

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.

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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.

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

APPROVED, January 17, 1862.

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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.

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

APPROVED, January 31, 1862.

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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.*

Payment to Z. B. Caverly. . . *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.*

Claim of Pedro Chaboya to be heard by District Court. . . *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 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.

1851, ch. 41.  
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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.

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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."*

Damages to be . . . *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