

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE FIFTEENTH 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 Monday, the first day of December, 1817, and ended on the twentieth day of April, 1818.

JAMES MONROE, President; DANIEL D. TOMPKINS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; HENRY CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. II.—*An Act to remit the duty on a painting presented to the Pennsylvania Hospital.* Jan. 14, 1818.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the duty secured to the United States on a painting lately presented by Benjamin West, president of the royal academy, London, to the Pennsylvania hospital, be, and the same is hereby, remitted.

APPROVED, January 14, 1818.

Duties on
West's painting
remitted.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. III.—*An Act for the relief of Samuel Aikman.*

Jan. 14, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That the register and receiver of public moneys of the land office for the district of Vincennes, on satisfactory evidence being produced to them that James Aikman, who entered at the said office the north-west quarter of section thirty-four, in township two north, and range seven west, had made application for the purchase of the said quarter section through mistake, intending at that time to have applied for the north-west quarter section thirty-five, in the same township and range, and that the occasion of the mistake in his application was the erroneous numbers marked at the corner of the aforesaid section on surveying the said lands, shall permit Samuel Aikman, the assignee of James Aikman, to withdraw the aforesaid entry, and, in lieu thereof, to enter the last mentioned quarter section, if the same shall at that time remain unsold; and the receiver of public moneys shall allow the said Samuel Aikman a credit on the said entry, or, in case of the previous sale of the land, on any other entry which he shall make of land within the said district, equal in amount to the moneys paid on the first mentioned quarter section: *Provided,* That no credit for the moneys paid as aforesaid shall be allowed, until the said Samuel Aikman shall have returned the patent to him granted for the first mentioned quarter section to the said register, who shall transmit it to the general land office, where the same shall be cancelled.

Allowed to
rectify mistake
in an entry
made by James
Aikman.

Proviso.

APPROVED, January 14, 1818.

STATUTE I.

Jan. 22, 1818.

Claims to be settled for moneys deposited in the hands of M. M. Noah.

Proviso.

Appropriation.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act for the relief of Winslow and Henry Lewis.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to settle, in such manner as may [be] just and reasonable, the claim of Winslow and Henry Lewis, for moneys deposited in the hands of M. M. Noah, late consul of the United States at Tunis, and which may have been applied by the said M. M. Noah to the payment of certain bills of exchange, drawn by said Noah on the department of state, for the purpose of ransoming American prisoners at Algiers: *Provided*, That the sum to be allowed shall not exceed sixteen thousand three hundred and ninety-six dollars and forty-nine cents.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the amount thereof, when so ascertained, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 22, 1818.

STATUTE I.

Jan. 22, 1818.

Allowed to transfer moneys to any entry of land, &c.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act for the relief of Joel Earwood.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the receiver of public moneys for the district of lands offered for sale at Jeffersonville be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to permit Joel Earwood to transfer, to any entry of lands he may make in said district, any moneys he may have paid into said office, on the north-east quarter of section numbered twenty-one, of township six, and range nine east, in said district; and the register of the said land office shall permit the said Earwood to withdraw his entry for the quarter section aforesaid.

APPROVED, January 22, 1818.

STATUTE I.

Feb. 16, 1818.

The Columbian Insurance Co. created a body politic.

Capital.

Election of president and directors.

Salary and election of president, &c.

CHAP. XI. — *An Act to incorporate the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Columbian Insurance Company of Alexandria, which was formed and established in the town of Alexandria on the twenty-eighth day of April, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, be, and they are hereby, created a body politic, and by that name shall have succession, shall sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in covenant, debt, case, by bill, or by warrant, before any judge or justice, and in all courts of law and equity.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the capital of the said company, which now consists of two hundred and seventy-seven thousand dollars, in shares of fifty dollars each, may be increased whenever the business of the said company, in the opinion of the president and directors for the time being, may require it, to an extent not exceeding one million of dollars, in like shares.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the existing board of president and directors of said company may serve in those capacities until the next election of directors, on the first Monday of November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen; fourteen days before which period public notice shall be given by the said president and directors to the stockholders that an election will be held on that day; and they shall appoint two or more other stockholders as commissioners to superintend the same; at which election every stockholder shall be entitled to give one vote for each share which has stood in his name twenty days last preceding, for eleven persons, being stockholders, citizens of the United States, and residents of the District of Columbia, or of the county of Fairfax, in Virginia, as directors of said corporation. The persons thus elected shall, at their first meeting, proceed forthwith to fix the salary of the president, and afterwards to his elec-

tion from their own body, and shall continue in office until the succeeding election of directors, and no longer. Under the same regulations shall an election be repeated annually. But if one happens not to be made on the day hereby limited, this charter shall not therefore be void, provided an election be completed within thirty days thereafter. No person shall continue president or director after ceasing to be a stockholder.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors shall have power to make regulations for the government of the corporation: *Provided*, They be not repugnant to the laws of the United States or this act: to appoint a secretary, all other officers and servants, and to fix their compensations; to supply vacancies in their own body; to hold such real estate as may be necessary for the transaction of their business, not exceeding in amount forty thousand dollars, or that may be conveyed to them as security for debt; to vest the corporate funds in stock of the United States, or of any of the individual states, or in stock of any incorporated company, this corporation being inhibited from issuing any promissory note in the way of banking; to lend money on bottomry and respondentia; to insure lives; also, property against all manner of risks: *Provided*, Every insurance be expressed in writing, signed by the president, and attested by the secretary; and to sell the shares of any stockholder who shall fail to give satisfactory security for any part thereof that may be unpaid; also to sell, if the security which may have been given be manifestly impaired and deficient, and such stockholder shall fail to make it satisfactory when thereunto required; and further, to sell if such stockholder shall fail to pay instalments when demanded: nor shall any such sale preclude the liability of any such stockholder, his executors, and administrators, the endorser or endorsers, or any security he may have given, from making good any further injury which may be sustained.

Powers of the president and directors.
Proviso.

