

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRTY-EIGHTH 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 Monday, the seventh day of December, A. D. 1863, and ended on Monday, the fourth day of July, A. D. 1864.

ABRAHAM LINCOLN, President. HANNIBAL HAMLIN, Vice-President and President of the Senate. DANIEL CLARK was elected President of the Senate, *pro tempore*, on the twenty-fifth day of April, and so acted until the end of the session. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. X. — *An Act to indemnify the Owners of the British Schooner Glen.*

Feb. 13, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to the owners of the British schooner "Glen," out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seventeen thousand one hundred and fifty dollars and sixty-six cents, the same being the amount awarded as an indemnification to the parties interested, by the district court of the United States of America for the southern district of New York, for costs, damages, and expenses, by reason of the illegal seizure of the said vessel and cargo as prize.

Indemnity to owners of British schooner Glen.

APPROVED, February 13, 1864.

CHAP. XII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Noah Wiswall.*

Feb. 22, 1864.

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 United States be, and are hereby, directed to audit an account between the United States and the legal representatives of Noah Wiswall, assignee of Daniel Chilson, for the amount of purchase-money paid by said Daniel Chilson on the thirteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, by his agent, Amariah Watson, to J. W. Stephenson, receiver of public moneys at Galena, Illinois, per receipt number twelve hundred and eighty-two, for eighty acres of the west half of the southwest quarter of section number fifteen, in township number sixteen north, of range number eight east, of the fourth principal meridian, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents per acre; and that the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, directed to pay said amount upon such adjustment, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Accounts of heirs of Noah Wiswall with the United States to be adjusted and paid.

APPROVED, February 22, 1864.

CHAP. XIX. — *An Act to authorize the Settlement of the Accounts of Paymaster E. C. Doran.*

March 3, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all the payments made by William H. Peters, of Virginia, to the mechanics, laborers, and other employees of the Norfolk Navy Yard, for wages due to them by the

Accounts of Edward C. Doran to be adjusted and \$29,381 paid him.

United States, for services and labor rendered to the twentieth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and the rolls and vouchers therefor on file in the office of the fourth auditor of the treasury, be, and the same are hereby, legalized for the benefit of Paymaster Edward C. Doran, of the United States Navy; and that the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized to credit the said Paymaster Edward C. Doran, in the settlement of his account, with the sum of twenty-nine thousand three hundred and eighty-one dollars. (\$29,381.)

APPROVED, March 3, 1864.

March 8, 1864.

CHAP. XXV. — *An Act for the Relief of John H. Shepherd and Walter K. Caldwell, of Missouri.*

Payments to be made John H. Shepherd and Walter K. Caldwell for carrying the mails.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be instructed to allow and pay to the said Shepherd and Caldwell, all sums of money remaining due and unpaid and heretofore withheld by the post-office department for carrying the mails during the years eighteen hundred and fifty-four and eighteen hundred and fifty-five, on routes numbered eight thousand eight hundred and eighteen and eight thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, in the State of Missouri; said payments to be made for the time during which service was actually performed on said routes, at the rate of twenty-one hundred dollars per year on route number eight thousand eight hundred and eighteen, and at the rate of fourteen hundred and sixty dollars on route number eight thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, without making any deduction on account of the refusal of said contractors to enter into new contracts for performing extra service, or on account of reletting the same. And the Postmaster-General is further instructed to pay to said contractors any sums of money due them for carrying the mails on routes numbered eight thousand eight hundred and nineteen and eight thousand eight hundred and seventy-two, in said State, during the years aforesaid, and withheld by the post-office department, on account of the reletting of the two routes first named.

APPROVED, March 8, 1864.

March 8, 1864.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of L. F. Cartee.*

Payment of \$3033.50 to L. F. Cartee for surveys of lands in Oregon.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of the general land office be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to L. F. Cartee the sum of three thousand and thirty-three dollars and fifty cents, for services performed in surveys of the public lands in the State of Oregon in excess of his contract with the surveyor-general of Oregon, dated October fourteen, eighteen hundred and sixty, and the sum of three thousand and thirty-three dollars and fifty cents is hereby appropriated for said payment, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That before any payment is made, as provided for by this act, the work performed by said L. F. Cartee shall be tested in the field by actual examination thereof, under the direction of the surveyor-general of Oregon, and any correction made, necessary to make it conformable to the laws of the United States and the instructions governing the surveys of the public lands, at the expense of the said L. F. Cartee, and the balance only of said appropriation paid him after deducting said expense of inspection and correction, and when the certificate of the surveyor-general of Oregon is filed with the commissioner of the general land office that said survey is complete according to the law and regulations governing public surveys.

APPROVED, March 8, 1864.

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act for the Benefit of John Dickson, of Illinois.*

March 11, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty-one thousand dollars be paid to John Dickson, of Illinois, to compensate him for the damages he sustained by reason of the failure of J. W. Belger, quartermaster of United States volunteers, to receive one hundred thousand bushels of corn tendered him by said Dickson, under a contract therefor, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

\$21,000 damages to be paid John Dickson for breach of contract.

APPROVED, March 11, 1864.

