

# PRIVATE ACTS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST 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 sixth day of December, 1830, and ended on the second day of March, 1831.*

ANDREW JACKSON, President; JOHN C. CALHOUN, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; ANDREW STEVENSON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

### STATUTE II.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act for the benefit of schools in Lawrence county, Mississippi.*

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,* That one section of the public lands subject to private entry and sale in the state of Mississippi, be located for the use and benefit of schools in Lawrence county, in said state, in lieu of the sixteenth section sold and patented to Will Whitehead.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That any person appointed by order of the Probate Court, in and for the county of Lawrence, be, and he is hereby, authorized to locate the quantity of land named in this act, for the purposes above named.

APPROVED, January 13, 1831.

Jan. 13, 1831.

Section of land to be located.

Authority to locate.

CHAP. V.—*An Act for the relief of Aaron Fitzgerald.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War be directed to place Aaron Fitzgerald on the pension list during life, at twelve dollars per month, instead of the pension which he now receives.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there be paid to the said Aaron Fitzgerald the sum of three hundred and sixty-one dollars and sixty-six cents, being the difference between six dollars per month actually allowed him as a pension, and eight dollars per month which ought to have been allowed him from the twenty-first of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, to the eleventh of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty; and that the said sum be paid to him out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 13, 1831.

STATUTE II.

Jan. 13, 1831.

To be placed on pension list.

Payment to him, difference of pensions.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas Fitzgerald.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, directed to cause to be paid to Thomas Fitzgerald, an invalid pensioner of the United States, the sum of two hundred and eighty-four dollars and twenty-two cents, being arrearages of pension to which he is enti-

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Payment of arrears of pension.

tled on account of a total disability received while in the service of the United States, and which has heretofore been withheld in consequence of a mistake in first placing his name on the pension roll.

APPROVED, January 19, 1831.

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Jan. 27, 1831.

CHAP. XIII.—*An Act for the relief of the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased.*

Payment of prize money.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Navy pay to the legal representatives of Edward Moore, deceased, the sum of one hundred and twenty dollars and forty-two cents, reported on the books of the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury to the said Edward Moore, for his share of the prize money for the British vessels captured on Lake Erie, during the late war; to be paid out of any money not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 27, 1831.

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Feb. 3, 1831.

CHAP. XVIII.—*An Act for the relief of Matthias Roll and William Jackson.*

Duplicate of military bounty land warrant to be issued to M. Roll.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War cause to be issued to Matthias Roll, a private in the New Jersey line, in the revolutionary war, a duplicate of military bounty land warrant, number one thousand one hundred and sixty-four, for one hundred acres of land, which issued to Matthew, alias Matthias Roll, the twenty-third day of February, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, and which has been lost. And the said Matthias Roll shall have the said duplicate located and proceeded upon, in the same manner as if it were an original warrant; and the said original warrant is hereby declared null and void.

Also, to Wm. Jackson.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of War cause to be issued to William Jackson, a private in the Virginia line in the revolutionary war, a duplicate of military bounty land warrant, number one thousand and thirty-six, for one hundred acres of land, which issued to said William Jackson on the thirteenth day of April, eighteen hundred and twenty-two, and which has been lost; and that said William Jackson shall have all the rights under said duplicate that he could or might have under the original warrant; and the said original warrant is hereby declared null and void.

APPROVED, February 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.

Feb. 12, 1831.

CHAP. XXI.—*An Act authorizing the Secretary of State to issue a patent to John Powell.*

Letters patent to issue for his machine for separating the metal from gold ore, &c.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to issue letters patent, in the usual form, to John Powell, for his invention of a machine "for the purpose of separating the metal from gold ore, and the auriferous earth of alluvial deposits," upon his compliance with all the provisions of the existing laws, except so far as they require, on the part of aliens, a residence of two years in the United States.

APPROVED, February 12, 1831.

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Feb. 12, 1831.

CHAP. XXV.—*An Act for the relief of William Smith, administrator of John Taylor, deceased.*

Relinquishment of certain land to be cancelled.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Register of the Land Office at Cahaba be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cancel the relinquishment made by the said William Smith, as administrator of John Taylor, deceased, on the thirty-first day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, of the west half of the south-west quarter of

land, of section fifteen, in township ten, of range fourteen, in Butler county, in the state of Alabama, and which still remains unsold by the United States; and that he be authorized and directed to deliver over the certificate therefor to the said William; and the said William Smith is authorized and empowered to dispose of the same by assignment or otherwise, in as full and ample manner, to all intents and purposes, which he might or could have done before the relinquishment thereof; and that all the benefits and privileges given by this act to the said William Smith shall be given and extended to his assignee or assignees; and that the said William Smith, or his assignee or assignees, be allowed to hold the same, free from forfeiture for twelve months from the passage of this law: *Provided, nevertheless*, That the said William Smith, shall, before he be entitled to the benefit of this act, pay over to the receiver of public moneys at Cahaba, the sum of ninety-nine dollars and ninety-eight and a quarter cents, that being the full amount of money which had been paid thereon previous to the relinquishment, and which has been transferred and credited on other lands purchased by his intestate in his life-time.

APPROVED, February 12, 1831.

CHAP. XXIX.—*An Act for the relief of William Burris, of Mississippi.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That William Burris be allowed to relinquish to the United States the east half of the south-west quarter of section twenty-one, township three, range six, east, containing eighty acres entered by mistake, and to locate in lieu thereof, another half-quarter section of land on any of the public lands of the United States, in the state of Mississippi, which has been offered at public sale, and is now subject to entry at private sale.

APPROVED, February 19, 1831.

Proviso.

STATUTE II.  
Feb. 19, 1831.

1834, ch. 176.  
May relinquish a certain tract of land, and locate another.

