

# PRIVATE ACTS OF THE TWENTIETH CONGRESS

OF THE

## UNITED STATES,

*Passed at the second session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the first day of December, 1828, and ended on the third day of March, 1829.*

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, President; JOHN C. CALHOUN, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; SAMUEL SMITH, President of the Senate, pro tempore; ANDREW STEVENSON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE II.

CHAP. VI.—*An Act for the relief of John B. Lemaitre, junior.*

Jan. 6, 1829.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to allow to John B. Lemaitre, junior, of New York, the privilege of exporting with the benefit of drawback, fourteen trunks of Spanish playing cards, imported into the port of New York in the month of June, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, in the ship Edward Bonaffe, and the ship Lewis, from Havre, under and subject to the existing provisions of the laws of the United States in other cases.

APPROVED, January 6, 1829.

Drawback on playing cards allowed him.

### STATUTE II.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act releasing the lien of the United States upon a part of the land of Benjamin Owens, in Anne Arundel county, state of Maryland, to the trustees of Mount Zion meeting-house, in said county and state.*

Feb. 5, 1829.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That any lien which the United States may have upon so much of a tract of land, owned by Benjamin Owens, of Anne Arundel county, in the state of Maryland, as is contained in a deed of conveyance from said Owens to the trustees of Mount Zion meeting-house, in the said county and state, shall be, and the same hereby is, released to the said trustees, and their successors in office, in perpetuity, for the benefit of the religious society owning said meeting-house.

APPROVED, February 5, 1829.

Release by U. S. of lien on property of Mount Zion congregation.

### STATUTE II.

CHAP. XVII. — *An Act for the relief of Daniel Goodwin, executor of Benjamin Goodwin, deceased.*

Feb. 5, 1829.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Daniel Goodwin, executor of Benjamin Goodwin, deceased, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred and thirty-seven pounds and ten shillings, equal to seven hundred and ninety-one dollars and sixty-six cents, being the amount of the award rendered in favor of the

Payment for the use of a wharf.

said Benjamin Goodwin, in the year seventeen hundred and eighty-one, for the use and occupation of his wharf for the building of a seventy-four gun ship.

APPROVED, February 5, 1829.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 24, 1829.

CHAP. XXI.—*An Act for the relief of Jacob Rentleman.*

Authorized to enter a half section of land in Illinois.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That Jacob Rentleman, of the state of Illinois, who entered by mistake, in the office of the Register of the Land Office for the district of Kaskaskia, the east half of section thirty-five, in township twelve, south of range three, west, and who obtained a patent therefor, be, and he is hereby, authorized to enter with the said register any other half section of land, within the said district, which is subject to private sale, upon his relinquishing to the United States the half section described as aforesaid.

APPROVED, February 24, 1829.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 24, 1829.

CHAP. XXII.—*An Act for the relief of Augustus Aspinwall.*

Drawback allowed on white sugar.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to allow the drawback on forty-one boxes of white sugar, laden at Boston, on board the brig Cherub, bound for Gibraltar, which boxes of sugar had been entered by Augustus Aspinwall, at the Custom-House in Boston, for debenture, on the nineteenth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

APPROVED, February 24, 1829.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 24, 1829.

CHAP. XXIII.—*An Act for the relief of Robert L. Kennon.*

A certain sum, overpaid by him, to be refunded.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to refund to Robert L. Kennon, the amount of money he has overpaid at the Land Office at Tuscaloosa, for a fractional section north of section eighteen, township twenty, range five, in the Tuscaloosa land district, in Alabama, it being the difference between one hundred and forty-six acres, and seventy-five acres and eighty-eight hundredths, at the rate of five dollars and five cents per acre.

APPROVED, February 24, 1829.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1829.

CHAP. XLIV.—*An Act for the relief of William Otis.*

Accounts as Collector to be settled.

Proviso.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to audit and settle, upon principles of justice and equity, the accounts and claims of William Otis, formerly Collector of the Customs for the district of Barnstable, in the state of Massachusetts; and to satisfy and discharge such amount of principal and interest as may be found due to said Otis, a sum sufficient is hereby appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That, before any sum shall be paid to the said William Otis, under the authority of this act, agreeably to the decision of the accounting officers of the treasury, such decision shall receive the sanction and approval of the President of the United States.

APPROVED, March 2, 1829.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1829.