CHAP. XXXII. — *An Act granting a Pension to John L. Burns, of Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.*

March 14, 1864.

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 John L. Burns, of Gettysburg, in the State of Pennsylvania, upon the pension roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, for patriotic services at the battle of Gettysburg, where he was wounded, on the first day of July, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-three, at which time said pension shall commence.

Pension to John L. Burns.

APPROVED, March 14, 1864.

CHAP. XXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Owners of the French Ship "La Manche."*

March 22, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That for the purpose of paying the indemnity awarded to the owners of the French ship "La Manche," there be appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sufficient amount to purchase a bill of exchange on Paris for the sum of one hundred and forty thousand seven hundred and thirty-five and fifteen one-hundredths francs, with interest on the said sum at six per centum, from February five, last past, down to the date of the bill of exchange.

Indemnity to the owners of the French ship "La Manche."

APPROVED, March 22, 1864.

CHAP. XLIII. — *An Act for the Relief of E. F. and Samuel A. Wood.*

March 28, 1864.

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 issue, or cause to be issued, executed, and delivered to E. F. and Samuel A. Wood duplicates of the following described bonds of the United States of America treasury department, for the Oregon war debt, issued by the United States under an act of congress approved March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, payable at any time after the first day of July, eighteen hundred and eighty-one, at the treasury of the United States, with interest at the rate of six per centum per annum, viz: numbers thirteen hundred and twenty-nine, and thirteen hundred and thirty-four, to thirteen hundred and thirty-eight, inclusive, for the sum of five hundred dollars each; and number two hundred and seventy-one for fifty dollars, dated Washington, March twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and numbers thirteen hundred and fifty-two to thirteen hundred and fifty-nine, inclusive, for five hundred dollars each; number six hundred and sixty-five for one hundred dollars, and number two hundred and sixty-six for fifty dollars, dated Washington, March twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixty-two; and number eight hundred and seventy-seven for one hundred dollars; number four hundred for fifty dollars, dated Washington, May twenty-second,

Duplicates of nineteen Oregon war bonds to be issued to E. F. and Samuel A. Wood, upon their giving the usual indemnity.

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eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and each and severally signed "L. E. Chittenden, Register of the Treasury," entered R. E., recorded J. O., with thirty-seven interest coupons attached to each of the five hundred dollar bonds for fifteen dollars each, payable semi-annually; eighteen interest coupons attached to bond number six hundred and sixty-five, and nineteen interest coupons attached to bond number eight hundred and seventy-seven for six dollars each; eighteen interest coupons attached to bonds numbers two hundred and sixty-six and two hundred and seventy-one; nineteen interest coupons attached to bond number four hundred for three dollars each, payable annually, all of which coupons are signed "G. Luff, for the Register of the Treasury;" in all nineteen Oregon war bonds, amounting to the sum of seven thousand three hundred and fifty dollars: *Provided*, That before the issue of such duplicate bonds said E. F. and Samuel A. Wood, or either of them, shall execute, or cause to be executed, and deposited with the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States, to the full acceptance and satisfaction of said secretary, such bond of indemnity as is usually required by the regulations of the treasury department for the issue of duplicate certificates of inscribed stocks and bonds.

APPROVED, March 28, 1864.

March 28, 1864.

CHAP. XLIV. — *An Act in Favor of the Legal Representatives of Israel C. Wait.*

\$1500 to be
paid the legal
representatives
of Israel C. Wait.

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 legal representatives of Israel C. Wait, late lieutenant in the United States navy, the sum of fifteen hundred dollars, it being the amount of an unpaid balance due the said Wait under the act of January sixteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, entitled "An act to amend an act entitled 'An act to promote the efficiency of the navy,'" and the sum of fifteen hundred dollars is hereby appropriated for this purpose.

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APPROVED, March 28, 1864.

April 9, 1864.

CHAP. LV. — *An Act for the Relief of Daniel Wormer.*

Payment to
Daniel Wormer.

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 Daniel Wormer the sum of one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight dollars and thirty-six cents, in full for all percentage retained by the government on payments heretofore made to him, and for all timber or other materials furnished by him in the construction of the pier at Little Sodus Bay, on Lake Ontario.

APPROVED, April 9, 1864.

April 9, 1864.

CHAP. LVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Darius S. Cole.*

Payment to
Darius S. Cole.

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 Darius S. Cole the sum of two thousand two hundred and twenty-four dollars, in full for materials furnished to the United States for the construction of the pier in Little Sodus Bay, Lake Ontario.

APPROVED, April 9, 1864.

CHAP. LVII. — *An Act for the Relief of William G. Brown.*

April 9, 1864.

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 William G. Brown the sum of ninety-nine dollars, in full for stone or other materials used by order of the agents of the government in the construction of a pier in Little Sodus Bay, on Lake Ontario, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three.

Payment to William G. Brown.

APPROVED, April 9, 1864.

CHAP. LXII. — *An Act confirming the Title of Joseph Ford to certain Lands in Rice County, in the State of Minnesota.*

April 19, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the title of Joseph Ford in and to the following described lands, to wit: the south half of the north-east quarter, and the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter, and the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of section six, in township one hundred and eleven, of range nineteen, in Rice County, in the State of Minnesota, containing one hundred and sixty acres, be, and the same is hereby, fully and absolutely confirmed, and that a patent be issued to the said Joseph Ford for the same.