Proviso.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the said president and directors shall conduct business in the town of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia; that they shall keep proper books and record their proceedings therein; that, on the first day of May and the first day of November in every year, they shall declare a dividend of so much of the clear profits as they may deem advisable, and within ten days thereafter shall pay the same to the stockholders: but it shall not be lawful for the said president and directors to include in such dividend the premium of any risk which has not actually terminated, nor to divide more than two-thirds of the clear profits, until, by the half yearly appropriation of the other third thereof, a contingent fund of twenty thousand dollars shall be formed; and so often as the fund shall be impaired by losses, the said president and directors shall continue the half yearly appropriation aforesaid, until it be restored to the amount beforementioned.

Business to be conducted in Alexandria.
Duties of the president and directors.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That every director who shall be present at the declaration of any dividend, in violation of the sixth [fifth] section of this act, shall be individually answerable to the stockholders for the injury resulting therefrom, unless his protest be recorded on the books of the corporation.

Directors present at the declaration of an unlawful dividend, individually answerable unless, &c.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That every stockholder may sell and transfer his stock, provided the transferee give satisfactory security for the regular payment of such part of said stock as may then be uncalled for and unpaid; but all debts actually due and payable to the corporation by the transferer, must be satisfied before such transfer shall be made; and, until such debts be recovered and paid, all dividends due, and which may become due, shall be applied to the credit thereof, unless the president and directors shall direct to the contrary.

Stockholders may sell and transfer their stock; provided, &c.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That this corporation shall continue until the thirty-first day of December, in the year one thousand

Corporation to continue until 31st December 1837.

Concerns to be closed on dissolution, &c.

eight hundred and thirty-seven; and on the dissolution or expiration of this charter, the president and directors for the time being shall take prompt and effectual measures for closing all its concerns; but no such dissolution or expiration shall operate so as to prevent any suits being brought or continued by or against the said corporation for any debt or claim due by or to the same, and which arose previously to said dissolution or expiration; but, for the purpose of closing its concerns, its corporate powers shall remain unimpaired.

Congress may repeal or annul the charter.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That Congress may, at any time during the period for which this charter is granted, repeal and annul the same.

APPROVED, February 16, 1818.

STATUTE I.

March 9, 1818.

CHAP. XV.—*An Act to authorize certain purchasers of public land to withdraw their entries and transfer the moneys paid thereon.*

Persons permitted to withdraw their entries from the land office for Jeffersonville.

Be it enacted, &c., That the following persons shall be permitted to withdraw their respective entries, made with the register of the land office for the district of Jeffersonville, for the purchase of land in said district, viz: Abraham Wiseman, for the northeast and northwest quarters of section four, township four south, range one east; John Bones, for the northwest quarter of section thirty-four, township three south, range one east; Gory Jones, for the southeast quarter of section four, township four south, range one east; Abraham Van Winkell, for the northwest quarter of section three, township four south, range one east; and Joseph Tibbs, for the northeast quarter of section twenty-eight, township three south, range one east. And the receiver of public moneys for the said district shall be authorized to allow to any of the said persons, who shall withdraw his entry as aforesaid, a credit, on any purchase he shall or may have made of other public lands in the same district, for the moneys paid on the entry by him withdrawn: *Provided*, That the said entries shall not be withdrawn until it shall be made appear, to the satisfaction of the register and receiver of public moneys for the said district, that the said entries, or either of them, were made in mistake, in consequence of the erroneous marks of the surveyor; and in case of patents having been granted, the same shall be returned to the register, and, by him, to the general land office, and shall be there cancelled.

Receiver to allow credit for other lands, &c.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 9, 1818.

STATUTE I.

March 9, 1818.

CHAP. XVII.—*An Act for the relief of Major-General Arthur St. Clair.*

Pension to Gen. St. Clair.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary for the Department of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place upon the pension list of invalid pensioners of the United States Major-General Arthur St. Clair, at the rate of sixty dollars a month, to commence on the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen.

Payment, how to be made.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the pension aforesaid shall be paid at the treasury of the United States, or in the same manner as invalid pensioners are paid, who have heretofore been placed on the list of pensioners, at the option of the said pensioner.

APPROVED, March 9, 1818.

STATUTE I.

March 18, 1818.

CHAP. XX.—*An Act for the relief of Israel Smith.*

Credit allowed to him.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the war department be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to place to the credit of Israel Smith, of the State of Vermont, four hundred dollars, which sum has been paid by the said Smith to a detach-

ment of the troops of the United States, and, for which payment, the vouchers have been lost, without any fault or negligence on his part.

APPROVED, March 18, 1818.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act for the relief of John Bate.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury, in the settlement of the accounts of John Bate, arising under a lease from the United States of the public salt-works on the Wabash, in the Illinois territory, be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to make such allowance to the said John Bate, for the permanent improvements made at said salt-works, as he shall think reasonable and just. And also to make such reduction in the rent stipulated to be paid by the said John Bate, as shall appear just and equitable, in consequence of any deterioration in the quality, or diminution in the quantity, of water at said saline, as may be proven to his satisfaction; as also such further allowance, as he may think reasonable, for loss sustained in said salt works by the extraordinary inundation of the river Ohio in the months of April and May, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen: *Provided, however,* That the whole amount of allowance and deduction so made shall not exceed the amount of money which, by the original contract, may be now due to the United States from the said John Bate.

APPROVED, April 3, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 3, 1818.

Allowance for permanent improvements at the salt-works on the Wabash.

Proviso.

CHAP. XXVII.—*An Act for the relief of John Small.*

Be it enacted, &c., That John Small be, and he hereby is, confirmed in his title to a tract of land, containing two hundred and fifty-five acres, situated on Embarass Creek, in the Illinois territory, as the assignee of Nicholas Bayarjon; which tract shall be limited to the quantity aforesaid, and to the boundaries as claimed by said Bayarjon.

APPROVED, April 3, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 3, 1818.

Land title confirmed.

CHAP. XXVIII.—*An Act for the relief of Abraham Byington.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Postmaster General be, and he is hereby, directed and empowered to remit, in favor of Abraham Byington, of the State of Vermont, the sum of one hundred and thirty-four dollars and thirty cents, being that part of the judgment obtained against him as security for Robert Gilmore, which partakes of the nature of a penalty, on account of the neglect of the said Gilmore.

APPROVED, April 3, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 3, 1818.

Judgment against him as security to be remitted.