CHAP. XXXIII.—*An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Navy to make compensation to the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston and Francis W. Armstrong for the maintenance of fifteen Africans illegally imported into the United States.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of the Navy be authorized to pay, out of the sum appropriated for the suppression of the slave trade, the claim of the heirs of Taliaferro Livingston, late Marshal of the United States for the district of Alabama, for the maintenance of fifteen Africans, illegally imported into the United States in the schooners Louisa and Marino, in one thousand eight hundred and eighteen: *Provided*, That satisfactory evidence of the reasonableness of the charges for said maintenance shall be furnished, and that the sums received by the said Livingston for the hire of said Africans, and for the labor performed for him, by them, if any, be accounted for and deducted.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the same allowance shall be made to Francis W. Armstrong, Marshal of the United States for the district of Alabama, for the time that the aforesaid fifteen Africans were kept by him, subject, in the settlement, to the same restrictions provided for in the first section of this act.

APPROVED, February 25, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
Feb. 25, 1831.

T. Livingston's claim for the maintenance of 15 Africans to be settled.

Proviso.

F. W. Armstrong's claim to be settled.

CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act to incorporate Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum, in the District of Columbia.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That William Matthews, Matthew Deagle, Peter S. Shreiber, Thomas Carberry and William Hickey, and their successors in office are hereby made, declared, and constituted a corporation and body politic, in law and in fact, to have continuance forever, under the name style and title of Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum.

STATUTE II.  
Feb. 25, 1831.

W. Matthews and others incorporated.

Property of  
corporation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That all and singular the lands, tenements, rents, legacies, annuities, rights, privileges, goods, and chattels, that may hereafter be given, granted, sold, devised, or bequeathed to Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum, be and they are hereby, vested in, and confirmed to, the said corporation; and that they may purchase, take, receive, and enjoy any lands, tenements, rents, annuities, rights, or privileges, or any goods, chattels, or other effects, of what kind or nature soever, which shall, or may hereafter be given, granted, sold, bequeathed, or devised unto them, or either of them, as Trustees of the said Asylum, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable of making such grant, and to dispose of the same: *Provided*, The clear annual income of property to be acquired by said corporation shall, at no time, exceed the sum of five thousand dollars.

Proviso.

Capacity to  
sue, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the said corporation, by the name and style aforesaid, be, and shall be hereafter, capable, in law and equity, to sue and be sued, to plead and be impleaded, within the District of Columbia and elsewhere, in as effectual a manner as other persons or corporations can sue or be sued; and that they shall adopt and use a common seal, and the same to use, alter, or exchange at pleasure; that they may appoint such officers as they shall deem necessary and proper, to assign them their duties, and regulate their compensation, and to remove any or all of them, and appoint others, as often as they shall think fit; and the said corporation shall make such by-laws as may be useful for the government and support, and for the general accomplishment of the objects of the said Asylum, as hereinafter mentioned, and not inconsistent with the laws of the United States, or the laws in force in the District of Columbia, for the time being, and the same to alter, amend, or abrogate at pleasure.

Appointment  
of officers.

Meeting of  
contributors.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That there shall be a meeting of the regular annual contributors to the support of Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum, in the month of June, in each year, the hour and day and manner of giving notice for which, to be regulated by the by-laws; at which meeting, by those who from the by-laws may be qualified to vote, nine female managers shall be elected, who shall appoint a first and second Directress, and may fill vacancies in their own Board until the next annual election; that their duties shall be regulated by the by-laws; and the present managers may continue in office until the election in June next.

Managers, &c.

Right to re-  
ceive children,  
&c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That, with the consent and approbation of the parent, guardian, or friends, who may have the care of any male or female child, or where a child may be destitute of any friend or protector, the same may be received into Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum, under such regulations as may be made by the by-laws, and there protected, instructed, and supported; and they shall not thereafter be withdrawn, or be at liberty themselves to withdraw from the Asylum, without the consent or dismissal of the corporation aforesaid, until, if a male, he shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, or, if a female, the age of eighteen years; but, up to the ages aforesaid respectively, they shall remain subject to the direction of the said corporation, unless they may, by the same, be exonerated from service previous to attaining those ages respectively; and the said corporation shall have the power to bind any child under their care, for the purpose of acquiring a knowledge of some useful trade, occupation or profession, under such conditions as may be determined by the by-laws, a copy of which conditions shall be delivered to, and they shall be binding on every person to whom any child may be so bound; that there may also be established, in connection with Saint Vincent's Orphan Asylum, schools for the daily attendance of children whose parents or guardians are or may be unable to pay for their instruction, or whose parents or

Power to bind  
out, &c.

Schools.

guardians may contribute toward the support of the Asylum, under such regulations as may be made in the by-laws.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That any vacancy, which, from death, resignation, or otherwise, may happen in the Board of Trustees, shall be filled according to the mode to be prescribed in the by-laws; they may hold such meetings as they shall think proper, and, to give form to their proceedings, may appoint such officers as they may deem necessary, and provide proper checks and responsibilities for the security of the property and funds of the corporation aforesaid; that that they shall keep a journal of their proceedings, upon which the by-laws shall be recorded; and that they shall make report, at the annual meeting to be held in June, of the affairs and condition of the institution for the preceding year.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That it may be lawful for Congress hereafter to alter, amend, modify, or repeal the foregoing act.

APPROVED, February 25, 1831.

Trustees.

Act may be altered, &c.

CHAP. XLIII.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas Porter, of Indiana.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to place the name of Thomas Porter on the list of invalid pensioners, and to pay him at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
March 2, 1831.

To be placed on invalid pension list.

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

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Postmaster-General be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to settle the claim of William Clower, for carrying the mail between Greenville and Fayette, Mississippi, upon principles of equity and justice.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
March 2, 1831.

