

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE TWENTY-FOURTH 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 fifth day of December, 1836, and ended on the third day of March, 1837.

ANDREW JACKSON, President; MARTIN VAN BUREN, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; WILLIAM R. KING, President of the Senate, pro tempore, January 28, 1837; JAMES K. POLK, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE II.

Jan. 31, 1837.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act for the relief of Robert P. Letcher and Thomas P. Moore.*

Allowance for
pay and travel-
ling expenses.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Robert P. Letcher, the sum of one thousand five hundred and forty-four dollars, and to Thomas P. Moore, the like sum of one thousand five hundred and forty-four dollars, the same being at the rate of eight dollars per day from the second day of December, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, to the twelfth of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, both inclusive, being the period occupied by the House of Representatives of the United States of the twenty-third Congress, in deciding the contest for a seat in the said House, as the Representative for the fifth Congressional district of the state of Kentucky, which seat was claimed by each of said parties; and that the allowance for travelling, as fixed by law for a member of Congress, be, and the same is hereby, granted and allowed to the said Robert P. Letcher, and to the said Thomas P. Moore, for coming to, and returning from, the seat of Government to their residences, respectively, upon the most usual and accustomed route of travel; the amount of which allowance shall be ascertained by the accounting officers, and paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, January 31, 1837.

STATUTE II.

Jan. 31, 1837.

CHAP. VIII.—*An Act for the relief of Norman Holt.*

Entitled to a
tract of land on
surrendering,
&c.

Be it enacted, &c., That Norman Holt, of Owen county, in the state of Indiana, shall be entitled to enter one quarter-quarter section of land, on any of the unsold lands in the Vincennes land district in said state, subject to entry at private sale, on his first surrendering to the United States, at the said office, the south-west quarter of the south-east quarter of section number twenty-five, in township twelve north, and range five west; and that the money paid by said Holt for the entry of said tract, shall be applied to the payment of such other tract or quarter-quarter section, as the said Holt may enter in said district.

APPROVED, January 31, 1837.

CHAP. X.—*An Act for the relief of Andrew Knox.*

STATUTE II.

Feb. 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That Andrew Knox, of Washington county, in the state of Mississippi, be, and he is hereby, authorized and permitted to purchase, upon the payment of the minimum price to the receiver of the proper land district, section sixteen, in township fourteen, range nine west, in the Choctaw district, in said state, the purchase of which section heretofore was prevented by the illegal numbering of the sections in said township.

May purchase a section of land in Choctaw district.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury to cause to be selected and reserved for the use of schools within the said township, numbered fourteen, in lieu of the aforesaid section, a section[of]land in equal extent in said Choctaw land district.

A section to be reserved for public schools.

APPROVED, February 3, 1837.

CHAP. XI.—*An Act for the relief of John E. Wool.*

STATUTE II.

Feb. 9, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That so much of the thirteenth section of the act of June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An act to provide for the organization of the Department of Indian Affairs," as prescribes "that all merchandise required by any Indian treaty for the Indians payable after making of such treaty, shall be purchased under the direction of the Secretary of War, upon proposals to be received to be based on notices previously to be given," be dispensed with so far as it may affect the purchases made by Brigadier General J. E. Wool under the eighteenth article of the treaty with the Cherokee Indians of December twenty-ninth, eighteen hundred and thirty-five, prior to the second day of November, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and that the sums expended by him previous to that date be passed to his credit in the settlement of his accounts, and the drafts drawn by him on the Department of War on account thereof, be paid without reference to the said provisions of the said act.

Part of act of June 30, 1834, ch. 162, dispensed with, so far as regards him, &c.

APPROVED, February 9, 1837.