CHAP. XXXI.—*An Act for the relief of William Edwards and John G. Stubbs.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, directed, on equitable principles, to audit and settle the accounts of William Edwards and John G. Stubbs, for the respective expenses incurred under contracts entered into between Edward Tiffin, surveyor-general of the United States, and the said William Edwards and John G. Stubbs, on the twenty-fifth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, for surveying lands in the Illinois territory; and the amount found to be due on such settlement shall be paid, respectively, to the said William Edwards and John G. Stubbs, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That the sum so to be allowed shall not exceed six hundred dollars in either case: *And provided further,* That no allowance shall be made to them, or either of them, for personal services by them rendered.

APPROVED, April 3, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 3, 1818.

Accounts for surveying to be settled.

Proviso.

Proviso.

STATUTE I.
April 3, 1818.

The levy court of Alexandria may erect a jail for that county.

May erect a court-house and fire-proof office for records, &c.

The court to levy the money necessary, &c.

CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act to provide for the erection of a Courthouse, Jail, and Public Offices, within the County of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia.*

Be it enacted, &c., That it shall and may be lawful for the levy court of the county of Alexandria, in the District of Columbia, to erect, or cause to be erected, a good and sufficient jail for said county; and, whenever the levy court of the said county shall transmit to the marshal a certificate, that the jail hereby provided for is so far finished as to be ready for the reception of persons, it shall be the duty of the marshal forthwith to remove to the said jail all prisoners who shall at that time be confined in the present jail of the said county.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said levy court may cause to be erected, if they deem expedient, at the expense of the county, a good and convenient courthouse, and a fire-proof office for records, to be built of stone or brick; and that it shall be the duty of the said court to cause the jail before provided for, and the said courthouse and office, when erected, to be kept in a good state of repair. And if it should be considered expedient by the said court to erect the said courthouse and office in any other place than the present market square, the said court is hereby authorized and empowered to purchase, within the limits of the town of Alexandria, a lot of ground, not exceeding two acres, for the erection of the said buildings and of the said jail, and for no other use whatever.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the levy court of the county of Alexandria shall, from time to time, as it shall be necessary, levy on the titheables, and other taxable property, within the said county, the sums of money which shall be necessary to carry into full effect the several provisions of this act.

APPROVED, April 3, 1818.

STATUTE I.
April 4, 1818.

Entitled to military land bounty, as mother of A. Turrill.

CHAP. XXXVIII.—*An Act for the relief of Cata Bunnell.*

Be it enacted, &c., That Cata Bunnell, the mother of Abden Turrill, late a soldier in the army of the United States, and who died in said service, be entitled to receive the bounty in land to which the heirs of said Abden would have been entitled had he left any heirs; and that the proper officers cause a warrant and patent to issue accordingly.

APPROVED, April 4, 1818.

STATUTE I.
April 4, 1818.

Bounty on account of fishing voyage allowed.

CHAP. XXXIX.—*An Act for the relief of Martin Warner.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the collector of the district of Fairfield, in the state of Connecticut, allow and pay to Martin Warner, owner of the schooner Nancy, the regular amount of bounty or allowance, as established by law, for and on account of the fishing voyage performed by that vessel in the months of August, September, October, and November, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen.

APPROVED, April 4, 1818.

STATUTE I.
April 9, 1818.

Confirmed in their claims founded on Spanish warrants of surveys.

CHAP. XLI.—*An Act for the relief of Narcissus Broutin and others.*

Be it enacted, &c., That Narcissus Broutin, George Brewer, the legal representatives of John Baker, the legal representatives of Louis Duret, and the legal representative of John Trouillet and of Joseph Chasting, be, and they are hereby, confirmed in their respective claims, founded on Spanish warrants of surveys, to land lying on the east side of the Tombigbee river: *Provided,* That not more than six hundred and forty acres be allowed to any one claim.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be the duty of the register of the land office within whose district the said lands may be, and he is hereby required, to make out, for the surveyor of the land south of the state of Tennessee, an order of survey for each tract of land confirmed by this act, to be located on the tracts so claimed: *Provided*, The said lands have not been sold by the United States; but in case the lands shall have been sold, the location of the claims aforesaid may be laid on any lands of the United States lying on the east side of said river of Tombigbee, within the same district, and which shall have been offered at public sale; and on the return of the plat of survey, made and executed pursuant to the said order, directed to the commissioner of the general land office, patents shall be granted in like manner as provided by law for other lands of the United States.

APPROVED, April 9, 1818.

Register to make out an order of survey for each tract.

STATUTE I.

April 9, 1818.

CHAP. XLIV. — *An Act to incorporate a Fire Insurance Company in the city of Washington.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the subscribers to this company, their successors and assigns, shall be, and they are hereby, created a body politic, by the name and style of the Franklin Insurance Company, and shall, by that name, have succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, in all courts of law in the United States.

Subscribers incorporated by the name of the Franklin Insurance Company.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That a subscription be opened in the city of Washington, under the direction of John Davidson, Satterlee Clark, Alexander Kerr, R. C. Weightman, Benjamin G. Orr, William Brent, Samuel Miller, and William Doughty, or a majority of them, for raising a capital stock of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, in shares of twenty-five dollars each; and that each person, upon subscribing, pay to the persons above mentioned, five dollars upon each share so subscribed for; and that the remainder of the said twenty-five dollars shall be secured by negotiable notes, signed and endorsed to the satisfaction of the aforesaid John Davidson, Satterlee Clark, Alexander Kerr, R. C. Weightman, Benjamin G. Orr, William Brent, Samuel Miller, and William Doughty, or a majority of them, and payment thereof may be thereafter demanded, at such times, and in such proportions, as the president and directors, hereafter mentioned, shall judge advisable, giving six weeks' notice in at least three of the gazettes printed in the District of Columbia.

Subscription to be opened in Washington.

Capital.
Terms of subscription.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That every subscriber shall be entitled to vote by himself, his agent, or proxy, appointed under his hand and seal, attested by two witnesses, at all elections made by virtue of this act; and shall have as many votes as he holds shares, as far as ten shares; one vote for every five shares, which he may hold over ten shares, as far as fifty other shares; and one vote for every thirty shares, which he may hold over sixty shares; and every stockholder, (not in debt to the company,) may, with the assent of the president and directors, in person, or by power of attorney, assign and transfer his stock in the company, in the books of the same, or any part thereof, not being less than a whole share; but no stockholder, indebted to the company, shall be permitted to make a transfer, or receive a dividend, until such debt is paid, or secured to the satisfaction of the president and directors.

