

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE FIRST CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES.

Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of New York, on Monday, the fourth day of January, 1790, and ended on the twelfth day of August, 1790.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, President. JOHN ADAMS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate. FREDERICK AUGUSTUS MUHLENBERG, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE II.

June 4, 1790.

CHAP. XVI.—*An Act for finally adjusting and satisfying the claims of Frederick William de Steuben.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That, in order to make full and adequate compensation to Frederick William de Steuben, for the sacrifices and eminent services made and rendered to the United States during the late war, there be paid to the said Frederick William de Steuben, an annuity of two thousand five hundred dollars, during life, to commence on the first day of January last; to be paid in quarterly payments, at the treasury of the United States; which said annuity shall be considered in full discharge of all claims and demands whatever, of the said Frederick William de Steuben against the United States.

APPROVED, June 4, 1790.

Annuity of 2,500 dols. for life, in full of claims.

STATUTE II.

June 14, 1790.

CHAP. XX.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas Jenkins and Company.*

Duties on certain goods lost by fire, remitted.

Be it enacted, &c., That the duties, amounting to one hundred and sixty-seven dollars and fifty cents, be remitted on a parcel of hemp, duck, ticklenburg, and molasses, the property of Thomas Jenkins and Company, merchants, of the city of Hudson, in the State of New York, which were lost by fire in the brig Minerva, on her passage from New York to the city of Hudson, her port of delivery: and the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States is hereby authorized and directed to allow a credit on the bond or bonds executed by the said Thomas Jenkins and Company, for payment of the duties on the said goods.

APPROVED, June 14, 1790.

STATUTE II.

July 1, 1790.

CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act to satisfy the claims of John McCord against the United States.*

Payment to John McCord, in full of all claims.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be paid to John McCord, out of the duties arising on impost and tonnage, the sum of eight hundred nine dollars seventy-one cents, being the amount of his account against the United States, as settled and admitted by the Auditor and Comptroller of the Treasury, on a bill of exchange dated the fifth of August, in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, drawn in Canada for supplies, by General William Thompson, General William Irvine and other officers, in favor of William Pagan, on Messieurs Meredith and Clymer of Philadelphia: And the farther sum of five hundred

dollars, in full of all his claims and demands against the United States, as well for lands and rations granted by several resolutions of Congress to Canadian sufferers, as on any other account whatsoever.

APPROVED, July 1, 1790.

CHAP. XXIV.—*An Act for the relief of Nathaniel Twining.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the penalty, amounting to five hundred and sixty-seven dollars and forty-one cents, incurred by Nathaniel Twining, for a failure in neglecting to transport the mail between Charleston and Savannah, from the month of September, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, until the first of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-eight, pursuant to a contract made with the late post-master-general, shall be, and the same is hereby remitted.

APPROVED, July 1, 1790.

STATUTE II.

July 1, 1790.

Penalty remitted to N. Twining.

CHAP. XXXVII.—*An Act for the relief of John Stewart and John Davidson.*

Be it enacted, &c., That so much of the duties accruing on eighteen hundred bushels of salt, imported in the ship Mercury, into the port of Annapolis, in the state of Maryland, some time in the month of April last, on account of Messieurs John Stewart and John Davidson, as relates to thirteen hundred and twenty-five bushels thereof, which were casually destroyed by a flood on the night of the same day on which the said salt was landed and stored, shall be, and the same are hereby remitted.

APPROVED, August 4, 1790.

STATUTE II.

Aug. 4, 1790.

Remission of duty on a certain quantity of salt.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act for the relief of disabled soldiers and seamen lately in the service of the United States, and of certain other persons.*

Be it enacted, &c., That Stephen Califfe, Jeremiah Ryan, Joseph M'Gibbon, Samuel Garretson, Ephraim M'Coy, Christian Kuhn, David Steele, Joseph Shuttelif, and Daniel Culver, disabled soldiers lately in the service of the United States, be allowed pensions at the rate of five dollars per month from the time their pay in the army respectively ceased. That Christian Wolfe, a disabled soldier, be allowed a pension at the rate of four dollars per month from the date of his discharge. That Edward Scott, a disabled soldier, be allowed a pension at the rate of three dollars per month from the date of his discharge. That David Weaver and George Schell, disabled soldiers, be each allowed a pension, at the rate of two dollars per month, from the date of their respective discharges. That Seth Boardman, a disabled soldier, be allowed a pension, at the rate of three dollars and one-third of a dollar per month, from the seventeenth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six. That Severinus Koch, a disabled captain of Colonel Jacob Klock's regiment of New York militia, be allowed a pension, at the rate of five dollars per month, from the twentieth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-seven. That John Younglove, a disabled major, of Colonel Lewis Van Woort's regiment of New York militia, be allowed a pension, at the rate of six dollars per month, from the thirtieth day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one. That William White, a disabled private of Colonel Williams' regiment of New York militia, be allowed a pension, at the rate of three dollars and one-third of a dollar per month, from the first day of April, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six. That Jacob Newkerk, a disabled soldier of Colonel John Harper's regiment of New York state troops, be allowed a pension, at the rate of three dollars per month, from the twenty-second day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty.

STATUTE II.

Aug. 11, 1790.

Persons entitled to pensions, and at what rate.

That David Poole, a disabled seaman, lately in the service of the United States, be allowed a pension of five dollars per month, to commence on the fifth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine.