CHAP. XXIV. — *An Act to incorporate the Howard Institution of the city of Washington.*

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That William W. Seaton, Archibald Henderson, Mathew St. Clair Clarke, William A. Bradley, John Coyle, George Gilliss, N. B. Van Zandt, Richmond Johnson, John Nourse, Michael Nourse, B. F. Rittenhouse, Lewis H. Machen, Rezin Orme, Peter W. Gallaudet, Jacob Gideon, George Stettinius, William C. Orme, John P. Ingle, William Brent, John G. Whitwell, John Shackford, C. T. Coote, Thomas Blagden, Griffith Coombe, William Speiden, William Doughty, Marmaduke Dove, and G. D. Hanson, and all other persons who have contributed to the fund of the Howard Institution of the city of Washington, each in a subscription of an annual sum of at least one dollar, and all who may hereafter contribute to the said funds in a like annual subscription of a sum not less than one dollar, shall be, and are hereby, made, constituted, and declared, to be a corporation and body politic in law and in fact, to have continuance forever under the name, style, and title, of the Howard Institution of the city of Washington.

Certain persons incorporated as the Howard Institution.

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 the said Howard Institution, be, and they are hereby, vested in and confirmed to the said corporation; and that they may purchase, take,

May hold property.

- 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 the said institution, or unto any trustee for the use of the said institution, by any person or persons, bodies politic or corporate, capable of making such grant, and to dispose of the same for the benefit of said corporation: *Provided*, The amount of property held by said institution shall, at no time, exceed the amount of twenty thousand dollars.
- Proviso.** 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 manner as other persons or corporations can sue or be sued.
- Capable to sue and be sued, &c.** SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That such persons as shall be officers of the said Howard Institution at the time of the passing of this act, shall be continued to be such until the first Tuesday in October next, on which day such of the persons hereby incorporated as shall then, or within a year preceding that day, contribute one dollar to the support of the said institution, and be or become a subscriber of one dollar or more per annum towards the same, and shall assemble at the house now belonging to the said institution at such hour as shall be directed by the board, shall proceed to elect a president, a first and second vice-president, a treasurer and secretary, and twenty-four managers, four from each ward of the city of Washington, for the term of one year, who shall constitute the board of managers of the said Howard Institution of the city of Washington; and in like manner, on the first Tuesday of October in each year thereafter, the like officers shall be elected for the same term of one year, at such hour and place as shall have been previously designated by the board of managers, of which time and place at least two days' notice shall be given by publication in some newspaper printed in the city of Washington; and if, from any cause, an election shall not be held on the day of the month herein appointed, then an election may be held on any other day, of which the like notice shall be given, and those persons in office shall so continue until their successors shall be elected; and at all such elections, every contributor of not less than one dollar, in the manner as aforementioned, shall be entitled to one vote; but those who contribute, by a yearly subscription, a larger sum, shall be entitled to a greater number of votes, to be regulated by the by-laws of the board; and any vacancies which may occur in the board by resignation, death, removal, or otherwise, shall be supplied by the board of managers in such manner as the by-laws of the board may direct.
- The present officers continued.** SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That the object of the said Howard Institution of the city of Washington, shall be to afford relief to the indigent females of the city of Washington, by providing work for those who may desire it, and by procuring for them fuel and other necessities of life on the most reasonable terms, and to adopt such other means as may be found expedient for bettering the condition of the poor of the said city.
- Election of officers.** SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That all the business of said corporation hereby created shall be transacted by the board of managers, except the election of the said board, as hereinbefore provided for; the number of the board to form a quorum to transact the business of the said corporation, to be regulated by the by-laws of said institution. At all meetings thereof the President, if present, shall preside; and if he be absent, then one of the vice-presidents, if either of them be present, and if neither of these shall be present at any meeting of the board, then
- Vacancies.**
- Object of the corporation.**
- All business to be transacted by the board of managers.**

the members present shall appoint one of their number as president pro tempore.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the board of managers shall have power to adopt and use a common seal, as the seal of this corporation, and to alter and exchange the same at their pleasure. They shall have power to adopt all by-laws which they may think necessary for the management of the concerns of the institution, and which shall not be inconsistent with the laws of the United States, or the laws in the District of Columbia for the time being. They shall appoint such officers, agents, and servants, as may be necessary to carry on the business of the institution, and regulate the compensation to be paid to them for their services; and they may dismiss any of them at their pleasure, and appoint others in their stead, as often as they shall think fit. They shall keep a journal of their proceedings, in which shall be recorded every by-law which may be adopted. They shall adopt such checks and regulations as may appear necessary for the security of the funds and property of the institution; and shall annually make a report of the affairs and condition of the institution for the preceding year.