Title of Joseph Ford to certain lands in Minnesota confirmed, and patent to issue therefor.

APPROVED, April 19, 1864.

CHAP. LXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of William C. Walker, and Others.*

May 3, 1864.

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, the sum of six hundred and sixty-four dollars and ninety cents to the following persons, and in the sums following, viz: To William C. Walker, eighty-three dollars and twenty-five cents; to John S. Emrie, seventy dollars; to A. G. Crane, ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents; to George W. Pilbean, twenty-one dollars and fifty cents; to E. Goodrich, eighty-seven dollars and seventy-five cents; to Jacob Cox, eleven dollars and twenty-five cents; to Thomas Lamkin, ninety-two dollars and twenty-five cents; to Porter Durell, ninety dollars; to Matthew Randall, ninety-six dollars and seventy-five cents; to David Lynn, five dollars and fifty cents; to Andrew Lisk, four dollars; to William Burkes, three dollars; to William Depuy, two dollars and twenty-five cents, for labor done and performed by the above-named persons, respectively, on the bridge across the Ohio River and floating battery at Paducah, by and under the direction of General John C. Fremont, while commanding the army of the west.

Payments to William C. Walker, John S. Emrie, A. G. Crane, George W. Pilbean, E. Goodrich, Jacob Cox, Thomas Lamkin, Porter Durell, Matthew Randall, David Lynn, Andrew Lisk, William Burkes, William Depuy.

APPROVED, May 3, 1864.

CHAP. LXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Jesse Williams.*

May 3, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of the general land-office be directed to issue a patent to Jesse Williams, of Jefferson County, Iowa, for the west half of the northwest quarter of section fifteen, township sixty-seven, north of range fifteen west, in the State of Iowa. *Provided, however,* That no rights acquired by other persons shall be effected by this act.

Land patent to issue to Jesse Williams

Proviso.

APPROVED, May 3, 1864.

May 16, 1864. CHAP. LXXXVII. — *An Act to authorize the Settlement of the Accounts of A. Bush, late Public Printer for the Territory of Oregon.*

Accounts of Asahel Bush, public printer of Oregon, to be settled.

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 hereby is, authorized to audit and allow the account of Asahel Bush, late public printer of the Territory of Oregon, for printing, binding, and so forth, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five, five hundred copies of the statutes enacted by the legislative assembly of said territory at its sessions of eighteen hundred and fifty-three and four, and eighteen hundred and fifty-four and five, and allow for the same such prices as were by law allowable for such services at that time; and that the amount that shall be found due upon said account shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, May 16, 1864.

May 19, 1864. CHAP. XC. — *An Act for the Relief of Margaret M. Stafford, Widow of Reuben Stafford, of Coshocton County, Ohio.*

Pension to Margaret M. Stafford.

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 Margaret M. Stafford, widow of Reuben Stafford, of Coshocton County, Ohio, on the pension-roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the twenty-sixth day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and to continue during her widowhood.

APPROVED, May 19, 1864.

May 19, 1864.

CHAP. XCI. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles L. Nelson.*

Payment to Charles L. Nelson.

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 Charles L. Nelson the sum of three hundred and eight dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, it being for his services as agent for the improvement of the harbor of Burlington, Vermont, from the fifteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, to the second day of April, eighteen hundred and fifty-three, inclusive, at four dollars per day.

APPROVED, May 19, 1864.

May 28, 1864.

CHAP. C. — *An Act for the Relief of Julia A. Ames.*

Pension to Julia A. Ames.

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 Julia A. Ames, widow of John E. Ames, late a sergeant in the sixth regiment of Massachusetts volunteers, and who died of injuries received in the city of Baltimore on the nineteenth of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, upon the pension-roll, at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the said nineteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to continue during her widowhood.

APPROVED, May 28, 1864.

June 2, 1864.

CHAP. CV. — *An Act for the Relief of Frederick A. Beelen, late Secretary of Legation to Chili.*

Payment to Frederick A. Beelen.

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 hereby authorized to pay to Frederick A. Beelen, late Secretary of legation to Chili, the sum of one hundred and sixty-six dollars and sixty-six cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full for difference in salary under the several acts of congress on

that subject, while he acted as such secretary, before he was informed of such reduction, and until he had full time to return to the United States.

APPROVED, June 2, 1864.

CHAP. CXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Warren W. Green.*

June 7, 1864.

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 pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Warren W. Green the sum of forty-seven dollars and seventy-nine cents, being for his services on the Fort Kearney and Honey Lake wagon-road, in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-seven.

Payment to
Warren W.
Green.

APPROVED, June 7, 1864.

CHAP. CXLVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Rhoda Wolcott, Widow of Henry Wolcott.*

June 20, 1864.

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 Rhoda Wolcott, widow of Henry Wolcott, who was a private in a company of New York United States detached militia, of the regiment commanded by Colonel Thomas B. Benedict, in the war of eighteen hundred and twelve, on the pension roll, at the rate of four dollars per month, said pension to begin on the fourteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and sixty, and to continue during her widowhood.