Subscribers may vote in person or by proxy.

Stockholders may transfer their stock, &c.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That as soon as five thousand shares shall be subscribed, the persons hereby authorized to receive subscriptions shall call a meeting of the subscribers, giving two weeks' notice in two of the papers printed within the district; and the subscribers who shall assemble in person, or by proxy, shall choose by ballot, from

A meeting to be called, when.

Twelve directors to be chosen by ballot, &c.

A president to be chosen, &c.

Committee of elections, &c.

President and directors may make by-laws, &c.

Funds of the company may be vested, &c.

Members of the company not liable further than property in the capital, &c.
Proviso.

President and directors empowered to dispose of unsold shares, &c.

Policies signed by the president, &c. obligatory.

Business to be conducted in Washington, &c.

Half yearly dividends, &c.

Restrictions as to dividends.

among the stockholders, by a majority of votes, twelve directors, who shall continue in office until the first Monday in June, in the year one thousand eight hundred and nineteen; on which Monday in June, in every succeeding year thereafter, an election shall be held for twelve directors, as aforesaid, who shall continue in office for one year from the time of their election, and until others be chosen in their stead. And the said directors, at their first meeting, shall choose, from among themselves, or from the stockholders at large, a president, and allow him a reasonable compensation for his services; and in case of death, removal, resignation, or other disqualification, of the president, or any of the directors, the remaining directors may elect others to supply their places during the remainder of the term for which they were chosen; and in every case where one of the directors shall be chosen president, the vacancy shall be supplied, as in the case of death, removal, or resignation. That the persons hereby authorized to receive subscriptions, or any three of them, be a committee to superintend the first election of directors, and a committee of three stockholders, not being directors, be appointed by the directors to superintend every succeeding election.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors shall have power to ordain and make such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, as shall appear necessary for regulating and conducting the concerns of the company, not being contrary to this act or the laws and constitution of the United States. And the funds of the company, as they shall arise, may be vested in the funded stock of the United States, or of any individual state, or in the stock of any incorporated bank.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the members of the company shall not be liable for any loss, damage, or responsibility, other than the property they have in the capital or funds of the company, to the amount of the shares respectively held by them, and any profits arising therefrom not divided: *Provided*, The said corporation shall, from time to time, apply all sums of money received by them for premiums, to the payment of losses in the first instance, and to make up the amount of their original capital, whenever it shall have suffered any diminution by losses.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors, for the time being, shall have power to dispose of, according to the provisions of the second section of this act, the shares which may remain unsold at the formation of the company; and they shall have power, also, to provide, by purchase, or otherwise, a suitable place for an office, to make all rules and regulations for conducting the business of insurance and the concerns of the company, not provided for by this act; to appoint a secretary, and such other officers as they may find necessary; and to make such compensation for their services as they may deem proper; that they shall have full power and authority to make insurances against fire, on any and every description of property. All policies of insurance and other contracts, made by said company, signed by the president and countersigned by the secretary, shall be obligatory on said company, and have the same effect as if the said policies and contracts had been attested by corporate seal.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the said president and directors shall conduct business in the city of Washington; that they shall keep proper books, and record their proceedings therein; that, on the first Monday of May, and the first Monday of November, in every year, after the first year, they shall declare a dividend of so much of the clear profits as they may deem advisable, and within ten days thereafter shall pay the same to the stockholders; but it shall not be lawful for the said president and directors to include, in such dividend, the premiums of any risk which has not actually terminated, nor to divide more than two-thirds of the clear profits, until, by the half yearly appropriation of the

other third thereof, a contingent fund of twenty thousand dollars shall be formed; and as often as the fund shall be impaired by losses, the said president and directors shall continue the half yearly appropriation aforesaid, until it be returned to the amount before mentioned.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That every director who shall be present at the declaration of any dividend in violation of the eighth section of this act, shall be individually answerable to the stockholders for the injury resulting therefrom, unless his protest be recorded in the books of the corporation.

Liability of directors.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That in case any action shall be prosecuted on any insurance made by virtue of this act, it shall be deemed sufficient service of such process to leave a copy thereof with the president or secretary for the time being, and all recoveries had in any such action or actions shall be conclusive on the company, so far as to render the stock and property of the company liable, and no further.

Service of process in case of action on any insurance, &c.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be and continue in force for and during the term of twenty years from and after the passing thereof, and until the end of the next session of Congress; and on the dissolution or expiration of this charter, the president and directors, for the time being, shall take prompt and effectual measures for closing all its concerns; but no such dissolution or expiration shall operate, so as to prevent any suits to be brought or continued, by or against the said corporation, for any debt or claim due by or to the same, and which arose previously to said dissolution or expiration; but, for the purpose of closing its concerns, its corporate powers shall remain unimpaired.

This act to continue in force for 20 years, &c.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That this corporation shall not issue any promissory note in the way of banking; and that Congress may, at any time during the period for which this charter is granted, repeal and amend the same.

Corporation not to issue bank notes. Congress may repeal the charter.

APPROVED, April 9, 1818.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act confirming the claim of Tobias Rheams to a tract of land granted to him by the Spanish government.*

April 9, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That Tobias Rheams, or his legal representatives, be, and they are hereby, confirmed in the title to a tract of land, situate in the territory of Alabama, on the east side of the Tombigbee river, granted by the Spanish government to the said Tobias Rheams, by warrant of survey, bearing date the tenth day of June, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, and containing, by actual survey, the quantity of two hundred and eighty arpents: *Provided*, The said land has not been already disposed of under the authority of the United States.

Land title confirmed.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioner of the general land office be, and he is hereby authorized and required, on a return of the survey of the abovementioned tract of land, by the surveyor of the lands of the United States, south of the State of Tennessee, to issue a patent for the same to the said Tobias Rheams, or his legal representatives, or to any person legally claiming under him or them.

Patent to issue.

APPROVED, April 9, 1818.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act for the relief of Daniel Burnet, Gibson Clark, and the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel.*

April 11, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be the duty of the register of the land office and receiver of public moneys west of Pearl river, in the State of Mississippi, to examine the evidence heretofore given, and to receive additional testimony, in the claims to land of Daniel Burnet

Examination of land claims, &c.