CHAP. XLV.—*An Act for the relief of George Wilson, of Pennsylvania.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the sum of eight thousand nine hundred and sixty-three dollars and eighty-seven and one half cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to George Wilson, of Pennsylvania, paya-

ble out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being an indemnification for his claim for seventy-one thousand one hundred and eleven acres of land, held as citizens' rights, in the pretended purchases of land from the state of Georgia, by the Georgia and Tennessee companies: *Provided*, That the said George Wilson shall previously take and subscribe the oath required by the third section of the act passed on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, providing for the indemnification of claimants of public lands in the Mississippi Territory, which affidavit, and the transfer of the said George Wilson of all his claim, to the United States, according to the provisions of the said act, 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, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen: *Provided*, That before any payment shall be made, under the provisions of this act, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney-General, or any two of them, shall certify that this case comes within the class of cases intended to be embraced by the acts of Congress of thirty-first March, 1814, and twenty-third February, [January,] 1815, and that it ought in justice to be paid.

APPROVED, March 2, 1829.

Indemnified for his claim to certain land in Georgia.

Proviso.

1814, ch. 39.

1815, ch. 24.  
Proviso.

Act of March 31, 1814, ch. 39.  
Act of Jan. 23, 1815, ch. 24.

CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act for the relief of John Smith T. and Wilson P. Hunt.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they hereby are, authorized and instructed to audit and settle the accounts of Alpha Kingsley, late a paymaster in the army of the United States, on principles of equity and justice; and to extend the benefit of such settlement, if any, to the judgment obtained against the securities of said Kingsley, in the state of Missouri, so far as the same may operate, or lessen, or discharge the said judgment, but not to the payment of any balance from the United States.

APPROVED, March 2, 1829.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1829.

Accounts of A. Kingsley to be audited and settled.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act for the relief of the heirs of John Gwyn.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, directed to issue to the heirs of John Gwyn, deceased, late a soldier of the revolutionary army, a land warrant for one hundred acres of land; which warrant, when issued, shall be located on any unlocated land, in the manner, and within the time, provided by law for other military warrants for services in the revolutionary army; and a patent shall be granted thereon as in other cases.

APPROVED, March 2, 1829.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1829.

Land warrant to be issued to them.

CHAP. XLVIII.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas Griffin.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That Thomas Griffin be, and he is hereby, released from the payment of a debt due to the United States by Thomas Archer, heretofore Collector of the Customs of the district of Yorktown, in the state of Virginia; and that the Attorney of the United States for the Eastern District of Virginia be, and he is hereby, authorized, and required to execute, in the name and behalf of the United States, and to cause to be affixed in the Registry of the District Court of the United States, for the said district, a release of the judgment obtained in behalf of the United States in the said court, on the sixteenth of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, against the said Thomas Griffin, administrator of Lawrence Gibbons, and of the forthcoming

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Released from debt due U. S. by T. Archer, Collector, &c.

bond, executed by the said Thomas Griffin, on the levy of the writ of fieri facias founded on the said judgment, and of the costs accruing thereon.

APPROVED, March 2, 1829.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1829.

CHAP. XLIX. — *An Act for the benefit of the trustees of the Valley Creek Academy, in the state of Alabama.*

Trustees authorized to enter certain land, &c.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Trustees of the Valley Creek Academy, in the state of Alabama, be, and they are hereby, authorized to enter with the Register of the Cahawba land district, in said state, the north-west quarter of section number twenty-six, in township number eighteen, range number ten; and upon paying to the receiver of public moneys for the said district, at the rate of one dollar and twenty-five cents an acre, the said trustees shall be entitled to receive a patent for the said quarter section, vesting the title to the same in them and their successors for ever.

APPROVED, March 2, 1829.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1829.

CHAP. LVI.—*An Act to incorporate the Washington, Alexandria, and George Town Steam Packet Company.*

Members of the limited partnership made a body corporate, &c.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That from and after the passing of this act, all those persons who have already associated and formed, or may hereafter join, a company or limited partnership, under the name and title of the Washington, Alexandria, and Baltimore Steam Packet Company, and their successors, shall be, and they are hereby, incorporated, and made a body corporate, and politic, by the name and style of the Washington, Alexandria, and George Town Steam Packet Company; and, as such, shall continue until the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine; and by that name may sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in courts of records, and any other place whatsoever; and by that name may have and hold, purchase, receive, possess, enjoy, and retain, lands, rents, tenements, hereditaments, goods, chattels, and effects, of what nature, kind or quality, soever, necessary for the objects of this incorporation; and the same may sell, grant, demise, alien, and dispose of; and by that name shall have, during the continuance of this act, succession; and may make, have, and use a common seal, and the same may break, alter, and renew, at pleasure; and shall have power to ordain, establish, and put in execution, such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, as shall seem necessary and convenient for the government of the said corporation, not being contrary to law, nor the Constitution thereof; and, generally, to do and to execute all acts, necessary or proper for the objects of said incorporation, subject to the rules, regulations, restrictions, limitations, and provisions, herein described and declared.

