 1862.

*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 adjust and settle, upon fair and equitable terms, the accounts of Robert M. Evans, for recruiting in and bringing from the State of Indiana to this city, during the months of August and September, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, cavalry troops in pursuance of an order issued on or about the fifteenth day of July, of the same year, by the then Secretary of War: *Provided,* That the amount so paid shall not exceed the sum of five hundred dollars.

Accounts of  
Robert M. Evans  
to be adjusted.

SEC. 2. This act to be in force from and after its passage.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

CHAP. CXCII. — *An Act to confirm and establish a Patent heretofore granted to Etienne Bernot, dated July twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixty, and to secure to George Somerville Norris, the Assignee of said Patent, the Benefit of the full term for which said Patent was granted.*

July 16, 1862.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the patent granted to Etienne Bernot on the twenty-fourth day of July, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty, for "an improved machine for cutting files," and which patent, on the face thereof, was granted for the term of fourteen years from the date of said patent, shall be, and the same is hereby, made a valid grant for the full term of fourteen years from the date of said patent, notwithstanding the fact that a patent had been previously granted in France for the same invention, and notwithstanding that said patent, when issued, ought to have been granted only for the term of fourteen years, to be computed from the date of the said patent, previously issued in France.

Patent to  
Etienne Bernot  
confirmed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the title of George Somerville Norris, as assignee of said patent, under the assignment made to him by said Etienne Bernot, dated October eight, eighteen hundred and sixty, and recorded in the Patent Office, shall be good and valid to vest in said assignee, his executors, administrators, and assigns, the executive right, under the said patent, for the full period of the term of fourteen years from the date of said patent, in like manner and to the same extent as if the said patent, when originally issued, had been validly granted for fourteen years from the date thereof.

Title of as-  
signee of said  
patent confirmed.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

CHAP. CXCIH. — *An Act to secure one Month's Pay and Pension to Margaret Bailey, Widow of George B. Bailey, Lieutenant Colonel in the Ninth Regiment of Virginia Volunteers.*

July 16, 1862.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That there be paid to Margaret Bailey, widow of George B. Bailey, late acting lieutenant colonel in the ninth regiment of Virginia volunteers, one month's pay of a lieutenant colonel, for services rendered by her husband as lieutenant colonel and surgeon, prior to November tenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, when he was killed in battle at Guyandott, Virginia.

Margaret Bailey  
to have one  
month's pay,

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Commissioner of Pensions be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of said Margaret Bailey on the pension roll, at the rate of thirty dollars per month, from the first day of July, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and to continue during her widowhood.

and pension.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

July 16, 1862. CHAP. CXCIV.—*An Act for the Relief of James N. Muller, Supervising Inspector of Steamboats for the Third Supervising District.*

Accounts of  
James N. Muller  
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 the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to audit and settle the accounts of James N. Muller for services rendered as supervising inspector of steamboats for the third supervising district, and to allow him the compensation provided by law for the period commencing on the sixth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and ending on the second day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.

APPROVED, July 16, 1862.

## RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 17.] *A Resolution for the Relief of William H. Nobles.*

March 8, 1862.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to pay, out of any balance of appropriations for wagon-roads under his control, eight thousand one hundred and ninety-nine dollars and ninety-nine cents, being the amount reported by him, under the second section of the army appropriation act, approved March second, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to be due to William H. Nobles, late Superintendent of the Fort Ridgely and South Pass Wagon Road.

APPROVED, March 8, 1862.

William H.  
Nobles, payment  
of \$8199.99 to.

[No. 31.] *A Resolution in Relation to the Claim of Marshall O. Roberts for the Loss of the Steamer "Star of the West."*

May 20, 1862.

Whereas the Secretary of War has declined to act upon a claim of Marshall O. Roberts for compensation for the loss of the steamship "Star of the West," while in the service and under the direction of the United States, upon the ground that before his appointment as Secretary of War he had been consulted as counsel in the case: Therefore—

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the said claim be referred to the Attorney General, with authority to act upon the same in the same manner as the Secretary of War could have done had he not been consulted as counsel in the case, and that such sum as shall be ascertained to be due, if any, be paid in the same manner as if the same had been allowed by the Secretary of War, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, May 20, 1862.

Marshall O.  
Roberts, payment  
to.

[No. 33.] *A Resolution to confirm the Opinion of the Court of Claims adverse to the Claim of Thomas B. Graham.*

May 21, 1862.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the opinion of the Court of Claims, adverse to the claim of Thomas B. Graham, be, and hereby is, confirmed.

APPROVED, May 21, 1862.

Thomas B.  
Graham, adverse  
opinion of Court  
of Claims con-  
firmed.

[No. 45.] *Joint Resolution to confirm the adverse Decision of the Court of Claims in the Case of C. J. Jenkins and W. W. Mann, Assignees of John McKinnie.*

July 11, 1862.

*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the adverse decision of the Court of Claims in the case of C. J. Jenkins and W. W. Mann, assignees of John McKinnie, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

Decision  
against C. J.  
Jenkins and W.  
W. Mann con-  
firmed.

July 11, 1862.

[No. 46.] *Joint Resolution to confirm the adverse Decision of the Court of Claims in the Case of Richard Irvin, Trustee of the Mechanics' Bank, New York.*Decision  
against Richard  
Irvin confirmed.*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the adverse decision of the Court of Claims in the case of Richard Irvin, trustee of the Mechanics' Bank, New York, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

July 11, 1862.

[No. 47.] *Joint Resolution to confirm the adverse Decision of the Court of Claims in the Case of Executor of Lewis Warrington and others.*Decision  
against executors  
of Lewis War-  
rington con-  
firmed.*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the adverse decision of the Court of Claims in the case of the executors of Lewis Warrington and others be, and the same is hereby, confirmed.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

July 11, 1862.

[No. 48.] *Joint Resolution to confirm the adverse Decision of the Court of Claims in the Case of Abraham King, Administrator of John Mandeville.*Decision  
against Abraham  
King confirmed.*Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the adverse decision of the Court of Claims in the case of Abraham King, administrator of John Mandeville, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

July 11, 1862.

[No. 49.] *Joint Resolution to confirm the adverse Decision of the Court of Claims in the Case of Dennis Cronans.*Decision  
against Dennis  
Cronans con-  
firmed.*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the adverse decision of the Court of Claims in the case of Dennis Cronans be, and the same is hereby, confirmed.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.

July 11, 1862.

[No. 50.] *Joint Resolution to confirm the adverse Decision of the Court of Claims in the Case of T. S. J. Johnson.*Decision  
against T. S. J.  
Johnson con-  
firmed.*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the adverse decision of the Court of Claims in the case of T. S. J. Johnson be, and the same is hereby, confirmed.

APPROVED, July 11, 1862.