Receiver of
public moneys
to refund, &c.

The legal re-
presentatives of
Hubert Rowel
confirmed in
their claim to a
tract of land.

Proviso.

and Gibson Clark, of the State of Mississippi, founded on warrants or orders of survey granted by the Spanish government to James Davenport and James Stewart, and if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the said register and receiver, that the said James Davenport and James Stewart, under whom the said Daniel Burnet and Gibson Clark claim, were resident in the late Mississippi territory, on the twenty-seventh day of October, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five, then, and in that case, the claims aforesaid shall be respectively confirmed, and patents shall issue for the same as in other cases. And it shall moreover be the duty of the said receiver of public moneys to refund, to either of the said claimants, any moneys which they, or either of them, may have paid to the United States, in consequence of said lands being granted to them in right of pre-emption.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the legal representatives of Hubert Rowel be, and they are hereby confirmed in their claim to a tract of land, lying and being in the State of Mississippi, on the waters of the Bayou Sarah, containing eight hundred and fifty arpents, granted by the Spanish government to said Hubert Rowel, by patent, legally and fully executed, bearing date the sixteenth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one: *Provided*, The said land has not been already disposed of under the authority of the United States.

APPROVED, April 11, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 11, 1818.

CHAP. L.—*An Act for the relief of Ashael Clark.*

Accounts to be
settled, &c.

Be it enacted, &c., That the accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to settle the accounts of Ashael Clark, on account of two judgments obtained against him in the Supreme Court of New York, at the suits of Peter Silvermail and Abraham Silvermail, with reasonable costs and charges; and the sum so found due shall be paid to the said Ashael Clark, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 11, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 11, 1818.

CHAP. LII.—*An Act for the relief of Lemuel H. Osgood.*

Accounts to be
settled.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to settle the accounts of Lemuel H. Osgood, late quartermaster in the third regiment of artillery, in such manner, and upon such terms, as may be equitable and just.

APPROVED, April 11, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 11, 1818.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act for the relief of John Rodgers.*

Accounts to
be settled.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury settle the account of John Rodgers, for expenses actually incurred in the defence of a suit brought against him by John Donnell, of Baltimore, owner of the schooner Eleanor, and finally reversed in the Superior Court of the United States, and pay him the sum of sixteen hundred and ninety-five dollars seventy-nine cents.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the sum of sixteen hundred and ninety-five dollars seventy-nine cents be appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the payment of said Rodgers.

APPROVED, April 11, 1818.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. LIV.—*An Act for the relief of Sarah Dewees, relict and widow of William Dewees, deceased, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said William Dewees.*

April 11, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be paid to Sarah Dewees, relict of Colonel William Dewees, and the heirs and legal representatives of the said Colonel William Dewees, deceased, the sum of eight thousand dollars, in full of all claims the estate of the said deceased may have against the United States, for the loss of property, owing to its being taken for public use; and that the said sum be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 11, 1818.

\$8000 to be paid to her.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. LV.—*An Act for the relief of General Moses Porter.*

April 13, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby authorized to grant to Moses Porter, a warrant for the quantity of two hundred acres of land, for his services as a lieutenant in Crane's, or the Massachusetts regiment, in the revolutionary war, which warrant is in lieu of one heretofore granted for said services, and which has been lost or destroyed; which warrant may be located on any lands appropriated for satisfying the warrants granted for military services performed in the revolutionary war.

APPROVED, April 13, 1818.

Warrant for 200 acres of land granted to him.

May be located, where.

STATUTE I.

CHAP. LVII.—*An Act to incorporate the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria.*

April 13, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That the society known by the name of the Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria, be, and the same is hereby, created a body politic and corporate, under the name and style of the "Mechanic Relief Society of Alexandria," and by that name shall have perpetual succession and a common seal, with a capacity to purchase, receive, and possess, goods and chattels, lands and tenements, in fee or otherwise, and the same to grant, sell, let, or assign: *Provided, however,* They shall not purchase, receive, or possess, more lands and tenements than shall be sufficient to enable them to erect a seminary of learning for the instruction of youth, and the necessary accommodation and convenience of the said society; and by the name aforesaid may sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all causes in law or equity.

Incorporation.

Proviso, as to lands and tenements.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the affairs of said society as relates to the erection and superintendence of the said seminary of learning, shall be and remain under the direction of the following named trustees and their successors, to wit: John Longden, Dederick Shekell, William F. Thornton, Lewis Hipkins, James Galt, Charles Pascoe, James S. Scott, John Cohagen, Bernard Cook, Alexander Baggett, James Carson, Adam Lynn, Greenberry Griffith, Horace Field, and Amos Alexander; the said trustees shall have power to fill any vacancies which may occur in their own body: *Provided,* That the trustees named and created by this act shall continue and serve until the first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, or until others shall be appointed; and on that day, or as soon thereafter as convenient, not exceeding thirty days, and annually, the like number of trustees, they being members thereof, shall be elected by said society.

Erection and superintendence of the seminary to remain under the direction of the trustees named &c.

Trustees may fill vacancies. Proviso.

Annual election of trustees.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall commence and be in force from and after the passing thereof, and for the term of twenty years thereafter.

This act in force for 20 years.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the amount of real and personal property which may, at any time, be held by this society, shall not

Property not to exceed \$40,000, &c. Congress may repeal the charter.

exceed the sum of forty thousand dollars; nor shall the said society be engaged in any banking or commercial operations; and Congress shall at all times have power, during the period for which this charter is granted, at their pleasure, to repeal or alter the same.

APPROVED, April 13, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 14, 1818.

CHAP. LIX.—*An Act in addition to an act, entitled "An act for the relief of John Thompson."*

Account to be settled, and interest allowed. Act of May 11, 1812, ch. 81.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized and required to review the settlement of the account of John Thompson, made under the authority of the act to which this is in addition, approved the eleventh day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and to allow the said John Thompson interest, at six per centum per annum, from the fourth of March, seventeen hundred and eighty-seven, to the twentyeth of May, eighteen hundred and twelve, on the sum which was found due to him, and paid under the act aforesaid; and that the amount of interest, which shall be so found to be due him, be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 14, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 16, 1818.