Pension to
Rhoda Wolcott.

APPROVED, June 20, 1864.

CHAP. CLXI. — *An Act to increase the Pension of Isaac Allen.*

June 25, 1864.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to raise the pension of Isaac Allen from a half to a full pension, and to pay him such increased pension from the twenty-sixth day of April, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-four, and continue during his natural life.

Pension of
Isaac Allen in-
creased.

APPROVED, June 25, 1864.

CHAP. CLXXXVI. — *An Act concerning certain Locations of Lands in the State of Missouri.*

June 30, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all of the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to all of the lands within the respective boundaries of the following described locations in township forty-five north, of the base line, in range seven east, of the fifth principal meridian line, in the State of Missouri, made by virtue of certificates issued under the act of congress, approved February the seventeenth, eighteen hundred and fifteen, entitled "An act for the relief of the inhabitants of the late county of New Madrid, in the Missouri Territory, who suffered by earthquakes," shall be, and the same are hereby, granted, relinquished, and conveyed by the United States, in fee simple and in full property, to the following mentioned persons, respectively, or their respective legal representatives, in whose names said locations were severally made, to wit: Location under certificate number one hundred and sixty-one, being survey number two thousand five hundred, in the name of Joseph Hunot, or his legal representatives; location under certificate number three hundred

The interest of
the United States
in certain lands
in Missouri
granted to

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Joseph Hunot,

and forty-eight, being survey number two thousand seven hundred and twelve, in the name of James Conway, or his representatives; location under certificate number one hundred and fifty-nine, being survey number

J. Smith, two thousand four hundred and ninety-one, in the name of J. Smith, or his legal representatives; location under certificate number one hundred and forty-five, being survey number two thousand four hundred and

Martin Coontz, ninety-nine, in the name of Martin Coontz, or his legal representatives; location under certificate number nineteen, being survey number two thousand six hundred and ninety-two, in the name of Joseph Genereux, or his representatives; location under certificate number sixteen, being survey number two thousand six hundred and twenty, in the name of Francis Delisle, Francis Delisle, or his legal representatives; and location under certificate number one hundred and sixty-four, being survey number two thousand five hundred and forty-one, in the name of John Brooks, or his legal representatives: *Provided, however,* That nothing contained in the foregoing provisions of this act shall, directly or indirectly, comprehend, include, extend to, grant, relinquish, or convey, the whole or any part of any lot, tract, piece, or parcel of land in said township which has heretofore been confirmed and surveyed by the United States to any person or persons, or to the legal representatives of any person or persons: *And provided, further,* That nothing in this act shall in any manner abridge, divest, impair, injure, or prejudice, any adverse right, title, or interest of any person or persons in or to any portion or part of the aforesaid lots, tracts, pieces, or parcels of land which are granted, relinquished, or conveyed by this act.

Nothing heretofore conveyed granted hereby.

Rights of third persons not affected hereby.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864.

June 30, 1864. CHAP. CLXXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Lieutenant William P. Richner, Seventy-seventh Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry.*

Payment to William P. Richner.

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, directed to cause to be paid to William P. Richner, first lieutenant company H seventy-seventh regiment Ohio volunteer infantry, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the pay and emoluments of a first lieutenant, from the thirty-first day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to the thirty-first day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-two.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864.

June 30, 1864. CHAP. CLXXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Estate of B. F. Kendall.*

Allowance in settlement of the accounts of B. F. Kendall.

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 Department be, and they are hereby, authorized to allow, in the settlement of the accounts of B. F. Kendall, deceased, late superintendent of Indian affairs for Washington Territory, the sum of two thousand one hundred and eight dollars and thirty cents, the same being the amount shown to have been disbursed by him in his lifetime, and for which no vouchers were to be found.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864.

July 1, 1864. CHAP. CCVI. — *An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to issue a Land Warrant to Richard Fitch, of Ohio.*

Land warrant to issue to Richard Fitch.

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 issue a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land to Richard Fitch, of Ohio, in con-

sideration of military services rendered in the army of the United States during the last war with Great Britain.

APPROVED, July 1, 1864.

CHAP. CCVII. — *An Act for the Relief of George F. Nesbitt.*

July 1, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That George F. Nesbitt be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to put an end to his contract with the United States, entered into with the Postmaster-General on the twenty-seventh day of March, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two, for furnishing the Post-Office Department with stamped envelopes and newspaper wrappers, on giving to the Postmaster-General sixty days' notice in writing.

George F. Nesbitt may terminate his contract with the United States.

APPROVED, July 1, 1864.

CHAP. CCVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Ida Hoffman.*

July 1, 1864.

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 Ida Hoffman, widow of the late Solomon Hoffman, of Carroll County, Indiana, who was shot and instantly killed on the fourteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, while engaged in the performance of the duties of deputy provost-marshal, on the roll of pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence from the fourteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, and to continue during her widowhood.

Pension to Ida Hoffman.

APPROVED, July 1, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Richard G. Murphy.*

July 2, 1864.

