

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE FORTY-SECOND 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 Saturday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1871, and was adjourned without day on Thursday, the twentieth day of April, A. D. 1871.

ULYSSES S. GRANT, President. SCHUYLER COLFAX, Vice-President and President of the Senate. HENRY B. ANTHONY was elected President of the Senate *pro tempore* on the seventeenth day of April, A. D. 1871, and so acted until the end of the session. JAMES G. BLAINE, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. X. — *An Act granting a Pension to Phebe Sofield, Widow of Lewis Sofield.*

April 4, 1871.

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 on the pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of Phebe Sofield, the widow of Lewis Sofield, a soldier in the war of the Revolution, and to pay her a pension at the rate of eight dollars a month, from the fifth day of June, eighteen hundred and sixty-seven, when she became one hundred years of age.

Pension to
Phebe Sofield.
[Amended.
1873, ch. 434.
Post, p. 784.]

APPROVED, April 4, 1871.

CHAP. XI. — *An Act for the Relief of Robert Moir and Company.*

April 7, 1871.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the commissioner of internal revenue be, and he is hereby, authorized to inquire into and determine the amount, if any, of distilled spirits contained in the bonded warehouse of Robert Moir and Company, in the fourth district of Illinois, on the thirtieth day of June, eighteen hundred and seventy, and which on said day was struck by lightning, and with its contents destroyed; and that the said commissioner be, and he is hereby, authorized to abate and remit all taxes and assessments due and unpaid upon any distilled spirits so destroyed.

Taxes, &c. on
certain distilled
spirits of Robert
Moir and Company
to be abated.

APPROVED, April 7, 1871.

CHAP. XII. — *An Act to pay Members of certain military Organizations therein named.*

April 12, 1871.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the military organizations known as the "Westport Police Guards," "Hickman's Mills' Company," and companies "A," "B," "C," "D," and "E." of the "Kansas City Station Guards," having been called into the service of the United States, in the year eighteen hundred and sixty-three, in the district of the border department of Missouri, under authority derived from Major-General

Payment to be
made to mem-
bers of certain
military organi-
zations.

John M. Schofield, United States army, be, and they are hereby, placed on the same footing as to pay and allowances as volunteers in the service of the United States.

Accounts how
to be adjusted.

SEC. 2. That it shall be the duty of the proper accounting officers of the Treasury Department to adjust the accounts of all members of the above-described organizations, and, on presentation of properly authenticated rolls, showing the names of all officers and men belonging to such organizations and the term of service of each, and of such other evidence as may be required to fully prove such service, the said accounting officers shall pay the accounts out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided, however,* That this act shall not be so construed as to entitle the members of said military organizations to bounty or pensions under any law of the United States.

Members not
entitled to boun-
ties or pensions.

APPROVED, April 12, 1871.

April 13, 1871.

CHAP. XIII. — *An Act in Relation to the Payment of the Salary of Robert C. Schenck, Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary of the United States to Great Britain.*

Salary to be
paid to Robert C.
Schenck as min-
ister to Great
Britain, al-
though, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be authorized and directed to pay to Robert C. Schenck, out of any money appropriated for the compensation of an envoy extraordinary and minister plenipotentiary to Great Britain, his salary as such minister up to the time when he shall reach his post, notwithstanding his detention in the United States to serve as one of the members of a joint commission, beyond the thirty days allowed by the eighth section of the "Act to regulate the diplomatic and consular systems of the United States," approved August eighteenth, eighteen hundred and fifty-six; but no pay to be made him for his services as such commissioner.

1856, ch. 127, § 8.
Vol. xi. p. 55.
No pay as com-
missioner.

APPROVED, April 13, 1871.

April 19, 1871.

CHAP. XX. — *An Act for the Relief of John E. Wheeler.*

Payment to
John E. Wheeler.

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 appropriated, the sum of two hundred and forty-seven dollars and seventy-four cents to John E. Wheeler, late a first lieutenant in the second Connecticut heavy artillery, in full payment for his services as such from May fifteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, to June fifteenth, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and for commutation of transportation.

APPROVED, April 19, 1871.

April 20, 1871.

CHAP. XXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Anna M. Howard.*

Payment to
Anna M. 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, authorized and directed to pay to Anna M. Howard, mother of George W. Howard, late a private in company E, in the eleventh regiment of New Jersey volunteers, arrears of pension, at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the twenty-second day of April, eighteen hundred and sixty-three, the date of her son's discharge, to the twelfth of February, eighteen hundred and sixty-four, the date of his death.

APPROVED, April 20, 1871.

CHAP. XXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Nicholas P. Trist, Negotiator of the Treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo.* April 20, 1871.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to Nicholas P. Trist, the negotiator of the treaty of Guadalupe Hidalgo, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of thirteen thousand seven hundred and sixty-two dollars and forty cents, being balance due on account of salary, outfit, and return allowance as commissioner to Mexico, from April fifteen, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, to April eight, eighteen hundred and forty-eight; and the further sum of seven hundred and ninety-seven dollars and fifty cents for contingent expenses incurred.

Payment to
Nicholas P.
Trist.

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APPROVED, April 20, 1871.

CHAP. XXXVI. — *An Act to enable the Houghton and Ontonagon Railroad Company to make a Resurvey of its Road.* April 20, 1871.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Houghton and Ontonagon Railroad Company, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Michigan, and upon which the said State, in pursuance of a joint resolution of Congress approved May twentieth, eighteen hundred and sixty-eight, has conferred the grants of land made to aid in the construction of a road from Marquette to Ontonagon, be authorized to make a resurvey and new location of that part of the line between Marquette and Ontonagon to be constructed by said company: *Provided,* That the said company shall be entitled to select and receive only its complement of lands for each mile of road constructed and completed, in the manner required by law, from the alternate odd-numbered sections of lands belonging to the United States and within the limits heretofore assigned to said line of road: *Provided further,* That on the completion of said survey a map of the new line shall be filed with the commissioner of the general land office: *And provided further,* That said company shall not be entitled to receive any lands for any increased length of the new line hereby authorized, and shall only be entitled to receive its lands coterminous with its line of road as completed: *And provided,* That nothing contained in this act shall be held to interfere with homestead or preëmption rights under existing laws.

Houghton and
Ontonagon R. R.
Co. may resur-
vey and locate
anew a part of
their road.
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Lands.

Map of new
line.

No lands for
increased line.

Homestead
and pre-emption
rights.

APPROVED, April 20, 1871.

RESOLUTION.

[No. 4.] *Joint Resolution giving the consent of Congress to Professor Joseph Henry, Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to accept the Title and Regalia of a Commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olaf, conferred upon him by the King of Sweden and Norway, Grand Master of said Order.* April 20, 1871.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the consent of Congress is hereby given to Professor Joseph Henry, secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, to accept the title and regalia of a commander of the Royal Norwegian Order of St. Olaf, conferred upon him for his distinguished scientific service and character by the king of Sweden and Norway, grand master of said order.

Professor Jo-
seph Henry may
accept a foreign
title, &c.

APPROVED, April 20, 1871