Powers of the board of managers.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for Congress, at any time hereafter, to alter, amend, modify, or repeal this act.

Act may be altered, &c.

APPROVED, March 2, 1837.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. XXVI. — *An Act to organize the several Fire Companies in the District of Columbia.*

March 2, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That, from and after the passage of this act, the fire companies of Washington, Georgetown, and Alexandria, in the district of Columbia, and those which may hereafter be formed in either of the said cities, shall, when so formed, severally have power to frame their own constitution, and adopt by-laws for their own regulation, and to elect their own officers, who, and the members of the several companies, shall be exempt from the performance of military duty in time of peace, so long as they shall continue active members thereof; and the certificate of the several presidents of the said companies, attested by the secretary, shall be sufficient evidence of membership: *Provided*, That no company now formed, or hereafter to be formed, as aforesaid, shall have the benefit of this act, until it shall first obtain a fire apparatus of the value of at least five hundred dollars: *And, provided*, A company possessing an apparatus of the value of five hundred dollars, shall not exempt more than seventy-five; and a company possessing an apparatus of the value of one thousand dollars and upwards, shall not exempt more than one hundred.

Powers, &c. of certain fire companies.

Proviso.

Proviso.

Examination of fire apparatus, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the corporate authorities in each of the said cities shall, annually, appoint an inspector, whose duty it shall be to examine the condition of the fire apparatus belonging to each fire company at least once in every month, and to report its state to a fire department, to be composed of the presidents of the respective fire companies in each of the said cities, who are hereby constituted a fire department for that purpose, which shall sit monthly, at the town-house in the city to which they belong. And if the said inspector shall report that the fire apparatus of any one of the said fire companies is so defective or out of repair as to be of less value than five hundred dollars, or unfit for service, and the company or companies whose apparatus shall be thus reported to be so depreciated in value or out of repair, shall permit the same to continue so for one calendar month, the said company or companies shall thereupon forfeit all the rights, privileges, and immunities, granted by this act; and it shall be the duty of the said inspector to communicate this fact to the adjutant of the regiment of the city in which such company or companies may belong.

Obedience
may be enforced
by fine, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the said fire companies shall have power to enforce obedience to its constitution and by-laws by fine and forfeiture; and to collect all such fines by warrant, to be issued by a justice of the peace in the city where such company belong, in the name of the said company; and the certificate of the president of such company, that the person so fined has been fined for disobedience to the constitution or by-laws (as the case may be) of fire company in ——— city, attested by the secretary of the said company, shall be sufficient evidence for the magistrate to issue his warrant, and, after having the party before him, to enter up judgment, and issue execution thereon: *Provided*, Proof of such fine shall be made by the record thereof produced before the justice, and proved by the secretary; and, if either of the said companies shall expel any member thereof, he, the said member so expelled, shall thereupon forfeit all the rights, privileges, and immunities, granted by this act; and it shall be the duty of the secretary of the company from which the said member shall be so expelled, immediately to inform the captain of the militia company within whose limits the said member shall reside, that he has been so expelled; and the said expelled member shall thereupon be enrolled in the said militia company, and compelled to perform military duty, if otherwise liable to do military duty.

Proviso.

Money col-
lected.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That all and every sum and sums of money collected under the authority of this act, shall be paid over by the officer or other person collecting the same, to the treasurer of the company, in the name of which the warrant shall have been issued, or money collected; and upon such officer or other person failing so to pay over the same, the said treasurer may recover the same by warrant or suit, in his own name, for the use of the said fire company, in the same manner as private debts are now recovered by law. And each and every of the said fire companies now existing, or which may hereafter be formed, as aforesaid, shall, each for itself, provide a fund for the relief of such member or members of such company, who shall or may receive any corporeal hurt or injury, or contract any disease at, or in consequence of, any fire, and be unable to provide medical aid, or whose family or families may be dependent upon his or their daily labor for support, and for the relief of the family or families of any member or members of such fire company, who shall or may be killed at, or die in consequence of, any injury received, or disease contracted at, or in consequence of, any fire, and whose family or families may have been dependent upon his or their daily labor for support; and the treasurer of the said company shall, after having paid all the expenses which the said company shall have lawfully incurred, pay over to the said fund the residue of all fines collected under the authority of this act.

