

**CHAP. 529.**—An Act Directing the issue of a check in lieu of a lost check drawn by H. C. Newcomer, captain of engineers, in favor of Stone and Stansell.

March 3, 1899.

Whereas it appears that H. C. Newcomer, captain of engineers at Memphis, Tennessee, on December fifth, eighteen hundred and ninety-eight, did issue a check, numbered three hundred and eighty-one thousand seven hundred and forty-one, upon the assistant treasurer of the United States at New York, to the order of Stone and Stansell, for the sum of three thousand eight hundred and eleven dollars and two cents, being in part payment under a contract for levee construction and retained percentage, Lower Yazoo District, improving Mississippi River; and

Preamble.

Whereas said check was subsequently lost in transmission through the mails to New York, and the amount thereof has never been received by said Stone and Stansell or their assigns; and

Whereas the provisions of the Act of February sixteenth, eighteen hundred and eighty-five, amending section thirty-six hundred and forty-six, Revised Statutes of the United States, authorizing United States disbursing officers and agents to issue duplicates of lost checks, apply only to checks drawn for two thousand five hundred dollars or less: Therefore,

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R. S., sec. 3646, p. 717.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That said H. C. Newcomer, captain of engineers, be, and is hereby, instructed to issue a duplicate of said original check to Stone and Stansell, under such regulations in regard to its issue and payment as have been prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury for the issue of duplicate checks under the provisions of section thirty-six hundred and forty-six, Revised Statutes of the United States.

H. C. Newcomer to issue duplicate of lost check.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

**CHAP. 530.**—An Act To remove the charge of desertion from the naval record of Charles Thompson.

March 3, 1899.

*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 and directed to remove the charge of desertion standing on the rolls of the United States steamship Wissahickon against the name of Charles Thompson, of date June twenty-first, eighteen hundred and sixty-five, and to issue and transmit to him a discharge as of that date, no pay or other emoluments shall become due or payable by reason of the passage of this Act.

Charles Thompson.  
Granted honorable discharge.

Approved, March 3, 1899.

**CHAP. 531.**—An Act To remove the charge of desertion from the record of Michael Baker.

March 3, 1899.

*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 and directed to remove the charge of desertion from the record of Michael Baker, formerly of the United States steamer Brooklyn: *Provided,* That no pay or other emolument shall become due and payable by reason of the passage of this Act.

Michael Baker.  
Charge of desertion removed from Naval record of.

*Proviso.*  
No pay, etc.

Approved, March 3, 1899.