

pension roll, subject to the provisions and limitations of the pension laws, the name of William Allen, late scout and spy in the United States Army, and pay him a pension at the rate of twelve dollars per month.

Approved, March 1, 1901.

March 2, 1901.

CHAP. 820.—An Act For the relief of John M. Guyton.

John M. Guyton.
Payment to.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of four hundred and eighty-four dollars and seventy-nine cents be allowed to John M. Guyton, former postmaster at Blacksburg, South Carolina, being the amount deposited by him to cover a deficiency arising in his office in the year eighteen hundred and ninety, which deposit was made to meet a loss by the embezzlement of a clerk on or about the thirtieth day of January, eighteen hundred and ninety, without blame or fault on the part of the said John M. Guyton, and that a sum sufficient to pay the allowance now made is hereby appropriated out of any moneys not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, March 2, 1901.

March 2, 1901.

CHAP. 821.—An Act Referring to the Court of Claims the claim of William E. Woodbridge for compensation for the use by the United States of his invention relating to projectiles, for which letters patent were ordered to issue to him March twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two.

William E. Wood-
bridge.
Claim of for use of
certain invention re-
ferred to Court of
Claims.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of William E. Woodbridge for compensation for the use of his alleged invention relating to projectiles for rifled cannon, for which letters patent were ordered to issue March twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, by the United States Government, be, and the same is hereby, referred to the Court of Claims of the United States, which court is hereby vested with jurisdiction in the premises, and whose duty it shall be to hear and determine, according to its usual rules of procedure—

Scope of hearing.

First. Whether the said Woodbridge was the original and first inventor of the said invention and entitled to a patent therefor.

Second. To what extent the said invention has been used by the United States Government, and what amount of compensation, if any, the said Woodbridge ought to receive, in equity and justice, from the United States Government for the past use of said invention. And in considering and determining the compensation to be made, if any, the said court shall, if it find that the said Woodbridge was the first and original inventor of said invention and entitled to a patent at the time of its order to issue, namely, March twenty-fifth, eighteen hundred and fifty-two, proceed and be guided in all respects as though the aforesaid letters patent had been actually issued for the term of seventeen years from the date of the aforesaid order to issue; the court to render judgment, irrespective of lapse of time, in favor of the claimant with the same effect, including right of appeal, as judgments generally of said court: *Provided, however,* That the said court shall first be satisfied that the said Woodbridge did not forfeit, or abandon, his right to a patent, by publication delay, laches, or otherwise; and that the said patent was wrongly refused to be issued by the Patent Office.

Proviso.
—no laches, etc.

Approved, March 2, 1901.