Shall provide
funds for the
relief of certain
members.

This act not to
interfere with
the right of the
corporate au-
thorities, &c.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to interfere with the right of the corporate authorities of the several cities aforesaid "to provide for the prevention and extinguishment of fires;" and it is hereby declared to be the true intent and meaning of the several acts of incorporation of the several cities aforesaid, to give to the corporate authorities thereof full power and lawful authority to make all necessary provisions for the prevention and extinguishment of fires; for the preservation of order and protection of property at any fire; for the removal from any fire of suspicious persons, and those who are disobedient to the regulations of the said several corporations; for the punishment, by fine and imprisonment, of such person or persons as, being present at, refuse to assist, and obey the commands of the proper officer, in extinguishing any fire; for the removal of such property as may be necessary to be removed; to prevent and arrest the progress of any fires; and to aid, protect, and obtain obedience to the

officers in command of the several fire companies, and to protect the members thereof while in the discharge of their duty at any fire.

APPROVED, March 2, 1837.

CHAP. XXVII. — *An Act for the relief of Catharine Myott.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper officers be, and they are hereby, authorized to cause the east half of section fourteen, in township forty-four north, range one east, third principal meridian, in the state of Illinois, to be set apart and designated for Catharine Myott, as part of the reservation to which she is entitled under the provision of the treaty made at Prairie du Chien on the first day of August, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine.

APPROVED, March 2, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1837.

A half section of land to be set apart for her.

CHAP. XXVIII. — *An Act confirming the claim of the heirs of Michael Dragon to certain tracts of land therein mentioned.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the claims of Andria Demetry, or the heirs of Michael Dragon, deceased, to three several tracts of land situate on the bay of Saint Louis, in the state of Louisiana, the titles to which were derived from the Spanish government of that country, and containing together five thousand nine hundred and sixty-eight arpens, be, and the same hereby are, confirmed, in conformity with the report made by the Register and Receiver of the land district of St. Stephen's, acting as commissioners under the third section of the act approved the second March, eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, entitled "An act confirming the report of the Register and Receiver of the land office for the district of St. Stephen's, in the state of Alabama, and for other purposes," dated the sixteenth of February, eighteen hundred and thirty-four: *Provided*, This confirmation does not interfere with any title or right, if such exist, to any part of the said land, acquired by any individual or individuals under the laws of the United States.

APPROVED, March 2, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1837.

Land claim confirmed.

Act of March 2, 1829, ch. 40.

Proviso.

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act to amend an act approved the second of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, for the relief of Samuel Smith, Linn McGhee, and Semoice, Creek Indians; and, also, an act passed the second July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, for the relief of Susan Marlow.*

Be it enacted, &c., That so much of the acts for the relief of Samuel Smith, Linn McGhee, Semoice, and Susan Marlow, as restrict them to the entry of one entire section of land, be, and the same is hereby repealed; and the said Samuel Smith, Linn McGhee, Semoice, and Susan Marlow, are hereby authorized to enter, without payment, and by legal subdivisions, a quantity of land not exceeding six hundred and forty acres each, which is subject to entry at private sale.

APPROVED, March 2, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 2, 1837.

1836, ch. 333.
1836, ch. 334.

So much of acts as restricts them to one section, repealed.
Authorized to enter, &c.

CHAP. XLVII. — *An Act for the relief of Abigail Appleton.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the pension heretofore granted, by law, to Abigail Appleton, the widow of Daniel Appleton, pursuant to the provisions of the act entitled "An act in addition to an act giving pensions to the orphans and widows of persons slain in the public or private armed vessels of the United States," and the act to which the same is an addition, subject to the conditions and limitations therein contained, be, and the same is hereby, renewed and continued for an additional

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

Pension renewed and continued for five years.

Act of April 16, 1818, ch. 65.

term of five years, to commence from the third day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-four, subject to the conditions and limitations aforesaid.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

May surrender
land certificate,
and receive an-
other therefor.