Privileges.

Capital.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the capital stock of the said Company shall consist of not exceeding seventy-five thousand dollars, money of the United States, to be divided into shares of one hundred dollars each.

President and directors.

Quorum.

Absence of the President.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the affairs of the said Company shall be conducted by four Directors and a President, whose place, if chosen from among their number, shall be supplied by that body. Two of the Directors, with the President, shall form a board or quorum, for transacting all the business of the Company. In case of the sickness of the President, or his necessary absence, his place may be supplied by any Director, whom he, by writing, under his hand, may nominate for that purpose; or, in case of his not making such nomination, the Board may appoint a President to act during his sickness or absence. The President and Directors, who may be in office at the

time of the passage of this act, shall continue in office under and by virtue of this act of incorporation, until others shall be duly chosen in their stead. No person shall be a Director or President, who is not a stockholder; and a Director ceasing to be a stockholder, shall cease to be a Director. Every stockholder shall be entitled to vote by himself, his agent, or proxy, appointed under his hand and seal, at all elections, in virtue of this act; and shall have as many votes as he shall have shares.

Qualification  
of Directors  
and President.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That a general meeting of stockholders of the said Company shall be holden on the first Monday of January next, after the passing of this act, and on the first Monday of January in every year thereafter, at such place within the District of Columbia as the President and Directors shall appoint, by giving two weeks notice in one or more of the newspapers of the District, for the purpose of electing Directors for the ensuing year; who shall meet speedily after their election, and choose a President; and the President and Directors, for the time being, shall continue in office until others shall be duly elected in their places, and be organized, by the assembling of a quorum, and the choice of a President. At all elections, the persons having the greatest number of votes shall be deemed to be chosen: all elections shall be held under the superintendence of the President of the Company, for the time being, and four Stockholders, not being, at the time, Directors, appointed by the Board of Directors, any three of whom shall be the judges thereof; and who shall immediately thereafter notify the persons elected, and make a return thereof to the Directors, at their first meeting; should two or more persons have the same number of votes, the other individuals elected Directors shall determine, by ballot, from among said persons, who shall be the Director or Directors. All elections shall be opened at ten o'clock in the forenoon, and close at three in the afternoon.

Meetings.

Election of  
Directors.  
Of President.

Rules of elec-  
tions.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the President and Directors shall have full power to make, revise, alter, and annul, all such rules, orders, by-laws, and regulations, for the government of the said Corporation, and that of its officers, servants, and affairs, as they shall, from time to time, think expedient; and to use, employ, and dispose of the funds and property of the said Company, for the interest and benefit of the stockholders, and agreeably to the objects of the said incorporation.

Powers of the  
President and  
Directors.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That the books, correspondence, and papers, of the Company, shall, at all times, be subject to the inspection of the Directors.

Transactions  
of comp'y open  
to Directors.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the President and Directors shall have power to appoint all officers or servants requisite for executing the business of the said Company, and to establish the compensation to be made to the President and to the other officers or servants of the said Company, respectively; but no compensation shall be given to a Director, for his services, except by a vote of the stockholders, in a general meeting.

Appointment  
and compensa-  
tion of officers,  
&c.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the President and Directors shall have power to call a general meeting of the stockholders, for the purposes concerning the interests of the Company, giving at least two weeks notice in one or more newspapers of the District.

Power to call  
general meet-  
ing.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That the shares of the capital stock, at any time owned by any individual stockholder, shall be transferable only on the books of the Company, according to such rules as may, conformably to law, be established in that behalf, by the President and Directors; but all debts actually due to the Company by a stockholder, requesting a transfer, must be satisfied before such transfer shall be made.

Transfer of  
shares.

Dividends to be declared half-yearly.

Not to exceed nett profits.

Consequences of declaring a greater dividend.

Vacancies.