\$1500 to be paid him for extra services, &c.

CHAP. LXII.—*An Act for the relief of Michael Jones.*

Be it enacted, &c., That there shall be paid to Michael Jones, of the Illinois territory, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one thousand five hundred dollars, in full compensation for extra services performed, and clerk hire expended, by him while acting as register of the land office and commissioner of claims to land in the district of Kaskaskia.

APPROVED, April 16, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 16, 1818.

Certificate of Mississippi stock to be issued to the legal representatives of George Pearson, &c.

Proviso.

Act of March 31, 1814, ch. 39, sec. 3.

The affidavit and transfer to be filed in the Department of State, &c.

Act of Jan. 23, 1815, ch. 24.

CHAP. LXIII.—*An Act for the relief of the legal representatives of George Pearson.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury shall be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be issued, by the proper officer, a certificate or certificates of Mississippi stock, for the sum of six hundred and twenty-five dollars, to the legal representatives of George Pearson, late of the city of Augusta, and State of Georgia, being an indemnity for his claim for five thousand acres of land, held as citizens' rights, in the Georgia Company's pretended purchase of land from the State of Georgia, in the Mississippi territory: *Provided,* That the legal representatives of the said George Pearson shall previously take and subscribe the oath required by the third section of the act, passed on the thirty-first day of March, eighteen hundred and fourteen, providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory; which affidavit and the transfer, executed by the legal representatives of the said George Pearson, of all their claim, to the United States, according to the provisions of the act aforesaid, shall be filed in the department of state, with the transfers, conveyances, and records, returned to that department by the commissioners appointed under the act supplementary to the act aforesaid, passed on the twenty-third day of January, eighteen hundred and fifteen.

APPROVED, April 16, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 18, 1818.

CHAP. LXXII.—*An Act for the relief of Major-General Jacob Brown.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized and directed to

settle the claim of Major-General Jacob Brown, on account of a judgment obtained against him in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, at the suit of Henry Utley, together with reasonable costs and charges: *Provided*, That the sum to be allowed on the settlement aforesaid, shall not exceed the sum of six hundred [and] twenty-one dollars and ninety-two cents.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid sum shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 18, 1818.

Account to be settled, &c.

Proviso.

Appropriation.

STATUTE I.

April 18, 1818.

CHAP. LXXIII.—*An Act for the relief of Isaac Briggs.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized to close and balance the accounts of Isaac Briggs, as surveyor of the lands of the United States south of the State of Tennessee.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That when the said accounts shall have been so closed and balanced, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to direct any suit or suits commenced for the recovery of any balance or balances which may appear to be now due, by the said Isaac Briggs, to the United States, to cease and be discontinued.

APPROVED, April 18, 1818.

Account as surveyor to be balanced and closed.

Suits to be discontinued.

STATUTE I.

April 18, 1818.

CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas Miller and Stephen Baker.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to pay to Thomas Miller and Stephen Baker, composing the firm of Miller and Baker, of the city of New York, the sum of three thousand five hundred dollars, the value of the house in Greenwich, near the city of New York, which was rented in the autumn of one thousand eight hundred and twelve, by the said Miller and Baker, to C. Van De Venter, late deputy quartermaster-general, for the use and occupation of the troops of the United States, which said house, used and occupied at the risk of the United States, was subsequently burnt down, on the fourth of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, whilst used and occupied as aforesaid; which sum shall be in full of all demands, made on the part of the said Miller and Baker, against the United States.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the aforesaid sum of three thousand five hundred dollars shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 18, 1818.

To be paid the value of a house while occupied by the U. S.

Appropriation.

STATUTE I.

April 18, 1818.

CHAP. LXXVII.—*An Act for the relief of Mary Sullivan.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to liquidate and settle the claim of Mary Sullivan, founded upon a certificate dated the tenth of March, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one, for ten thousand weight of tobacco, or money equivalent, signed by Richard Young, A. D. Q. M., according to the principles of equity and justice, and to allow to her such sum of money as may appear to be justly due; and the same shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 18, 1818.

Claim to be settled, &c.

STATUTE I.

April 18, 1818.

CHAP. LXXVIII.—*An Act for the relief of Seth Sprague and others.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the collector of the district of Plymouth, in the State of Massachusetts, be, and he hereby is directed to pay to Seth

To be be paid the amount of allowance to which vessel would have been entitled, if, &c.

Act of July 29, 1813, ch. 35.

Sprague, late owner of a fishing vessel called the schooner Nine Sisters, of sixty-six tons burden, and the legal representatives of the persons composing the late crew of said vessel, the amount of the allowance to which said vessel would have been entitled, had she returned into port according to law, to be distributed in the manner prescribed in the fifth section of the act, entitled "An act laying a duty on imported salt, granting a bounty on pickled fish exported, and allowances to certain vessels employed in the fisheries," passed on the twenty-ninth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

APPROVED, April 18, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. LXXXI.—*An Act for the relief of the widow and children of Jacob Graeff, deceased.*

The estate, &c. of Jacob Graeff, dec'd, to be discharged upon payment, &c.

Be it enacted, &c., That, upon the payment into the treasury, by the representatives of Jacob Graeff, deceased, formerly of Lancaster, in the State of Pennsylvania, of the sum of six thousand eight hundred and forty-seven dollars and one cent, being the balance found due to the United States upon the settlement of the accounts of the said Jacob Graeff, as a collector of the revenue, the said representatives, and the estate of the said Jacob Graeff, and his sureties, shall be discharged from any further claim on the part of the United States, and the accounting officers of the treasury shall be, and hereby are, authorized and empowered to give them a full acquittance and release from the same, and from all suits and judgments on account thereof.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. LXXXV.—*An Act for the relief of Major Loring Austin and George R. Wells.*

Claim of Major Loring Austin to be settled.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby authorized and empowered to compromise and settle, upon such terms as in his discretion shall appear just and reasonable, the claim against Loring Austin, major by brevet in the army of the United States, for six thousand six hundred and seventy-three dollars and ninety cents, on account of nine judgments obtained against the said Major Austin in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, for the arrest, detention, and confinement, of nine persons, to wit: Elisha Dennison, Asa Day, George C. Conant, Thomas Stedman, David Coffeen, John Philips, Willard Seaton, James Goddard, and Uriah H. Orvis, in obedience to an order of the twenty-fifth of May, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, issued to the said Loring Austin by the late Brigadier-General Zebulon Pike, commanding at that time the forces of the United States in and around Sackett's Harbor.