Claim for carrying the mail to be settled.

CHAP. XLV.—*An Act for the relief of Simeon C. Whittier.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That there be paid to Simeon C. Whittier, of Hallowell, in the state of Maine, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the principal sum of three hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty-three cents, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per centum per annum from the twelfth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty; and, also, the further principal sum of one hundred dollars, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty; and, also, the further principal sum of two hundred and one dollars and two cents, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the thirty-first day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight; the said several sums having been illegally demanded and received by the United States of said Whittier, as one of the sureties of Daniel Evans, formerly a collector of the direct taxes and internal duties for the fourth collection district in Massachusetts.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
March 2, 1831.

Certain moneys illegally demanded of him as surety, &c., refunded.

CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act for the relief of Ebenezer Rollins.*

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to Ebenezer Rollins, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, twelve hundred and forty-eight dollars and fifty cents, being the amount of drawback on twenty-nine hogs-

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Payment of drawback on certain merchandise.

Proviso.

heads, four barrels, and fifty-two bags of coffee, which were exported in the ship Rebecca Coffin, for Gottenburg, although the said ship did not proceed to sea until after the expiration of twelve months from the time of the entry of the said merchandise: *Provided*, That the said merchandise was shipped on board said vessel, and cleared at the custom-house, before the expiration of twelve months from the time of its entry, and that all the other requirements of the law, to entitle it to debenture, have been complied with.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

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CHAP. XLVII. — *An Act for the relief of the legal representatives of Daniel McIntire, deceased.*

Payment of amount due D. McIntire.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of War be directed to pay to the legal representatives of Daniel McIntire, late an invalid pensioner, deceased, the sum due said pensioner at his death.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

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CHAP. XLVIII. — *An Act for the relief of Joseph E. Sprague.*

Payment for services as counsellor.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury pay to Joseph E. Sprague the sum of two hundred and forty-nine dollars, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, in full for services rendered by him, as counsellor and attorney in attending to, and taking, depositions, in cases in which the United States were interested.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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CHAP. XLIX. — *An Act for the relief of John Daly, late of Canada.*

Payment for services, &c. in Canada.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, directed to pay to John Daly, late of New Ark, in the province of Upper Canada, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of five thousand dollars, being for supplies furnished and services rendered to the army of the United States in Canada, and for losses of property sustained by him on the Niagara frontier during the late war.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1831.

CHAP. L. — *An Act for the relief of Nathaniel Cheever and others.*

Certain monies illegally demanded of them as sureties, &c., to be refunded.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That there be paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Nathaniel Cheever, Ariel Mann, Benjamin Dearborn, Thomas B. Coolidge, and Stephen Tuckerman, who were formerly inhabitants of the town of Hallowell, in the state of Maine, each and severally, the principal sum of three hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty-three cents, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the twelfth day of July, one thousand eight hundred and twenty; and, also, the further principal sum of one hundred dollars each, with interest thereon, at the rate of six per centum per annum, from the ninth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty; the said several sums having been illegally demanded and received by the United States of each of the several above-mentioned persons, as one of the sureties of Daniel Evans, formerly a collector of the direct taxes and internal duties for the fourth collection district in Massachusetts.

In case of death, may be paid to executors, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That, if said Cheever, Mann, Dearborn, Coolidge, and Tuckerman, or any of them have deceased, or shall de cease before the payment shall be made to each of them, respec-

tively, as above provided, then said sums of three hundred and fifty-six dollars and fifty-three cents, and one hundred dollars, with interest as aforesaid, shall be paid to the executors or administrators of each of the said persons so deceased.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

CHAP. LI.—*An Act for the relief of Peters and Pond.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, directed to pay to Peters and Pond, merchants of Boston, the sum of seventeen thousand eight hundred and twenty-two dollars and forty-five cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated; being the moiety paid into the treasury of the United States on the sale of their schooner Anna and her cargo, which had been seized and condemned for a violation of the revenue laws by the district court of the United States for the district of Georgia, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, deducting therefrom the duties accruing on said moiety.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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Moiety of proceeds of schr. Anna, &c., to be refunded.

CHAP. LII.—*An Act for the relief of Lucien Harper.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That there be paid, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to Lucien Harper, the sum of fifteen dollars and sixty-six cents, being the specie value of a certificate issued by Francis Hopkinson, treasurer of loans, numbered two thousand one hundred and sixty, with interest on the said specie value, at six per centum per annum, from the twenty-seventh day of November, one thousand seven hundred and seventy-nine; which certificate was issued in the name of Captain George Wolsey, and of which the said Lucien Harper is now owner: *Provided,* That the said Lucien Harper shall first execute and deliver to the first Comptroller of the Treasury, a bond in such sum and with such security as the said Comptroller shall direct and approve, to indemnify the United States from and against the lawful claim of any other person or persons, for, or on account of, the said certificate.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
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Payment of certificate of loan.

Proviso.

CHAP. LIII.—*An Act for the relief of James Sprague.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That James Sprague be, and he is hereby, authorized to locate three hundred and twenty acres of land, by legal subdivisions, on any public land in the state of Ohio now offered for sale, at the minimum price, in satisfaction of an equal quantity of land heretofore located by the said James Sprague on the east half of the eighth section of the fifth township, in the twenty-second range, under the act of Congress of the twenty-third of April, one thousand eight hundred and twelve, from which the said James has been evicted by an older title; and the President of the United States is hereby authorized to issue to the said James Sprague a patent for the land so located, on his producing the certificate of the register of the land office within whose district the location may be made.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
March 2, 1831.

Authorized to enter a tract of land.