Failure of election.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That the dividends of the profits of the Company, or so much of said profits as shall be deemed expedient and proper, shall be declared half yearly, in the second week in January and July, in each year; the amount of said dividend to be, from time to time, determined by the President and Directors, and in no case to exceed the amount of the nett profits actually acquired by the Company, so that the capital stock of said Company shall never be impaired by dividends.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That, if the said Directors shall, at any time wilfully and knowingly, make or declare any dividend which shall impair the said capital stock, all the Directors present at the making or declaring of said dividend, and consenting thereto, shall be liable, in their individual capacities, to the Company, for the amount or proportion of said capital stock, so divided by the said Directors; and each Director who shall be present at the making or declaring of such dividend, shall be deemed to have consented thereto, unless he shall immediately enter, in writing, his dissent, on the minutes of the proceedings of the Board.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That if any vacancy shall, at any time, happen among the Directors, by death, resignation, or otherwise, the rest of the Directors, for the time being, shall elect a Director to fill the vacancy.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That in case it should, at any time, happen that an election of Directors should not be made on any day when pursuant to this act it ought to have been made, the said Corporation shall not, for that cause, be deemed to be dissolved; but it shall be lawful, on any other day, to hold and make an election of Directors at a meeting to be called in such manner as shall be prescribed by the laws and ordinances of said Corporation.

APPROVED, March 3, 1829.

#### STATUTE II.

March 3, 1829.

Payment for work done.

#### CHAP. LVIII.—*An Act for the relief of Charles A. Burnett.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Charles A. Burnett, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of fifty-nine dollars sixty-one and a half cents, the balance due him for work done, and articles furnished, for the President's House, during the administration of James Monroe.

APPROVED, March 3, 1829.

#### STATUTE II.

March 3, 1829.

Claim for a house burnt to be adjusted and settled.

Act of March 3, 1825, ch. 66.

Act of April 9, 1816, ch. 40.

#### CHAP. LIX. — *An Act for the relief of the legal representatives of John Guest, deceased.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Third Auditor of the Treasury Department is hereby authorized to settle and adjust the claim of the legal representatives of John Guest, deceased, for a frame house and brick office, burnt, in the town of Havre de Grace, in the state of Maryland, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, by the British, upon the principles of the act of the third March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, the same as if application had been made to the Commissioner, under the act of Congress of the ninth April, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen. The sum found due, if any thing, by the Third Auditor, under this act, and the acts referred to, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1829.

#### STATUTE II.

March 3, 1829.

#### CHAP. LX. — *An Act for the relief of Samuel Chesnut.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Samuel Ches-

nut, the sum of eighty-five dollars, the value of a horse lost by him while in the military service of the United States, during the late war, by reason of his being dismounted, by order of Governor Shelby, at Portage river, while on an expedition to Canada.

Payment to him for a horse lost in the late war.

APPROVED, March 3, 1829.

CHAP. LXI.—*An Act for the relief of the representatives of James A. Harper, deceased.*

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1829.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury pay, to the legal representatives of James A. Harper, deceased, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred fifty-two dollars and ninety-three cents, for money expended by the said Harper, in the recruiting service of the United States during the late war, and which is now due to said representatives, as it appears by a statement from the treasury department.

Payment for money expended in recruiting service.

APPROVED, March 3, 1829.

CHAP. LXII.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas Hunt.*

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1829.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the proper accounting officers pay unto Thomas Hunt, or his legal representatives, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five hundred and five dollars and sixty-seven cents, in full for his pay and subsistence, as an adjutant, with the pay and rank of a lieutenant, from the twenty-first of July, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, to thirtieth April, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen.

Payment to him as adjutant U. S. army.

APPROVED, March 3, 1829.

CHAP. LXIII.—*An Act for the relief of William R. Maddox.*

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1829.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the proper accounting officers pay unto William R. Maddox, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three hundred and four dollars and fifty-three cents, being in full for the balance of the price of sixty-seven thousand eight hundred and eighty-three bricks, delivered at the Capitol for the use of the United States, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty.

Payment for bricks.

APPROVED, March 3, 1829.

CHAP. LXIV.—*An Act for the relief of Joshua Foltz.*

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1829.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, required to settle and adjust the account of Joshua Foltz, and to allow him for ten months' services, as a wagoner in the revolutionary war; to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Claim as wagoner in the revolutionary war to be settled.

APPROVED, March 3, 1829.