

# PRIVATE ACTS OF THE SECOND CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the first session, which was begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, on Monday, the twenty-fourth day of October, 1791, and ended on the eighth day of May, 1792.*

GEORGE WASHINGTON, President; JOHN ADAMS, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; RICHARD HENRY LEE, President of the Senate pro tempore, from the 21st day of April; JONATHAN TRUMBULL, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE I

Dec. 16, 1791.

David Cook allowed a pension.

Thos. Campbell allowed a pension.

CHAP. II. — *An Act for the relief of David Cook and Thomas Campbell.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That David Cook, a captain of artillery in the late war, and who, being shot through the body at the battle of Monmouth, is rendered incapable to obtain his livelihood by labor, shall be placed on the pension list of the United States, and shall be entitled to one-third of his monthly pay, as a captain of artillery: *Provided,* That he return into the treasury-office, a sum equivalent to two-thirds of his commutation of half pay, being the proportion of his pension to the amount of his commutation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Thomas Campbell be placed on the pension list, and that the half pay of a captain of infantry be allowed to the said Thomas Campbell, who has been so injured by repeated wounds in the service of his country, that he is unable to support himself by labor: *Provided,* That he return into the treasury-office, a sum equivalent to the whole of his commutation of half pay.

APPROVED, December 16, 1791.

### STATUTE I.

March 27, 1792.

Comptroller to adjust the claims of certain widows and orphans for seven years' half-pay, &c.

Timothy Mix and Abel Turney placed on pension list.

CHAP. XIII. — *An Act for the relief of certain Widows, Orphans, Invalids, and other persons.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Comptroller of the Treasury adjust the claims of the widows and orphans respectively, as the case may be, of the late Colonel Owen Roberts, Captain William White, Lieutenant Colonel Bernard Elliott, Major Samuel Wise, Major Benjamin Huger, Lieutenant John Bush, and Major Charles Motte, deceased, all of whom were killed or died in the service of the United States, for the seven years half pay stipulated by the resolve of Congress of the twenty-fourth day of August, one thousand seven hundred and eighty; and that the Register of the Treasury do issue his certificates accordingly.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the department of war be, and he hereby is required to place on the invalid list, Timothy Mix, disabled in the late war, by the loss of his right hand, while in the service of the United States, at the rate of five dollars per month, to commence on the fourth day of February, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-three. That the said Secretary place on the invalid

list, Abel Turney, mariner, disabled while in the service of the United States, at the rate of one dollar per month, to commence on the first day of January, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the arrears of the said pensions be paid as the laws direct in similar cases.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the comptroller of the treasury be, and he hereby is required to adjust the accounts of Joseph Pannil, a lieutenant-colonel in the service of the United States, as a deranged officer, upon the principles of the act of the late Congress, of the third of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty, and to allow him the usual commutation of the half pay for life of a lieutenant-colonel, and that the register of the treasury be, and he hereby is required to grant a certificate for the amount of the balance due to him. That the comptroller adjust the account of the late brigadier-general De Haas, admitting to the credit of the said account, such sums as by evidence shall appear to have been advanced for the public service, and which have been charged by the United States to the officers who have received the same for the public service, and that the said register do grant a certificate for the balance due on such settlement. That the said comptroller adjust the account of Thomas M'Intire, a captain in the service of the United States, during the late war, and allow him the usual commutation of the half pay for life of a captain, and that the said register grant a certificate for the amount thereof accordingly.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the comptroller of the treasury be, and he hereby is required to adjust the account of Francis Suzor Debevere, a surgeon's mate in the service of the United States during the late war, and who remained in captivity to the end thereof, and that the register of the treasury be, and he hereby is required to grant a certificate for the amount which shall be found due for the services of the said Francis Suzor Debevere. That the said comptroller adjust the account of Robert King, as a lieutenant, deranged, upon the principles of the act of the late Congress, passed the twenty-fourth day of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-eight, and that the said register grant a certificate accordingly. That the comptroller adjust the account of Lemuel Sherman, as a sailing-master of a galley on Lake Champlain, and as such taken prisoner; and that the said register grant a certificate accordingly.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That there be granted to Nicholas Ferdinand Westfall, who left the British service and joined the army of the United States, during the late war, one hundred acres of unappropriated land in the western territory of the United States, free of all charges, and also the sum of three hundred and thirty-six dollars, out of any money appropriated to the contingent charges of government.

APPROVED, March 27, 1792.

Act of March 23, 1792, ch. 11.

Comptroller to adjust the account—  
Of Joseph Pannil.