Expenses in defending suits to be settled.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War be also authorized and empowered to compromise and settle, upon such terms as in his discretion shall appear just and reasonable, the claim of the said Major Austin for six hundred and seven dollars and twenty-six cents; the sum, as he alleges, necessarily expended in making defence against the nine suits aforesaid.

Claim of G. R. Wells to be settled.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War be also authorized and empowered to settle, upon the terms aforesaid, the claim of George R. Wells, of New York, for five thousand seven hundred and sixteen dollars and eighty-three cents, the amount of damages obtained against him by the nine persons aforesaid: And also, the claim of six hundred and eighty-seven dollars and four cents, the necessary costs incurred in defending the nine suits aforesaid.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the amount of the claims

aforesaid, when so ascertained, as aforesaid, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

CHAP. LXXXIX.—*An Act for the relief of Captain Henry Gist and Captain Benjamin Johnson.*

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby authorized to audit and settle the respective accounts of Captain Henry Gist and Captain Benjamin Johnson, late of the army of the United States, in such manner and upon such terms as may be reasonable and just.

Accounts to be settled.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

CHAP. XCIII.—*An Act for the relief of Samuel F. Hooker.*

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to settle the claim of Samuel F. Hooker, of Sackett's Harbor, in the state of New York, for property taken and occupied for public use, at Sackett's Harbor, aforesaid, and for a house and barn destroyed by the enemy during the late war, at Cape St. Vincent, or Gravelly Point, which had been rented by authority of the United States for barracks; and the sum which shall be found due shall be paid to the said Samuel F. Hooker out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That the sum so to be allowed and paid shall not exceed, in the whole, three thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven dollars and sixty-six cents.

Claim for property used, destroyed, &c. to be settled.

Appropriation. Proviso.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

CHAP. XCV.—*An Act for the relief of John Seybold.*

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That John Seybold be permitted to withdraw his entry with the register of the land office for the District of Vincennes, for the purchase of the southwest quarter of section number twenty-five, in township number one north, of range number two west. And the receiver of public moneys for the said district shall be authorized to allow the said Seybold a credit on any purchase he shall or may have made of other public lands in the same district for the money paid on the entry by him withdrawn.

Permitted to withdraw his entry with the register of the land office at Vincennes, &c.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act for the relief of John Hall, late a major of marines.*

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to credit John Hall, late a major of marines, with the sum of two thousand four hundred dollars, in the settlement of his accounts, the same being part of a sum of money deposited in the hands of the said Hall, for the purpose of purchasing supplies for the marines under his command, and of which the said Hall was robbed in Marseilles, in France.

Credit allowed him.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

CHAP. XCIX.—*An Act for the relief of John B. Dabney.*

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized to settle and adjust the accounts of John B. Dabney, as consul of the United States for the Azores, during the late war between the United States and Great Britain, for moneys advanced by him on

Claim for moneys advanced, &c. to be adjusted.

account of the United States, and for other incidental expenses relative to the same, and to allow him such sum for losses in exchange, and for interest of money so advanced, and other incidental expenses, as he may deem equitable and just.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. C. — *An Act for the relief of John Dillon.*

\$3500 to be refunded to him, received by U. S. from schooner Rochelle.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to John Dillon, or to his assignees, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, three thousand five hundred dollars, being the amount received by the United States, under a sentence of condemnation pronounced by the district court of Orleans, against the schooner Rochelle, which sentence has been since reversed by the supreme court of the United States.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CV. — *An Act for the relief of Madame Poidevin.*

Allowance in settlement of her claim.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to pay to Madame Poidevin, the sum of one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four dollars and seventy-nine cents, the same being the amount of her claim against the consulate at l'Orient.

Appropriation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the aforesaid sum shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CVI. — *An Act for the relief of the houses of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher and Company, Thomas Clifford and Son, and Thomas Clifford, of Philadelphia, and Charles Wirgman, of Baltimore.*

Certain duties refunded.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be refunded and paid, to the houses of Thomas and John Clifford, Elisha Fisher and Company, Thomas Clifford and Son, and Thomas Clifford, of Philadelphia, the sum of six hundred and ninety dollars sixty-eight cents, and to Charles Wirgman, of Baltimore, the sum of six hundred and ninety dollars and forty-six cents; the said several sums of money having been paid by the persons above named, to the collectors of Philadelphia and Baltimore, on the importation, into the United States, of sundry copper bottoms, and bolts or bars, the same not being by law subject to the payment of duties.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXI. — *An Act for the relief of Richard M. Johnson.*

Account to be settled.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, authorized to audit and settle, on the principles of equity, the account of Richard M. Johnson, for moneys disbursed in supplying a corps of mounted volunteers with rations and forage, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, and to allow him any sum not exceeding one thousand and eight dollars and thirty-seven cents; which allowance shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXVI. — *An Act for the relief of Jonas Harrison.*

Account to be settled, &c.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury shall be authorized to settle the accounts of Jonas Harrison, collector of the direct tax for the twenty-fifth collection district of the State of New York, in

respect to the direct tax imposed by the act of August the second, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, on equitable principles, and to make such allowances, and admit such credits, as, from the circumstances of that collection district, may appear to him reasonable and just.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXVII.—*An Act for the relief of Benjamin Berry.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and empowered to audit and settle, upon such terms as may appear to him equitable and proper, the claim of Benjamin Berry, of the State of Massachusetts, for three hundred dollars, on account of a contract made in January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, between him and the collector of the port of Machias, by which the said Berry engaged to bring, for the benefit of the United States, certain property from the wreck of the British ship Diligent.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the amount of the claim, when ascertained, shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

Claim to be examined and settled.

Appropriation.