CHAP. LIV.—*An Act to provide for the final settlement and adjustment of the various claims preferred by James Monroe, against the United States.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That, for public services, losses and sacrifices, the sum of thirty thousand dollars is hereby appropriated, to be paid to James Monroe immediately after the passing of this act, out of any

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Payment for public services, &c.

Proviso.

money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, which shall be in full of all demands of the said James Monroe for claims aforesaid: *Provided*, The accounting officer of the treasury department shall, upon an examination of his accounts, believe so much is due to him upon principles of equity and justice.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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CHAP. LXXI.—*An Act for the relief of Mrs. Clarissa B. Harrison.*

Certain credits to be allowed, &c.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be authorized and directed to allow the representatives of J. C. S. Harrison, late Receiver of Public Money at Vincennes, the following credits, to take date from the respective times the money was paid or the services rendered by said Receiver, viz: one thousand five hundred dollars for bringing up the books of Nathaniel Ewing, his predecessor; two thousand and fifteen dollars and four cents, paid out under a deed of trust from the Bank of Vincennes, with commissions on the same, amounting to thirty-five dollars and fifty-one cents; and the said accounting officers are hereby authorized to settle and adjust any other claims of the late Receiver, arising from the discharge of his official duty, upon the principles of justice and equity, and to credit the amount thereof.

Time for payment of balance.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That after the final adjustment of said accounts, the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to allow to the legal representatives and heirs of said Receiver the period of eighteen years to pay the amount which shall be found due from said Receiver, without interest, upon such terms and conditions as to the Secretary of the Treasury shall be deemed reasonable and equitable, by taking a lien on the estate of the said Receiver, or such other security as, in his opinion, will secure the debt.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1831.

CHAP. LXXII.—*An Act for the relief of Richard Smith and William Pearse, the second, of Bristol, in Rhode Island.*

Register for brig Hope to be issued.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That there shall be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the brig Hope, built in Holland, but now owned by Richard Smith and William Pearse, the second, citizens of the United States, and now lying at the port of Bristol, in Rhode Island, unseaworthy, whenever the said Smith and Pearse shall furnish the Secretary of the Treasury with satisfactory proof that the said brig has been repaired in the United States, and that the cost of repairing her, by her present owners, exceeds three-fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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CHAP. LXXIV.—*An Act to extend the patent of John Adamson for a further period of fourteen years.*

Patent right extended for fourteen years.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That there be, and hereby is, granted unto John Adamson, a citizen of the United States, his heirs, administrators, and assigns, for the term of fourteen years from the twelfth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty, the full and exclusive right and liberty of making, constructing, using, and vending to others to be used, his improvement, called a "Floating Dry Dock," a description of which is given in a schedule annexed to letters patent granted to the said John Adamson for the same on the thirteenth day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixteen.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.



CHAP. LXXVII.—*An Act for the relief of George Johnston.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That George Johnston be, and he hereby is, released from the effects of the judgment obtained against him by the United States, in the Circuit Court of the United States for the first judicial district, as one of the sureties of Benjamin F. Bourne, late a Purser in the Navy of the United States.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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Released from a judgment against him as surety.

CHAP. LXXVIII.—*An Act for the relief of J. N. Cardozo.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to make such deductions from the amount of the debt due by Jacob N. Cardozo to the United States, and such extension of the time for the payment thereof as may, in his opinion, be consistent with equity and justice.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
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Secretary of the Treasury authorized to make deductions from his debt, &c.

CHAP. LXXIX.—*An Act for the relief of Peter Cleer, of Maryland.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War be authorized and directed to place the name of Peter Cleer on the roll of revolutionary pensions, and to cause him to be paid at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the nineteenth day of December one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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A pension allowed him.

CHAP. LXXX.—*An Act for the relief of Jonathan Crocker.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, directed to restore the name of Jonathan Crocker to the roll of revolutionary pensioners, and to cause him to be paid at the rate of eight dollars per month, from and after the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
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Name to be restored to pension list.

CHAP. LXXXI.—*An Act to authorize the executor of Stephen Tippet to locate a tract of land in the state of Louisiana.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the legal representatives of Stephen Tippet be, and they are hereby, authorized to locate and enter a tract of land of fifteen arpens front, by the ordinary depth of forty arpens, within the counties of Attakapas and Opelousas, in the state of Louisiana, under a grant of Baron de Carondelet of the twenty-first of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, *Provided, however,* That the location authorized to be made under this act shall not be made so as to interfere with the claims of others.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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May enter a tract of land.

Proviso.

CHAP. LXXXII.—*An Act for the relief of Hugh Barnes.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, directed to cause to be paid to Hugh Barnes, an invalid pensioner of the United States, an arrearage of pension withheld from him, in consequence of a mistake made by the examining surgeon in September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, being in addition to what he has received, at the rate of ten dollars per month, from the fourth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one, to the

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twenty-second day of September, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-four, when his pension of twenty dollars per month was restored to him.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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CHAP. LXXXIII.—*An Act for the relief of Henry Becker.*

To be placed  
on pension list.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War be authorized and directed to place Henry Becker on the list of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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CHAP. LXXXIV.—*An Act confirming the claim of John B. Toulmin to a lot in the City of Mobile.*

Claim to a lot  
in Mobile con-  
firmed.  
Proviso.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That John B. Toulmin be, and he is hereby, confirmed in his claim to a lot in the city of Mobile, bounded west by Saint Joseph street, north by Saint Anthony street, and on the east by Royal street, originally granted to John Linder: *Provided, however,* That nothing in this act contained shall be so construed as to prevent adverse claimants from asserting their rights, in a court of justice.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

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CHAP. LXXXIX.—*An Act for the relief of Samuel Nowell.*

A pension  
granted.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War cause to be paid to Samuel Nowell, of New Hampshire, a pension of eight dollars per month during his natural life, commencing on the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1831.