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 Richard G. Murphy, of Minnesota, formerly Indian agent, for services and expenses in the removal of Sioux Indians, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty-three, the sum of six hundred dollars.

Payment to Richard G. Murphy.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widow of C. A. Haun.*

July 2, 1864.

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 place the name of Mrs. C. A. Haun, of the county of Greene and State of Tennessee, on the pension roll at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the eleventh day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, and to continue during her widowhood.

Pension to Mrs. C. A. Haun.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of John Williams.*

July 2, 1864.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the quartermaster-general be, and he is hereby, authorized to audit and pay the account of John Williams, for twenty-five cords of wood, at two dollars and seventy-five cents per cord, delivered by said Williams to the United States, at Oshkosh, Wisconsin, under a contract made with the quartermaster of the

Account of John Williams, for wood, to be paid.

twenty-first regiment Wisconsin volunteers, said account amounting to sixty-eight dollars and seventy-five cents, to be paid out of any money which has been, or may hereafter be, appropriated for defraying the expenses of the bureau of said quartermaster-general.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXX. — *An Act for the Relief of Major N. S. Brenton, a Paymaster in the United States Army.*

\$2,600,000 to be allowed Major N. S. Brenton, in the settlement of his accounts, if, &c.

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 Department be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to allow Major N. S. Brenton, on the settlement of his accounts, a credit of two million six hundred thousand dollars for money in his hands as paymaster in the army, on board the steamer Ruth, and destroyed by fire on the night of the fourth of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, "if on examining the evidence by the paymaster-general, he, the said paymaster-general, shall deem him justly entitled to said credit; but such credit shall not be allowed without the said paymaster-general shall certify his approval thereof."

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of William Sawyer and Others, of the State of Ohio.*

Value of certain lands in Auglaize County, Ohio, to be ascertained, &c.
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WHEREAS by the treaty of Saint Mary's with the Miami Indians, of October six, eighteen hundred and eighteen, the west half of section number twenty-six, the east half of section number twenty-eight, and section number twenty-seven, lying in the county of Auglaize and State of Ohio, were reserved and granted to Joseph Richardville and Joseph Richardville, junior; and whereas all of said lands have since been sold in several parcels to divers persons by the United States and by the State of Ohio, under and by virtue of a grant from the United States; and whereas, by virtue of a judicial sale upon a judgment rendered against the said Joseph Richardville, junior, survivor and sole heir-at-law of the said Joseph Richardville, senior, the title granted to the said Joseph Richardville, senior, and Joseph Richardville, junior, by said treaty, in all of said lands, has become vested in one Madison Sweetser, the purchaser at said sale; and whereas the said Madison Sweetser has established his title to said lands by sundry judgments in ejectment, recovered in the circuit court of the United States for the northern district of Ohio, against the tenants in possession, holding under titles derived, directly or indirectly, from the United States as aforesaid: Therefore,

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 hereby is, authorized and required to cause the unimproved value of the said tracts of land to be ascertained, by the valuation and assessment of a commissioner to be appointed by him for that purpose, and which commissioner shall, before he proceeds to the assessment and valuation of the same, take an oath faithfully and impartially to perform his duties as such commissioner. And when the said Secretary of the Interior shall thus ascertain the unimproved value of said lands he shall report the same to the House of Representatives at the earliest practicable moment.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Martha Jane Skaggs.*

July 2, 1864.

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 hereby is, authorized and directed to place the name of Martha Jane Skaggs, widow of Alfred Sykes Skaggs, late a private of company E, of the twenty-seventh regiment of Kentucky, and who died at Elizabethtown, Kentucky, on the twenty-seventh day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, upon the pension roll from the said twenty-seventh day of January, anno Domini eighteen hundred and sixty-two, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to continue during her widowhood

Pension to Martha Jane Skaggs.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Eliza Cass Woodbridge.*

July 2, 1864.

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 place the name of Eliza Cass Woodbridge, of the State of Michigan, the widow of Major Francis Woodbridge, deceased, on the roll of the pension-office, at the rate of twenty dollars per month, during her natural life and her widowhood, and that said pension shall date from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty.

Pension to Eliza Cass Woodbridge.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXXIV. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act to enable the Trustees of the Blue Mont College to preëempt a certain Quarter Section of Land," approved March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-one.*

July 2, 1864.

1861, ch. 102, Vol. xii. p. 891.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An act to enable the trustees of the Blue Mont College to preëempt a certain quarter section of land," approved March two, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, be, and, is hereby, so amended as to authorize the legally constituted trustees of said college to locate on said tract of land any military bounty land warrant or land warrants issued under the military bounty land warrant act of eighteen hundred and fifty-five, said warrants being the property of said college, in the name and for the benefit and use of said college, said location to be made in accordance with the rules and regulations of the general land-office, and not inconsistent with the provisions of this act.

Trustees of Blue Mont College may locate on their land military bounty land warrants.

1855, ch. 207, Vol. x. p. 701.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Sarah Robinson, Widow of Hon. John L. Robinson, late United States Marshal for the District of Indiana.*

July 2, 1864.