Sum granted and pension allowed to Caleb Brewster.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Caleb Brewster, lately a lieutenant, who was wounded and disabled in the service of the United States, be allowed three hundred forty-eight dollars and fifty-seven cents, the amount of his necessary expenses for sustenance and medical assistance, while dangerously ill of his wounds, including the interest to the first of July, one thousand seven hundred and ninety. And that the said Brewster be allowed a pension equal to his half pay as lieutenant, from the third of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, he first having returned his commutation of half pay.

Pension allowed to N. Gove.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That Nathaniel Gove, a disabled lieutenant, lately in the service of the United States, be allowed a pension, at the rate of six dollars and two-thirds of a dollar per month, from the twentieth of May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, to the first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, and that he be allowed at the rate of thirteen dollars and one-third of a dollar per month, from the said first day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six.

Commissioner of army accounts to settle pay of certain officers.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner of army accounts be authorized and directed to settle the pay and depreciation of pay of John Stevens, a hostage in the late war at the capitulation of the cedars, as a captain in the line of the army, and that he issue certificates accordingly. That he also issue a certificate to Charles Markley, lately a captain in Armand's corps, for the commutation of his half pay. That he also settle the accounts of James Derry, and Benjamin Hardison, who were made prisoners in Canada, in May, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six, and forcibly detained in captivity among the Indians, and that he issue certificates for the balance of their pay respectively, to the third of November, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three.

The pensions to be paid according to laws made, or that hereafter may be made.

Act of Aug. 11, 1790, ch. 45, sec. 3.

Act of March 23, 1792, ch. 11.

Allowance to S. Harding.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the several pensions mentioned in this act, due or to become due from the fifth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, shall be paid, according to such laws as have been made, or shall be made relative to invalid pensioners: and that the arrears of the said pensions, due before the said fifth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, shall be paid in such manner as Congress may hereafter provide for paying the arrears of pensions.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be allowed to Seth Harding, for three months and ten days' services on board the Alliance frigate, during the late war, at the rate of sixty dollars per month, being the pay of a captain, to be paid out of the moneys arising from imposts and tonnage.

APPROVED, August 11, 1790.

STATUTE II.

Aug. 11, 1790.

CHAP. XLV.—*An Act for the relief of the persons therein mentioned or described.*

Register of the treasury to grant a certificate to S. Stirling.

Be it enacted, &c., That the register of the treasury shall, and is hereby required to grant unto Sarah, the widow of the late Major-General Earl of Stirling, who died in the service of the United States, a certificate to entitle her to a sum equal to an annuity for seven years' half pay of a major-general, to commence as from the fourteenth day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three, in conformity to the act of the late Congress, passed on the twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty; the amount for which the said certificate is to be granted, to be ascertained by the

Secretary of the Treasury, and on similar principles as other debts of the United States are liquidated and certified.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the said register shall grant unto Frances Eleanor Laurens, the orphan daughter of the late Lieutenant-Colonel John Laurens, who was killed whilst in the service of the United States, a certificate to entitle her to a sum equal to an annuity for seven years' half pay of a lieutenant-colonel, to commence as from the twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-two, according to the act of the late Congress of the twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty; the amount for which the said certificate is to be granted, to be ascertained by the Secretary of the Treasury in manner aforesaid.

To Frances
E. Laurens.

And whereas no provision hath heretofore been made for discharging the arrears of pensions due to officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, who were wounded and disabled whilst in the service of the United States: Therefore,

Arrears of pen-
sions.

SEC. 3. *Be it further enacted*, That each of the officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, who were so wounded and disabled, and who are now placed on the books in the office of the secretary for the department of war, as a pensioner, or to be so placed in conformity to any law of this Congress, shall receive from the register of the treasury, who is hereby required to grant the same, a certificate, to be liquidated and settled in such manner as the Secretary of the Treasury shall direct, for a sum equal to the pension annually due to him, to commence from the time he became entitled thereto, or from the time to which the same had been paid, as the case may be, which shall be ascertained and certified by the said secretary for the department of war, and which annuity shall be liquidated to the fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, from which day the United States have assumed the payment of the pensions certified by the several states. And in case of the death of any person so entitled, the certificate shall pass to his heirs or legal representative or representatives.

To invalid pen-
sioners.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the widow or orphan of each officer, non-commissioned officer, or soldier, who was killed or died whilst in the service of the United States, and who is now placed on the books in the office of the said secretary, as entitled to a pension, by virtue of any act of the said late Congress, or any law of this Congress, and for whom provision has not been made by any state, and to whom any arrears of such pension are due, and which have arisen prior to the said fourth day of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, shall receive a certificate therefor in like manner, and on the same principles, as certificates are by this act directed to be given to officers, non-commissioned officers, and soldiers, who were wounded or disabled as aforesaid.

To widows and
orphans of off-
icers and soldiers.

APPROVED, August 11, 1790.

Resolution No. 3.

Aug. 2, 1790.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the clerks in the office of the commissioner of army accounts are entitled to receive for their services a sum not exceeding five hundred dollars, to be paid in the same manner, and at the same rate, as the salary allowed to the clerks in the Department of Treasury; and that the auditor and comptroller be authorized to adjust the accounts of the clerks in the said office, upon the same principles as those of the treasury department, agreeably to the appropriation by law.

Compensation
of clerks.

APPROVED, August 2, 1790.