

laws, the name of Harriette F. Hovey, widow of Charles E. Hovey, late colonel of the Thirty-third Regiment Illinois Volunteers and brevet major-general of volunteers, and pay her a pension at the rate of thirty dollars per month.

Approved, February 21. 1899.

February 21, 1899.

CHAP. 183.—An Act For the relief of William A. Cowles.

William A. Cowles.
Payment 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 Treasury is required to pay to William A. Cowles the sum of one thousand dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full for his services as an employee of the United States from March first, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, to November first, eighteen hundred and seventy-eight, in the geographical surveys west of the one hundredth meridian, under the direction of Lieutenant George M. Wheeler.

Approved, February 21, 1899.

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CHAP. 184.—An Act Granting an increase of pension to Millie A. Berry.

Millie A. Berry.
Pension increased.

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 Millie A. Berry, widow of R. C. Berry, late first lieutenant of Company F, Seventy-seventh Ohio Volunteer Infantry, and pay her a pension at the rate of seventeen dollars per month in lieu of the pension she is now receiving.

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CHAP. 185.—An Act For the relief of Benjamin F. Jones.

Benjamin F. Jones.
Preamble.

Whereas, to wit, on the twenty-second day of April, eighteen hundred and eighty-three, when Benjamin F. Jones was postmaster at the town of Beauregard, Mississippi, the said town was destroyed by a cyclone and every building in the town was swept away, including post-office building. In consequence of this disaster there was a loss of money belonging to the Government deposited in said post-office building, which said Jones was compelled to make good to the Government. The Illinois Central Railway, carrying mails to said town of Beauregard, ceased to deposit them at Beauregard depot and carried them to the town of Wesson, one mile from Beauregard, compelling said B. F. Jones, at his own expense, to transport the mails from Wesson to Beauregard, the cost being ninety-seven dollars, which the Post-Office Department refused to allow because of want of lawful authority. The Government sued said Jones on his official bond as postmaster, in the circuit court of the United States for southern district of Mississippi, and said court refused to allow the said item of ninety-seven dollars as an offset; but both the presiding judge, Honorable R. A. Hill, and the attorney for the Government fully recognized the equity of the claim in open court and signed a recommendation to allow said item of set-off: 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 Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to the said Benjamin F. Jones, late postmaster at Beauregard, Mississippi, or his legal representatives, out of any money in the Treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, the sum of ninety-seven dollars, in consideration of the aforesaid loss and services.

Approved, February 21, 1899.

Reimbursement of
amount paid as post-
master, Beauregard,
Miss.