CHAP. XC.—*An Act to incorporate a Fire Insurance Company in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia.*

Incorporation.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the subscribers to this company, their successors and assigns, shall be, and they are hereby, created a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the "Potomac Fire Insurance Company of Georgetown;" 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, and to make and use one common seal, and the same to alter and amend at their pleasure.

Commission-  
ers.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That subscriptions be opened in Georgetown, in the district aforesaid, under the direction of Francis Dodge, Raphael Semmes, Walter Smith, John Kurtz, William S. Nicholls, L. G. Davidson, John Marbury, Joel Cruttenden, O. M. Linthicum, James Dunlop, William G. Ridgeley, Samuel Humphreys, and William Hayman, as Commissioners, or a majority of them, for raising a capital stock of two hundred thousand dollars, divided into eight thousand shares of twenty-five dollars each.

Stock, how  
subscribed for,  
&c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Commissioners after giving ten days' previous notice of the time and place for receiving subscriptions of the said stock shall proceed to receive the same; and should the number of shares subscribed exceed the number of which the capital stock consists, then, and in such case, the said Commissioners are hereby authorized and directed so to apportion the shares subscribed among the several subscribers, by proportional reduction, as may reduce the whole to the aforesaid number of eight thousand shares.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That, the sum of one dollar on

each share shall be paid to the Commissioners at the time of subscribing, and a further sum of four dollars on each share of stock by instalments, after giving thirty days' previous notice to the stockholders, in one or more newspapers printed in the District of Columbia, not exceeding two dollars on each share; and that the remainder of the said twenty-five dollars shall be secured by notes payable on demand, signed and endorsed to the satisfaction of the President and Directors. The said notes shall be renewed whenever the directors may consider it proper; but the directors are hereby required to cause the same to be renewed at least once in every twelve months; and every stockholder neglecting or refusing to renew his note, or neglecting or refusing to pay any instalment, when required by the President and Directors so to do, shall forfeit all his interest in this company, and be held liable for his proportion of any loss which may have occurred previous to such neglect or refusal.

Payments on stock.

Forfeitures.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That, should any forfeiture be incurred by any member of this institution, the same may be annulled, remitted, and made void by a majority of the whole board of directors present at the meeting at which the motion for such remission shall be made: *Provided*, That no remittance of any forfeiture under this act shall take place without the payment of the principal of said instalment, and interest thereon, or the renewal of his note, as required by the directors, as also the payment of his proportion of such loss as may have occurred previous to such forfeiture.

Remission of forfeiture.

Proviso.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That, as soon as two thousand shares shall be subscribed for, the Commissioners hereby authorized to receive subscriptions shall call a meeting of the subscribers, after giving ten days' notice in one or more of the newspapers printed in the District of Columbia; and the subscribers who shall assemble in consequence of such notice, or appear by proxy, shall choose by ballot from among the stockholders, by a majority of votes, twelve directors, who shall continue in office until the first Monday in August, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one; on which Monday in August, 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.

Directors.

President.

SEC. 7. *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 twenty shares which he may hold over sixty shares.

Votes.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That, the affairs of this institution shall be conducted by the president and directors elected as aforesaid; that the president shall preside at all meetings of the directors, and, in case of absence, his place may be supplied by one of the directors, appointed by the board; that the president and directors shall have power and authority to make all kinds of insurances against loss or damage by fire, and insurances on inland transportation of goods, wares, merchandise, and country produce, not exceeding ten thousand dollars in any one policy, and to invest the funds of the institution in

Powers of president and directors.

stock, or dispose of the same in such manner as in their judgment may be most advantageous to the said institution; that they shall have full power and authority to appoint a secretary, and such other clerks and servants under them as shall be necessary for transacting the business of the said institution, and may allow them such salary as they shall judge reasonable; to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, as shall appear to them necessary for regulating and conducting the concerns of the said institution, not being contrary to, or inconsistent with, this act, or the laws and constitution of the United States; that the said president and directors shall conduct business in Georgetown, that they shall keep full, fair, and correct entries of their transactions, which shall be at all times open to the inspection of the stockholders; they shall also have power to hire or purchase a suitable building or buildings in Georgetown, for the purpose of transacting the affairs of the institution; that the president, or such other person as may be appointed in his place, and four directors, shall form a quorum for transacting business, and all questions which may come before them shall be decided by a plurality of votes.

## Policies.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That, all policies of insurance made by this corporation shall be signed by the President, attested by the Secretary, and sealed with the common seal thereof; and all losses on any such policy or policies shall be adjusted by the president and board of directors, and paid, agreeably to the terms of the policy, out of the funds of the company.

## Dividends.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That, dividends of the nett profits arising on the capital stock, or so much thereof as to them may appear advisable, after reserving one-third of the nett profits as a surplus fund, until it shall amount to the sum of twenty thousand dollars, shall be made at such periods as the president and directors may judge proper, not oftener than once in six months, and the same shall be paid to the stockholders or their legal representatives; but if a dividend shall at any time be declared of a greater amount than the nett profits of the said company at the time of making the same, each and every director that consented thereto, shall, and is hereby declared to be liable for, in his individual capacity, and bound to contribute to make good the deficiency in the capital stock occasioned by such improper dividend.

## Liability of stockholders.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That, no stockholder shall be answerable, in his person or individual property, for any contract or agreement of said company, or for any losses, deficiencies, or failures, of the capital stock of said institution, except in the case of a director declaring an improper dividend, as before provided for in the tenth section of this act; but the whole of the said capital stock, together with all property, rights, and credits, belonging thereunto, and nothing more, shall at any time be answerable for the demands against the said company.