CHAP. XLVIII. — *An Act for the relief of John Jeffers.*

Be it enacted, &c., That John Jeffers be, and he is hereby, authorized to surrender the certificate which heretofore issued from the land office at Huntsville, Alabama, to John Sharp, and which was assigned to said Jeffers by Dixon Stanbach, as administrator of Stephen Heard, for the north-west quarter of section twenty-eight, township six, range two, west of the basis meridian of said land district; and upon such surrender of said certificate, and filing his relinquishment in said land office, the said John Jeffers shall be entitled to a certificate from the Register and Receiver of said land office for the amount which has been paid on said lands, which shall be received in said office in payment for any lands subject to entry in that land district.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

To be placed
on pension roll.

CHAP. L. — *An Act granting a pension to William C. Beard, late a captain in the United States army.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of William C. Beard, late a captain in the United States army, on the invalid pension roll, at the rate of seventeen dollars per month, to commence on the first of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-five.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

To be placed
on pension roll.

CHAP. LIII. — *An Act for the relief of Findley Kellock.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War be directed to place Findley Kellock, of the state of Maine, on the roll of revolutionary pensioners, and to cause to be paid to the said Kellock, during his natural life, the sum of twenty-nine dollars per annum, the payment thereof to commence on the fourth day of March, anno Domini, eighteen hundred and thirty-one.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

To be replaced
on pension roll.

CHAP. LIV. — *An Act for the relief of Alexander Gibson.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War cause the name of Alexander Gibson, of Kentucky, to be restored to the roll of revolutionary pensioners, and that he be paid all arrears due him for his pension, since he was last paid, and that he be paid for and during his natural life a pension at the rate of eighty dollars per annum.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

Payment for
property de-
stroyed.

CHAP. LV. — *An Act for the relief of David Kilbourn.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby is, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, to David Kilbourn, of the county of Oswego, in the state of New York, the sum of two thousand five hundred dollars, for loss of property he sustained in consequence of services rendered by him to the United States on the northern frontier during the late war with Great Britain.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LVI.—*An Act for the relief of Ebenezer Breed.*

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to Ebenezer Breed, merchant, out of any money in the treasury, not otherwise appropriated, the amount of duties paid on twenty-one thousand nine hundred and seventy-seven gallons of wine, imported in the brig *Gazelle*, on the first day of August in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-nine, into the port of Boston and Charlestown, which wine was destroyed by fire while in the custody of the customs: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be furnished with satisfactory proof that said goods were so destroyed by fire, and were not insured.

Payment of duties on wine destroyed while in custody of the customs.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LVII.—*An Act to amend the charter of the Potomac Fire Insurance Company of Georgetown.*

Be it enacted, &c., That the name and style of the said company shall hereafter be the “Potomac Insurance Company of Georgetown;” and in addition to the powers, privileges, and immunities granted to the said company in and by their original act of incorporation, the said company shall have full power and authority to make insurance on vessels, merchandise, freights, and all other interests in or touching property at sea, or going to sea, and on all kinds of marine risks whatsoever; to make insurance on lives, to grant annuities, to receive endowments, to contract for reversionary payments, and to pass all such by-laws as may be necessary to carry these and their other powers into effect, not contrary to the laws of the United States, and from time to time to alter or repeal the same; and to make, execute, and perfect such and so many contracts, bargains, agreements, and other instruments, as shall or may be necessary, and as the nature of the case shall or may require.

Shall have power to make insurance on vessels, &c.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the said company, at such time and so often as a majority of the stockholders may agree and so order, to open books and take subscriptions of stock, until the original contemplated capital stock of said company shall be filled.

May open books and take subscriptions of stock, &c.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors of said company may, at their discretion, take security on real estate of at least double the value of the amount to be secured, in lieu of endorsed notes, for the unpaid part of capital stock; and it shall be lawful for the stockholders to pay up ten dollars per share on any and every share of stock held by him, her, or them, in cash, not oftener than once a year, commencing with the first of July, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, and be entitled to dividend thereon as on other cash stock: *Provided*, The said payments are made fully six months before the declaration of such dividend.