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 credit to the account of Hon. John L. Robinson, late United States marshal with said department, the sum of six hundred and seventy-five dollars for services rendered by said deceased in making preparations for the taking of the census of eighteen hundred and sixty; and that in the legal adjudication of the accounts of the said marshal, judgment thereon shall be rendered only for the balance found to be due.

Account of John L. Robinson to be credited \$675.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

CHAP. CCXXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Dr. Charles M. Wetherill.*

July 2, 1864.

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

Payment to Dr. ury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Dr. C. M.
C. M. Wetherill. Wetherill, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, in full for his ser-
vices as chemist of the agricultural department, out of any money in the
treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

July 4, 1864.

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

Payment to
John C. McCon-
nell.

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 directed to pay to John C. McConnell, the sum of two thousand dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full payment for money advanced and service rendered in raising troops in the State of Maryland.

APPROVED, July 4, 1864.

July 4, 1864.

CHAP. CCLV. — *An Act for the Relief of Horace Gates.*

Pension to
Horace Gates.

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 Horace Gates, of Franklin, in the State of Vermont, upon the roll of invalid pensions, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, July 4, 1864.

July 4, 1864.

CHAP. CCLVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Richard G. Murphy.*

Payment to
Richard G.
Murphy.

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 Major Richard G. Murphy, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of eighteen hundred dollars, in full, for that amount charged to and paid by him as agent for the Sioux Indians, upon false vouchers transmitted to the Indian bureau by Willis A. Gorman, late superintendent of Indian affairs for the northwestern superintendency.

Willis A. Gor-
man to be sued.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the solicitor of the treasury be, and he is hereby, required and directed forthwith to cause to be commenced against the said Willis A. Gorman, such suits as he may deem proper for the recovery of any money which the said Gorman may have wrongfully obtained from the treasury.

APPROVED, July 4, 1864.

RESOLUTIONS.

[No. 13.] *Joint Resolution authorizing Payment of Prize Money due to Commander Abner Read, U. S. Navy, to his Widow, Constance Read.* Feb. 29, 1864.

Be it resolved 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 to pay to Mrs. Constance Read, widow of Commander Abner Read, late of the United States navy, the share of prize money due, or to become due, to the said Abner Read, for prizes taken by the United States vessel New London, while under his command, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-one; taking, upon such payment, the receipts of the said Abner Read, placed by him in the hands of said Constance, to enable her to collect said prize money for her own use.

Prize money due Commander Abner Read may be paid his widow.

APPROVED, February 29, 1864.

[No. 19.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Settlement of the Accounts of J. N. Carpenter, a Paymaster in the United States Navy.* March 16, 1864.

Be it resolved 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, in settling the accounts of J. N. Carpenter, paymaster in the U. S. navy, to allow and credit him with the sum of two hundred dollars, the same being the value of articles of clothing stolen from the U. S. sloop "Saratoga," after said vessel had been put out of commission at Philadelphia, in January, eighteen hundred and sixty-three.

Paymaster J. N. Carpenter to be credited with \$200 stolen money.

APPROVED, March 16, 1864.

[No. 33.] *Joint Resolution relating to Green Clay Goodloe.* May 20, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That nothing in an act, entitled "An act making appropriations for the support of the military academy for the year ending June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five," approved, April first, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, shall be so construed as to prevent the reappointment of Green Clay Goodloe, by the President of the United States, to a cadetship at said military academy.

Green Clay Goodloe may be reappointed to a cadetship in the naval academy. 1864, ch. 45.

APPROVED, May 20, 1864.

[No. 34.] *Joint Resolution referring the Claim of J. H. Clark & Co. to the Court of Claims.* May 26, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of J. H. Clark & Co., heretofore pending before congress, be, and the same hereby is, referred to the court of claims.

Claim of J. H. Clark & Co. referred to the court of claims.

APPROVED, May 26, 1864.

June 2, 1864. [No. 36.] *Joint Resolution to settle the Account of James Keenan, late Consul at Hong Kong, China.*

Account of James Keenan to be settled and certain credits allowed.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to settle the account of James Keenan, late consul at Hong Kong, China, by allowing him two thousand eight hundred and one dollars and eighty-four cents, the amount of judgment in certain cases obtained against him and paid by him; and also to pay him the amount incurred by him in the exchange between the countries, whatever it may be, and charge him with any balance on the books of the treasury against him, and to pay him the balance, if any appears in his favor, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, June 2, 1864.

June 3, 1864. [No. 37.] *Joint Resolution relative to the Claim and Letters-Patent of William Wheeler Hubbell.*

Claim of William Wheeler Hubbell to be referred to court of claims.