## Legal nature of stock.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That, the stock of this institution is hereby declared personal and not real estate, and may be assigned and transferred on the books of the company, in person or by power of attorney only; 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 board of directors.

## Limitation.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall be and continue in force until the first day of December, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifty, and until the end of the next session of Congress which shall happen thereafter; 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.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

CHAP. XCIII.—*An Act for the relief of James Belger.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to place the name of James Belger on the list of invalid pensioners, and to pay him at the rate of four dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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To be placed  
on pension list.

CHAP. XCIV.—*An Act to rectify the mistake in the name of William Turney, an invalid pensioner.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the name "William Turney" in the fifth section of the act, approved the twentieth of May, eighteen hundred and thirty, entitled "An act for the relief of sundry revolutionary and other officers and soldiers, and for other purposes," be changed to *William Turney*, and that the said *William Turney* and no other, may have and enjoy all the relief and benefit granted by the said act to "*William Turney*."

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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1830, ch. 97.

Mistake in his  
name rectified.

CHAP. XCV.—*An Act for the relief of Daniel Jackson and Lucius M. Higgins of Newbern, in North Carolina.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That there shall be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the schooner Julia D. Ramsey, built in Quebec, but now owned by Daniel Jackson and Lucius M. Higgins, citizens of the United States, and lying at the port of Newbern, in North Carolina, whenever the said Jackson and Higgins shall furnish the Secretary of the Treasury with satisfactory proof that the said schooner has been repaired in the United States, and that the cost of repairing her, by her present owners, exceeds three-fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

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A register for  
schr. Julia D.  
Ramsey to be  
issued.

CHAP. XCVI.—*An Act for the relief of William Delzell, of Ohio.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to place the name of William Delzell, on the list of revolutionary pensioners, and to pay him at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
March 2, 1831.

To be placed  
on pension list.

CHAP. C.—*An Act for the relief of the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker and John Peter Walker, deceased, and of Joseph Walker, of the state of Mississippi.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the legal representatives of Peter Celestino Walker, deceased, be, and they are hereby, authorized to enter and locate on any of the public lands of the United States, in the state of Mississippi, which have been offered for sale at public sale, and are now subject to entry at private sale, the quantity of five hundred acres of land, by legal subdivisions, in lieu of the quantity of five hundred acres

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Representatives,  
&c. authorized to enter  
certain lands.

of land granted to the said Peter Celestino Walker, by the Spanish Government by warrant, and order of survey, which has been sold by the United States. And that the legal representatives of John Peter Walker, deceased, be, and they are hereby, authorized to enter and locate on any of the public lands of the United States in the state of Mississippi which have been offered for sale, and are now subject to entry at private sale, five hundred acres of land, in legal subdivisions, in lieu of the quantity of five hundred acres, granted to the said John Peter Walker, by the Spanish Government by warrant and order of survey, which has been sold by the United States.

Joseph Walker authorized to locate a tract of land.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That Joseph Walker be, and he hereby is, authorized to enter and locate on any of the public lands of the United States, in the state of Mississippi, which have been offered at public sale, and are now subject to entry at private sale, five hundred acres of land, by legal subdivisions, in lieu of five hundred acres granted to the said Joseph Walker by the Spanish Government, by warrant and order of survey, which has been sold by the United States.

APPROVED, March 2, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831.

CHAP. CI.—*An Act for the relief of William T. Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court of the United States.*

Payment for services in transcribing causes in Supreme Court, &c.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the sum of two thousand dollars be appropriated, to be paid by the Secretary of the Treasury, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, to compensate William T. Carroll, Clerk of the Supreme Court, for engrossing the minutes of the said Court from August term, eighteen hundred and twenty, to August term, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, for transcribing the causes decided in said court for thirty-one terms, entering under each cause, all motions, orders, continuances, judgments, decrees, and other proceedings; and, also, for arranging and labelling the documents of the said Court: all which services, not pertaining to the regular official duties of the said Carroll, were performed in obedience to an order of the Court, made at January term, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.

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CHAP. CII.—*An Act for the relief of Beverly Chew, the heirs of William Emerson, deceased, and the heirs of Edwin Lorraine, deceased.*

Preamble.

Whereas, the brig *Josepha Secunda* was condemned in the name of the United States, in the District Court of the United States for the Louisiana District, in the year one thousand eight hundred and eighteen, on the seizure and prosecution, and at the sole expense of Beverly Chew, Collector of the District of Mississippi, William Emerson, deceased, Surveyor, and Edwin Lorraine, deceased, Naval Officer of the port of New Orleans, for an infraction of the slave laws: And whereas the one-half of the proceeds of the said brig and her cargo are now deposited, subject to the order of the said Court, which half would have been payable to the said Beverly Chew, William Emerson, and Edwin Lorraine, but for an omission in the laws heretofore passed on that subject: Therefore,

Proceeds of a certain seizure to be paid.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the District Court of the United States for the Louisiana District, be authorized and directed to order the proceeds of the said seizure now deposited, subject to the order of the said court, to be paid over to the said Beverly Chew, and the legal representatives of the said William Emerson and Edwin Lorraine, respectively

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CHAP. CIV.—*An Act for the benefit of Percis Lovely, and for other purposes.*

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*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the tract of land not exceeding one half section, including the present residence of Mrs. Percis Lovely, in Pope county, in the Territory of Arkansas, shall be reserved by the President of the United States from public sale, during the life-time of said Percis, and that she shall have the entire use and privilege of, and possession of the said half section of land, for and during her life: *Provided,* That the said Percis Lovely, shall not commit, or permit any other person to commit, on said land, any voluntary waste.

Certain land secured to her.

Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury pay unto the said Percis Lovely, or her legal representative, out of any money in the treasury of the United States not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to that for which her improvements upon the land secured to her by the treaty at Hiawasee, in one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, for life, were valued, and which improvements and land were taken from her by the treaty at Washington, of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight, with the Cherokee Indians: *Provided,* That before the money shall be paid the said Percis Lovely, she shall produce to the treasury department satisfactory evidence that the said sum of money has not been heretofore paid her by the Government of the United States, through the Indian department: and, *Provided, also,* That the half section granted by this act, shall not interfere with, or include any lands lying within the limits of any reservation made by the last named treaty, made at Washington as aforesaid, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-eight.

Payment for certain improvements, &c.

Proviso.

Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That, for carrying into effect the treaty concluded with the Seneca tribe of Indians at Washington, the twenty-eighth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-one, the sum of eleven thousand and one hundred and seventy-five dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Seneca treaty.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. CV.—*An Act for the relief of William B. Matthews, trustee.*

March 3, 1831.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That there shall be paid to William B. Matthews, trustee for sundry securities of Lawrence Muse, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of one hundred and seventy-two dollars; being the amount which the said Matthews, as trustee for the securities of the said Muse, overpaid upon a judgment against one of them.

Amount overpaid to be refunded.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. CVI.—*An Act for the relief of John Nicks.*

March 3, 1831.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay John Nicks, of Arkansas, two thousand five hundred and sixty-two dollars and eight cents, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being the amount of a draft, drawn by Colonel David Bearley, Indian agent for the emigrating Creeks, upon the war department, and protested for non-payment.

Payment on account of protested draft.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

## STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CVII. — *An Act for the relief of Brevet Major Riley, and Lieutenants Brook and Seawright.*

Payment for  
horses lost.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the sum of two hundred and ten dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, be, and the same hereby is, appropriated, to be paid to Brevet Major Bennet Riley, Lieutenant F. J. Brook, and Lieutenant J. D. Seawright, of the army of the United States, under the orders of the Secretary of War, for the loss of three horses, captured from them in an action with the Camanche and other Indians, on the Sante Fé trace, in the summer of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine, while giving convoy to a caravan of traders from United States to the Mexican dominions, under the orders of the President of the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

## STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CVIII. — *An Act for the relief of Duval and Carnes.*

Payment for  
losses by an il-  
legal seizure of  
their property.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the sum of three thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-nine cents, be paid to Duval and Carnes, merchants in company, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full of all claims for losses and damages sustained by them in consequence of an unlawful seizure of their goods, in the Territory of Arkansas, by Colonel Arbuckle, on the fifth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-nine.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

## STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CIX. — *An Act for the relief of the legal representatives of General Moses Hazen, deceased.*

Payment of  
interest.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the legal representatives of the said Moses Hazen, the amount of interest due on the sum of thirteen thousand three hundred and eighty-six dollars and two-nineteenths of a dollar, a balance found to be due to the said Hazen, agreeably to a resolution of Congress of the twenty-fifth of April, anno domini, seventeen hundred and eighty-one.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

## STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CX. — *An Act for the relief of Benjamin S. Smoot, of Alabama.*

Payment for  
property de-  
stroyed.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Benjamin S. Smoot one thousand dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, being the value of a store-house owned by him, and destroyed by order of the officers of the United States, to prevent its being shelter to the British, in their attack upon Fort Bowyer, in one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

## STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CXI. — *An Act for the relief of John Nicholson.*

Allowance for  
maintenance of  
Africans, &c.

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the proper officers of the Treasury settle and pay to John Nicholson, Marshal of the eastern district of Louisiana, such sums as may reasonably be due, or may hereafter become due, to him, for the care, custody, maintenance and clothing of such Africans as may have been brought into the port of New Orleans, and legally



committed to his custody by order of the court of the United States for the said district, and that such payment be made out of any funds in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

CHAP. CXII.—*An Act for the relief of John Gough, and other Canadian refugees.*

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the President of the United States be authorized to issue to John Gough, of Indiana, a patent for the north-east quarter of section eleven, in township twelve, north, of range nine, west, in the Vincennes land district, upon the condition expressed therein, that neither said John, nor any person under him, shall claim any benefit under a patent erroneously issued for the south-east quarter of said section, and alleged to be lost.

Land patent to issue.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the existing laws for the correction of errors in the purchase of the public land, shall be equally applicable to erroneous locations of the warrants of the Canadian refugees.

Existing laws applicable to correction of errors, &c.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

CHAP. CXIII.—*An Act to extend the patent of Samuel Browning for a further period of fourteen years.*

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That there be, and hereby is, granted unto Samuel Browning, a citizen of the United States, his heirs, administrators and assigns, for the term of fourteen years from the twenty-fourth day of November, eighteen hundred and twenty-eight, the full and exclusive right and liberty of making, constructing, using, and vending to others to be used, his improvement called a "magnetic separating machine," a description of which is given in a schedule annexed to letters patent granted to the said Samuel Browning for the same, on the twenty-fifth day of November, eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Patent right extended for 14 years.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

CHAP. CXIV.—*An Act for the relief of John Culbertson, and to provide an interpreter for the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana.*

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the sum of three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three and one-third cents be paid by the Marshal of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana to John Culbertson, for his services rendered as interpreter to the United States' court for said district under the provisional appointment of the Judge, for each regular term of said court, from the December term of one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, inclusively, up to the time of the passage of this act.

Payment for services as interpreter.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Judge of the district court of the United States for the eastern district of Louisiana, be and is hereby, authorized to appoint an interpreter to said court, and to allow him a compensation not exceeding three hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three and one-third cents, for his services at each regular term of said court, to be holden subsequently to the passage of this act; and the Marshal is authorized to pay the same upon the order of the Judge: *Provided, always*, That it shall be the duty of the said interpreter, during his continuance in office, to attend all and every of the called or irregular sessions of the said court, without any additional compensation therefor: *Provided, also*, That the said interpreter shall not receive, under this act, more than one thousand dollars for each year.