CHAP. CXVIII.—*An Act for the relief of James Mackay, of the Missouri Territory.*

Be it enacted, &c., That James Mackay, of the Missouri territory, be, and he is hereby, authorized to file, with the recorder of land titles at St. Louis, in said territory, a warrant of survey or concession from the Spanish government of Louisiana, bearing date the first day of February, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-eight, for the quantity of eighteen hundred arpents of land, granted to James M'Daniel; and it shall be the duty of the said recorder of land titles to examine the evidence which may be produced to him, in relation to the concession and claim to the land aforesaid, and shall report the substance of the evidence, with his opinion thereon, to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, which shall be laid before Congress, at their next session, for their decision thereon.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

Authorized to file with the recorder at St. Louis a Spanish warrant of survey, &c.

CHAP. CXIX.—*An Act for the relief of Peggy Bailey.*

Be it enacted, &c., That it shall be lawful for Peggy Bailey, sister of Dixon Bailey, (a Creek Indian of the half blood, who was slain in the service of the United States, at the capture of Fort Mims,) and she is hereby, authorized to enter, without payment, with the register of the land office in whose district the land lies, three hundred and twenty acres of land, so as to include the settlement and improvements of the said Dixon Bailey in the Alabama territory: *Provided,* That neither the said Peggy Bailey, nor her heirs, shall have power of alienating said land, or any part thereof, in any manner whatever; and in case of the voluntary abandonment of the possession and occupancy of the said tract of land by the said Peggy Bailey, or of her heirs, hereafter, the said land shall revert to the United States.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

May enter a tract of land without payment.

Proviso.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXX.—*An Act for the relief of Jonathan Amory, junior, and of the Representatives of Thomas C. Amory, deceased.*

Amount paid by them in consequence of condemnation of the ship Edward to be refunded.

Appropriation.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury shall cause to be repaid to Jonathan Amory, and to the representatives of Thomas C. Amory, the amount of money received from them by the United States in consequence of the condemnation of the ship Edward.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That, to carry this act into effect, a sum not exceeding six thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXXI.—*An Act for the relief of John Work.*

\$259.49 to be paid him, in full for provisions, &c.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be paid to John Work, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and fifty-nine dollars and forty-nine cents, in full for provisions and forage furnished for several corps of Kentucky militia, and others who volunteered their services and marched for the protection of the Pigeon Roost, and other frontier settlements of Indiana, in September, eighteen hundred and twelve.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXXII.—*An Act for the relief of Benjamin Birdsall and William S. Foster.*

Accounts to be settled.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the department of war be, and they are hereby, authorized to audit and settle the several accounts of Benjamin Birdsall and William S. Foster, of the army of the United States, in such manner, and upon such terms, as may be reasonable and just.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXXV.—*An Act to incorporate the Columbian Institute, for the promotion of Arts and Sciences.*

Edward Cutbush and others constituted a body politic.

Be it enacted, &c., That Edward Cutbush, Andrew Hunter, Thomas Law, Joseph Anderson, Robert Brent, Overton Carr, Nathaniel Cutting, Elias B. Caldwell, John Law, Roger C. Weightman, William Thornton, Josiah Meigs, James H. Blake, Samuel H. Smith, and others, composing the association in the District of Columbia, denominated the Columbian Institute for the promotion of Arts and Sciences, and their successors, duly elected, in the manner hereinafter mentioned, be, and they are hereby, constituted and declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and title of the Columbian Institute for the promotion of Arts and Sciences.

Goods, chattels, &c. confirmed to the corporation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all and singular the goods, chattels, and effects, heretofore given, granted, or devised, to the said Columbian Institute for the promotion of Arts and Sciences, or to any person or persons for the use thereof, or that may have been purchased for, or on account of, the same, be, and the said goods, chattels, and effects, are hereby, vested in and confirmed to the said corporation hereby created; and the said corporation are hereby authorized and empowered to take and receive any sum or sums of money, or any goods, chattels, or effects, of any kind or nature whatsoever, which shall or may hereafter be given, granted, or bequeathed, unto the said corporation, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable of making such gift or bequest: *Provided always,* That such money,

May receive donations.

Proviso.

goods, chattels, or effects, be laid out or disposed of, for the use and benefit of the said corporation, according to the intention of the donors.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation, hereby created, shall have full power and authority to fill all vacancies which may happen in their number; to make, ordain, establish, and execute, such by-laws and ordinances as may be deemed useful to the institution, and the same to alter, amend, and abrogate, at pleasure; to make, have, and use, a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew, at will; to appoint such officers as may be required for the management of the concerns of said corporation, and to assign them their duties; and, generally, to provide for the transaction of all business appertaining to the said corporation: *Provided*, That no by-law, rule, or ordinance, of the said corporation, shall be made repugnant to the laws of the District of Columbia.

Power of the corporation.

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SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation may procure, by purchase or otherwise, a suitable building for the sittings of the said institution, and for the preservation and safe-keeping of a library and museum; and, also, a tract or parcel of land, for a botanic garden, not exceeding five acres: *Provided*, That the amount of real and personal property to be held by the said corporation shall not exceed one hundred thousand dollars.

Corporation may procure a building, &c.

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SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be an annual meeting of the members of the said corporation, at such time and place as the proper officers of the said corporation may appoint, of which due notice shall be given, in one or more of the newspapers published in the District of Columbia; at which time and place the members present shall elect or choose, by ballot, the officers of the institution, to serve for one year ensuing their election, and until others shall be elected and consent to serve in their places.

Annual meeting.

Election of officers.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation shall not be engaged in any banking or commercial operations; and the continuance of this charter shall be limited to twenty years from and after the passage of this act, unless sooner revoked by Congress.

Not to engage in banking.

Charter limited to 20 years.

APPROVED, April 20, 1818.

STATUTE I.

April 20, 1818.

CHAP. CXXX.—*An Act for the relief of Cornelia Mason.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized to place on the half-pay pension list, for five years, at the rate of four dollars per month, Cornelia Mason, the widow of Alexander Mason, who volunteered his services as a militia man, with a detachment of militia commanded by Brigadier-General Perkins, on the northern frontier, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twelve, and who was killed in a battle with a party of Indians, in the month of September in the said year, to be to the use of her and her six children, the legitimate offspring of her, the said Cornelia Mason, and her said deceased husband, Alexander Mason, under the rules and regulations prescribed in, and provided for by, an act entitled "An act making further provision for military services during the late war, and for other purposes," approved April sixteenth, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

To be placed on the half-pay pension list.

Act of April 16, 1816, ch. 55.

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