WHEREAS William Wheeler Hubbell claims compensation for the use of his patent for the thunderbolt shell and fuse, which he claims were patented by him, and have been used by the government, under a verbal contract, as he alleges, between him and the late George Bomford, colonel of ordnance of the United States, and for the use of his patent percussion apparatus for exploding shells, and said letters-patent are dated January twenty-two, eighteen hundred and fifty-six, reissued January nineteen, eighteen hundred and fifty-eight, for fourteen years for the shell, January seven, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, for seventeen years for the fuse, and January twenty-four, eighteen hundred and sixty, for fourteen years for the percussion device; and whereas the testimony in support of said claim submitted with said patents, and especially with regard to the validity of the same and the verbal contract aforesaid, is very voluminous, and the shells and fuses in the service, which said Hubbell claims, are made and used in great numbers by the government, and this committee feel that they have neither the time nor means for procuring witnesses and giving the case the careful legal investigation which its importance demands: Therefore,

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of William Wheeler Hubbell be referred to the court of claims, which is hereby vested with jurisdiction, and whose duty it shall be to investigate and determine —

Points to be determined by court.

First. Is William Wheeler Hubbell the original inventor of the shell and fuse and percussion device aforesaid, or either of them, and has he a just and equitable right to compensation for the same; and —

Second. What amount of compensation is he entitled to receive for the use of his inventions and patents, as claimed, up to the time of adjudication, and for a full and entire transfer of his patents to the United States.

Appeal to supreme court.

Third. *And be it further resolved,* That either party may appeal to the supreme court of the United States within ninety days, and the court of claims shall certify any judgment that may be rendered in favor of said William Wheeler Hubbell, his heirs or legal representatives in the same manner, and the same when presented to the Secretary of the Treasury shall have the same effect as now provided by law, and be paid out of any general appropriation in relation to judgments of said court, or for private claims: *Provided,* That the sum hereby authorized to be paid shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars, which sum the claimant agrees to accept in full of all claims whatever by virtue of said patents and contract against the government. And the payment of such judgment shall vest the full and absolute right to said patents in the United States.

APPROVED, June 3, 1864.

[No. 44.] *A Joint Resolution for the Relief of Rev. W. B. Matchett.*

June 20, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the paymaster-general of the United States be authorized and directed to adjust and pay to W. B. Matchett the amount due him as chapl[ain] of the tenth regiment of New York volunteers, from the time up to which he was last paid to the time said regiment was mustered out of service.

Amount due
W. B. Matchett,
to be paid him.
See No. 52.
Infra.

APPROVED, June 20, 1864.

[No. 48.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Major Morris S. Miller, of the Quartermaster's Department.*

June 25, 1864.

Be it resolved 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 credit the account of Major Morris S. Miller, quartermaster, United States army, with the sum of about thirty-seven thousand dollars, or so much thereof as was paid by him during the years eighteen hundred and fifty-nine and eighteen hundred and sixty, to the respective firms of Russell, Majors & Waddell, Brown & Russell, and Majors & Russell, upon the orders of the Secretary of War and the quartermaster-general, or either of them.

Morris S. Mil-
ler to be credited
with about
\$37,000.

APPROVED, June 25, 1864.

[No. 52.] *Joint Resolution to declare the Construction of a Joint Resolution for the Relief of W. B. Matchett, approved June twenty, eighteen hundred and sixty-four.*

June 28, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the above-entitled joint resolution shall be construed to authorize and direct the paymaster-general of the United States to adjust the account of W. B. Matchett, chaplain of the tenth regiment of New York volunteers, and pay him the amount of the pay and allowances of a chaplain for and during the period that said regiment was in the service of the United States, and up to the time the same was mustered out of service, deducting the amount heretofore paid him as such chaplain.

Account of W.
B. Matchett to be
adjusted.
See No. 44.
Supra.

APPROVED, June 28, 1864.

[No. 58.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Mary Kellogg.*

June 30, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of Spencer Kellogg be entered upon the rolls of the Navy Department, with the rank of fourth master, to date from the first of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, and that Mary Kellogg, widow of Spencer Kellogg, deceased, be put upon the pension list, with the pension incident to the rank of her husband. And that the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to settle and adjust the accounts of said Spencer Kellogg, deceased, as a first lieutenant of infantry, from the fourteenth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-one, to the twenty-eighth day of October, eighteen hundred and sixty-one; and his accounts as fourth master in the navy, from the first day of August, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, up to the twenty-fifth day of September, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, the date of the execution of said Kellogg at Richmond, Virginia, by the rebels; and to pay any money due him to his widow, Mary Kellogg, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Pension to
Mary Kellogg.

Payment.

APPROVED, June 30, 1864.

July 1, 1864.

[No. 64.] *A Resolution providing for Adjustment of the Accounts of Henry W. Diman.*

Accounts of
Henry W. Di-
man to be ad-
justed.

Resolved 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 adjust the accounts of Henry W. Diman, late acting assistant paymaster in the navy, (whose books and papers were sunk and lost in the transport steamer "Whitman" in July, anno Domini, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, in the Mississippi River,) according to the principles of equity and justice.

APPROVED, July 1, 1864.

July 1, 1864.

[No. 65.] *A Resolution for the Relief of Carlisle Doble.*

Claim of Car-
lisle Doble for
carrying the mail,
to be adjusted.

Resolved 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, authorized to examine and adjust the claim of Carlisle Doble for carrying the mails between Taylor's Falls, Minnesota, and Superior, Wisconsin, from April to November, eighteen hundred and fifty-seven, and to pay to the said Carlisle Doble such sum of money as shall be found to be justly and equitably due to him for carrying the mails as aforesaid; and the sum thus found due shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 1, 1864.