Of the late Brig. Gen. De Haas.

Of Thomas M'Intire.

Register to issue certificates.

Comptroller to adjust the account of—  
Francis Suzor Debevere.

Robert King.

Lemuel Sherman.  
Register to grant certificates.

Grant to N. F. Westfall.

STATUTE I.

April 12, 1792.

CHAP. XIX. — *An Act for ascertaining the bounds of a tract of land purchased by John Cleves Symmes.*(a)

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the president of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized, at the request of John Cleves Symmes, or his agent or agents, to alter the contract, made between the late board of treasury and the said John Cleves Symmes, for the sale of a tract of land of one million of acres, in such manner that the said tract may extend from the mouth of the Great Miami to the mouth of the Little Miami, and be bounded by the river Ohio on the south, by the Great Miami on the west, by the Little Miami on the east, and by a parallel

President authorized to alter the contract with John C. Symmes, &c.

(a) For the act authorizing the grant or conveyance of certain lands to John Cleves Symmes, see vol. 1, Public Acts, page 266.

Not to interfere with Indian boundary, &c.

Reservation of certain lands.

of latitude on the north, extending from the Great Miami to the Little Miami, so as to comprehend the proposed quantity of one million of acres: *Provided*, That the northern limits of the said tract shall not interfere with the boundary line established by the treaty of Fort Harmar, between the United States and the Indian nations; *And provided, also*, that the President reserve to the United States such lands, at and near Fort Washington, as he may think necessary for the accommodation of a garrison at that fort.

APPROVED, April 12, 1792.

STATUTE I.

April 13, 1792.

Compensation to public grammar school and academy at Wilmington.

CHAP. XXI.—*An Act to compensate the corporation of trustees of the public grammar school and academy of Wilmington, in the state of Delaware, for the occupation of, and damages done to, the said school, during the late war.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That, as an indemnification to the corporation of trustees of the public grammar school and academy of Wilmington, in the state of Delaware, for the use and occupation of the said school, and the damages done to the same by the troops of the United States, during the late war, there be granted to the said corporation of trustees a reasonable compensation, payable out of any unappropriated money in the treasury of the United States, which compensation shall be ascertained by the accounting officers of the treasury.

APPROVED, April 13, 1792.

STATUTE I.

April 21, 1792.

Certain tract of land contracted for in 1787. Act of May 5, 1792, ch. 30. Act of March 2, 1793, ch. 34.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act authorizing the grant and conveyance of certain lands to the Ohio Company of Associates.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That a certain contract expressed in an indenture executed on the twenty-seventh day of October, in the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, between the then board of treasury for the United States of America, of the one part, and Manasseh Cutler, and Winthrop Sergeant, as agents for the directors of the Ohio Company of Associates, of the other part, so far as the same respects the following described tract of land; that is to say: "Beginning at a station where the western boundary line of the seventh range of townships, laid out by the authority of the United States in Congress assembled, intersects the River Ohio; thence extending along that river south-westerly to a place where the western boundary line of the fifteenth range of townships, when laid out agreeably to the land ordinance passed the twentieth day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-five, would touch the said river; thence running northerly on the said western bounds of the said fifteenth range of townships, till a line drawn due east to the western boundary line of the said seventh range of townships, will comprehend, with the other lines of this tract, seven hundred and fifty thousand acres of land, besides the several lots and parcels of land in the said contract reserved or appropriated to particular purposes; thence running east to the western boundary line of the said seventh range of townships, and thence along the said line to the place of beginning," be and the same is hereby confirmed: And that the President of the United States be, and he hereby is, authorized and empowered to issue letters patent in the name and under the seal of the United States, thereby granting and conveying to Rufus Putnam, Manasseh Cutler, Robert Oliver, and Griffin Green, and to their heirs and assigns, in fee simple, the said described tract of land, with the reservations in the said indenture expressed, in trust for the persons composing the said Ohio Company of Associates, according to their several rights and interests, and for their heirs and assigns, as tenants in common.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be, and he hereby is, further authorized and empowered, by letters patent as afore-

Confirmed, and President U. S. to grant letters patent in the name of Rufus Putnam, &c.

To grant one other tract to

said, to grant and convey to the said Rufus Putnam, Manasseh Cutler, Robert Oliver, and Griffin Green, and to their heirs and assigns, in trust, for the uses above expressed, one other tract of two hundred and fourteen thousand two hundred and eighty-five acres of land: *Provided*, That the said Rufus Putnam, Manasseh Cutler, Robert Oliver, and Griffin Green, or either of them, shall deliver to the Secretary of the Treasury, within six months, warrants which issued for army bounty-rights sufficient for that purpose, according to the provision of a resolve of Congress of the twenty-third day of July, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven.