An interpreter created.

Proviso.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CXVII.—*An Act for the relief of George B. Dameron and William Howze, of Mississippi.*

Allowance for extra services.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to make a reasonable allowance to the Register and Receiver of the land office at Jackson Court House, Mississippi, for extra services performed by them under the third section of the act of the third of March, eighteen hundred and twenty-seven.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CXVIII.—*An Act for the relief of James Thomas, late quartermaster General in the army of the United States.*

Account to be settled, and allowance made.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to adjust and settle the accounts and claims of Col. James Thomas, late Quartermaster General of the army of the United States, and allow him a credit for all vouchers which he shall satisfactorily prove to have been lost for the expenditure of money duly authorized and not heretofore placed to his credit, and that they allow him such compensation for all extra official duties performed and services rendered by him as he is entitled to if any, according to former regulations and precedents of the treasury department: *Provided, however*, That no allowance shall be made in the settlement aforesaid greater than the amount for which the said Thomas is now held liable to the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CXIX.—*An Act for the relief of Christopher Bechtler.*

Letters patent to issue for two machines for washing gold ores.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to issue letters patent, in the usual form, to Christopher Bechtler, for each of his two machines for the purpose of washing gold ores, upon his compliance with all the provisions of the several acts of Congress relative to the issuing of letters patent for inventions and improvements, except so far as the said acts require, on the part of aliens, a residence of two years in the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CXX.—*An Act for the relief of James Hogland.*

Authorized to surrender a certain tract of land, and enter another therefor, &c.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That James Hogland, of the state of Indiana, be, and he is hereby, authorized to surrender and cancel, at the land office at Indianapolis, in such form as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, his patent for the east half of the south-east quarter of section seventeen, in township fourteen, north, of range three, east, in the district of lands offered for sale at Indianapolis; and that he be permitted to enter, in lieu thereof, and without paying for the same, any other half quarter section in said district subject to entry at private sale.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1831. CHAP. CXXI.—*An Act granting a pension to Martin Miller.*

To be placed on pension list.

*Be it enacted, &c.*, That the Secretary of War be authorized and directed to place the name of Martin Miller on the list of revolutionary pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January one thousand eight hundred and twenty-eight.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

CHAP. CXXII.—*An Act for the relief of Joseph S. Cannon.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to place the name of Joseph S. Cannon on the Navy Pension List, at the rate of ten dollars per month, payable from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

STATUTE II.  
March 3, 1831.

To be placed  
on pension list.

CHAP. CXXIII.—*An Act for the relief of Antoine Dequindre, and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to release and discharge Antoine Dequindre, and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased, from the payment of three several bonds given to the collector of Detroit, on the twenty-sixth day of February, one thousand eight hundred and seventeen, for the payment of duties on a quantity of goods transported through Canada, from Buffalo to Detroit, amounting together, to the sum of five hundred and seventy-nine dollars and forty-nine cents: *Provided,* That, if any costs have arisen, by the commencement of suits on either of the said bonds, the same shall be first paid and satisfied by the said Antoine Dequindre, and the legal representatives of Louis Dequindre, deceased.

APPROVED, March 3, 1831.

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Released from  
the payment of  
certain bonds.

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CHAP. CXXIV.—*An Act for the relief of Samuel Coburn, of the state of Mississippi.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That the Surveyor-General of the public lands south of the state of Tennessee, be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be surveyed by the proper officer a certain tract of land, claimed by Samuel Coburn, lying on the waters of Chubby's Fork of the Bayou Pierre, Claiborne county, Mississippi, originally claimed by William Thomas, by virtue of a Spanish warrant or order of survey, granted to said Thomas on the twenty-first of March, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-five; and that a correct return and plat of the same be made to his office, stating how much of said claim has been sold or confirmed by the United States, to Abraham Barnes or any other person.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the said Samuel Coburn is authorized to locate, on any of the public lands within the state of Mississippi, so many acres of the claim above referred to as may be ascertained by said survey and plat to be sold or confirmed to Abraham Barnes or any other person; and that the remainder of the original Spanish grant to Thomas be, and the same is hereby, confirmed to Samuel Coburn: *Provided,* That such confirmation shall only operate as a relinquishment of all right and title on the part of the United States to said land.

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Survey of land  
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Location of  
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CHAP. CXXV.—*An Act for the relief of Woodson Wren, of Mississippi.*

*Be it enacted, &c.,* That Woodson Wren, of the state of Mississippi, be, and he is hereby, confirmed to a tract of land containing eight hundred arpens, situated on the east side of the bay of Biloxi, in the county of Jackson, and state of Mississippi, between Bellfontaine and the old French fort, claimed by virtue of a purchase from Littleberry Robert-

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Claim to land  
confirmed.

son, and reported for confirmation by the Register and Receiver of the land office at Jackson Court-house, Mississippi, dated July the twelfth, one thousand eight hundred and twenty-three.

Patent to be issued.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office, upon being presented with plats and certificates of survey of the said tract of land, legally executed by a proper officer, shall issue a patent for the same; which patent shall operate only as a relinquishment, on the part of the United States, of all right and title to said land.

In case said tract shall have been sold, &c., allowed to enter another tract.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, if it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of the General Land Office that the claim herein above alluded to, or any part thereof, shall have been sold, patented, or confirmed, to any person, previous to the passage of this act, then and in that case, the said Woodson Wren shall be allowed to enter the same number of acres of the claim thus sold, patented, or confirmed, to any other person, or any of the unappropriated lands in the state of Mississippi that may be subject to private entry, conforming, in such entry, to the divisions and subdivisions established by law.

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