July 2, 1864.

[No. 69.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Settlement of the Accounts of the late Captain Daniel Hebard, of the United States Volunteers, and of other Officers.*

Accounts of
Daniel Hebard,
William M. Este,
and Maxwell
V. Z. Woodhull
to be settled.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in the settlement of the accounts of the late Captain Daniel Hebard, of the United States volunteers, an assistant adjutant-general on the staff of General Gorman, the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and directed to allow and pay for the whole time said officer was actually employed and on duty in the military service of the United States, whether before or after the date of his commission. And that the like principle of allowance and payment be observed in the settlement of the accounts of Major William M. Este, and Captain Maxwell V. Z. Woodhull, aides-de-camp on the staff of Major-General Robert C. Schenck from the twenty-second day of December, eighteen hundred and sixty-two, when they entered upon their duties on the staff of the commanding general of the middle department and eighth army corps, until the date when they respectively received and accepted their commissions as aides-de-camp, deducting only from the pay and allowances of Major Este, what he received in any part of that time as a lieutenant of the twenty-sixth regiment of Ohio volunteer infantry.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

July 2, 1864.

[No. 70.] *Joint Resolution to settle and pay the Accounts of John S. Phelps, of Missouri, as a Member of the Thirty-seventh Congress.*

Accounts of
John S. Phelps to
be settled.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper officers of the treasury are hereby authorized and directed to settle and pay the balance due to John S. Phelps, of Missouri, as a member of the thirty-seventh congress, for salary and mileage, deducting any amount which he may have received thereon, or which he may have received as military governor of Arkansas; and the sum sufficient to pay the same be, and is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

[No. 71.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Thomas J. Galbraith.*

July 2, 1864.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the Interior and Treasury Departments be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to settle and adjust the money and property accounts and claims of Thomas J. Galbraith, as agent of the United States for the Sioux Indians of Minnesota, upon principles of equity and justice; and that he be allowed, upon such settlement, credit for all moneys and property actually expended by him, in good faith, in and about the affairs of his agency, and for the use of said Indians, upon his affidavit or affidavits, duly sworn to, of such expenditure; and that he be discharged from all liability for, or on account of, Indian trust property, which, by his affidavit or affidavits as aforesaid, shall clearly appear to have been destroyed or taken and carried away by hostile Indians, or by the troops or citizens of the United States, or of the State of Minnesota, against his will and without his fault or connivance: *Provided,* That, in addition to the affidavits aforesaid, the said officers may, in their discretion, require corroborative, countervailing, or explanatory evidence of the matters and statements in said affidavits set forth and sworn to.

Accounts of
Thomas J. Gal-
braith to be
settled.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

[No. 72.] *Joint Resolution to refer the Claim of Naham Ward back to the Court of Claims.* July 2, 1864.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of Naham Ward be, and is hereby, referred back to the court of claims: *Provided,* That said court shall allow no larger amount than the sum heretofore allowed by said court.

Claim of
Naham Ward
referred back to the
court of claims.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

[No. 73.] *Joint Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to settle and pay the Claim of Anthony Sweeting, late Pilot of the United States Steamer "Juniata."* July 2, 1864.

Be it resolved 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 settle and pay the claim of Anthony Sweeting, late pilot of the United States steamer "Juniata," for losses or fines sustained by him in consequence of his employment in the service of vessels of the United States: *Provided,* That the amount of said claim shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

Claim of
Anthony Sweet-
ing to be paid.

APPROVED, July 2, 1864.

[No. 74.] *Joint Resolution for the Relief of Alexander Cross.*

July 2, 1864.

WHEREAS Alexander Cross heretofore filed his petition in the court of claims of the United States, praying relief on account of certain rents alleged to be due from the United States to him as assignee of one Daniel Saffarans, by virtue of certain alleged contract of lease between the said Daniel Saffarans (who is now deceased) and the United States; and whereas the said court of claims, on the twenty-fourth of January, eighteen hundred and fifty-nine, rendered a decision adverse to the prayer of said petition, on the sole ground of an alleged technical defect in the assignment of said lease from the said Daniel Saffarans to the said petitioner: Now, therefore,

Petition of
Alexander Cross
to be referred
back to the
court of claims.

Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the said cause be remanded to said court of claims for a further hearing, upon the testimony hereto-

fore filed therein, and such further testimony as either party may take and file pursuant to the rules of said court ; and if, upon the further hearing of said cause, it shall appear that the said petitioner is the equitable owner of said lease, and in justice and equity entitled to the rents (if any) due thereon from the United States, the said court shall be authorized to render judgment therefor in his favor, notwithstanding any technical defect in the assignment of said lease : *Provided*, That no money shall be paid out of the treasury upon any judgment which shall be rendered in favor of the petitioner in said cause, until he shall have filed with the Secretary of the Treasury a bond, with ample security, in such sum as will fully indemnify the United States against any demand which may be set up and established by, or on behalf of, the heirs or representatives of the said Daniel Saffarans, deceased, under, or by virtue of, said contract or lease.

No money to
be paid until
bond is given.

APPROVED, July 2. 1864.