Rufus Putnam, &c.

On what conditions.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President be, and he hereby is, further authorized and empowered, by letters patent as aforesaid, to grant and convey to the said Rufus Putnam, Manasseh Cutler, Robert Oliver, and Griffin Green, and to their heirs and assigns, in fee simple, in trust for the uses above expressed, a farther quantity of one hundred thousand acres of land: *Provided always, nevertheless*, That the said grant of one hundred thousand acres shall be made on the express condition of becoming void, for such part thereof as the said company shall not have, within five years from the passing of this act, conveyed in fee simple, as a bounty and free of expense, in tracts of one hundred acres, to each male person, not less than eighteen years of age, being an actual settler at the time of such conveyance.

To grant one other tract to Rufus Putnam, &c.

On an express condition.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the said quantities of two hundred and fourteen thousand, two hundred and eighty-five acres, and of one hundred thousand acres, shall be located within the limits of the tract of one million, five hundred thousand acres of land, described in the indenture aforesaid, and adjoining to the tract of land described in the first section of this act, and in such form as the President in the letters patent shall prescribe for that purpose.

Where to be located.

APPROVED, April 21, 1792.

STATUTE I.

April 27, 1792.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act to indemnify the Estate of the late Major General Nathaniel Green, for a certain bond entered into by him during the late war.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the United States shall and will indemnify the estate of the late General Green, for the sum of eight thousand six hundred and eighty-eight pounds six shillings sterling money, being the amount due on the first day of May, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, on a certain bond executed on Messieurs Newcomen and Collet, by the said General Green, as surety for John Banks and Company, and the interest thereon; excepting therefrom a certain conditional bond given in June, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-six, for about one thousand six hundred pounds sterling (be the same more or less), being part of the aforesaid sum of eight thousand six hundred and eighty-eight pounds six shillings, which was to be paid only in case the said General Green should recover from the said Banks, or Banks and Company, a sum sufficient for his indemnity; *Provided* it shall appear upon due investigation, by the officers of the Treasury, that the said General Green, in his life-time, or his executors, since his decease, have not been already indemnified, or compensated for the said sum of eight thousand six hundred and eighty-eight pounds six shillings, except as aforesaid: *And also provided*, That the said executors shall account for a sum being about two thousand pounds sterling (be the same more or less), recovered of John Ferrie, one of the partners of the said Banks and Company, by the said executors, to be in part of the indemnification aforesaid; and also shall make over to the Comptroller of the Treasury and his successors, for the United States, all mortgages, bonds, covenants, or other counter-securities whatsoever, now due, which were obtained by the said General Green, in his life-

Estate of the late Gen. Green indemnified for amount of a certain bond, on certain conditions.

Duty of the officers of the Treasury herein.

time, from the said Banks and Company, on account of his being surety for them as aforesaid, to be sued for in the name of the said executors for the use of the United States. And the officers of the Treasury are hereby authorized to liquidate and settle the sum due to the estate of the said General Green, to indemnify the same, as aforesaid, according to the true intent and meaning of this act, and to pay the same, out of the Treasury of the United States, to the said executors, to be accounted for by them, as part of the said estate.

APPROVED, April 27, 1792.

STATUTE I.

May 8, 1792.

CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act to compensate the services of the late Colonel George Gibson.*

Money to be paid to the heirs of the late Col. G. Gibson.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That there be allowed and paid to the executors or administrators of the late Colonel George Gibson, or to their attorney or attorneys legally appointed and authorized to receive the same for the use and benefit of his heirs, the sum of one thousand dollars for extraordinary services by him rendered to the United States during the year one thousand seven hundred and seventy-six.

APPROVED, May 8, 1792.

STATUTE I.

May 8, 1792.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act concerning the Claim of John Brown Cutting against the United States.*

Money to be paid to John B. Cutting.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That in consideration of certain expenditures on behalf of the United States, made by John Brown Cutting, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety, there be advanced and paid to the said John Brown Cutting, the sum of two thousand dollars, out of any public money not otherwise appropriated.

Sec. of State to report on his entire claim against the U.S.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of State be authorized to inquire into the entire claim of the said John Brown Cutting against the United States, and upon receipt of the proofs and exhibits in support thereof, to ascertain what sum shall thereupon appear to be due to or from him, in account with the United States, including the advance hereby directed, and to report the same to the next session of Congress.

APPROVED, May 8, 1792.