President and directors may take security on real estate, &c.

Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the foregoing enactments shall be in force and binding on the said company and others, as soon as a written acceptance thereof, adopted by a majority of the stockholders of said company, shall be authentically certified, and filed and recorded in the office of the clerk of the circuit court of the District of Columbia, for the county of Washington: *Provided*, That the change in the name of the said company, hereby authorized, shall not affect any proceedings instituted, or liabilities incurred, before the passage of this act, by or against the said Potomac Fire Insurance Company.

When to be in force, &c.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LVIII.—*An Act for the relief of Henry Lee.*

A credit to be
allowed to John
Ricaud.

Henry Lee
released from
a judgment as
surety of John
Ricaud.

Act when to
be in force.

Be it enacted, &c., That the accounting officers of the treasury department be, and they are hereby, directed and required to admit and pass to the credit of John Ricaud, the sum of two thousand dollars heretofore suspended from his credit, in the settlement of the said John Ricaud's account, as paymaster to the thirty-sixth regiment of United States infantry, commanded at a separate post, by Colonel William Carberry.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That Henry Lee be, and he is hereby, released and fully exonerated from the force and effect of a judgment obtained against him in the district court of the United States, at Richmond, Virginia, as surety of the aforesaid John Ricaud, late paymaster of the thirty-sixth regiment of United States infantry.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That this act shall commence and be in force from and after the passage thereof.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LIX.—*An Act for the relief of William Christy.*

Amount due
him to be as-
certained, &c.

Arrangement
to be made with
him for pay-
ment of judg-
ment.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Third Auditor of the Treasury ascertain the amount due to William Christy, as military storekeeper, one year, in the north-western army, under an appointment of General Harrison; and when so ascertained, that he report the same to the Solicitor of the Treasury, who is directed to cause the same to be credited on the principal of a judgment, recovered in favor of the United States against said Christy, in the district court of Louisiana, at the December term of said court in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-seven.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury be authorized to make an arrangement with the said William Christy, for the payment of the balance of the principal of said judgment and costs, at any time within five years, by instalments which being paid, according to the stipulations of the parties, the said Secretary is authorized to discharge said judgment.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LX.—*An Act for the relief of James Brown and John Brown, half breeds, of the Cherokee nation of Indians.*

Payment for
improvements
surrendered by
them.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay to James Brown the sum of six hundred and forty-seven dollars, and to John Brown the further sum of three hundred and thirty dollars; making, in the aggregate, the sum of nine hundred and seventy-seven dollars, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, as full compensation for the improvements surrendered by the said James Brown and John Brown, under the provisions of the treaty of eighteen hundred and nineteen, between the United States and said nation of Indians.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LXI.—*An Act for the relief of F. A. Parker.*

To be paid for
certain expenses
incurred.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Captain F. A. Parker, of the United States navy, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of two hundred dollars, for actual expenses incurred by him while commanding the Fairfield sloop of war, in the Mediterranean, during the year eighteen hundred

and twenty-eight, in carrying out Mr. Edward Weyer, bearer of despatches to the commander of the squadron in the Mediterranean sea, by order of the Secretary of the Navy of the United States.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LXII.—*An Act for the relief of Green Pryor and the heirs of Peter Pryor.*

March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the President of the United States cause to be issued to Green Pryor and the heirs of Peter Pryor, a patent for fractional section number two, of township fourteen, range five east, in the Washington land district, in the state of Mississippi, it being the same entered by Isham Arthur, on the sixteenth day of October, eighteen hundred and sixteen, and by him transferred to Green and Peter Pryor.

Land patent to be issued.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LXIII. — *An Act for the relief of the legal representatives of Isaac Williams, deceased.*

March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the legal representatives of Isaac Williams, deceased, of the county of Wilkinson, in the state of Mississippi, be, and they are hereby, authorized to re-enter, at any time within six months after the passage of this act, so much of fractional sections numbers thirty-nine and forty-one, in township number one, of range number one west, in the district of lands subject to sale at Washington, in said state, as remains unsold, and that the sums of money heretofore paid by Isaac Bush and Isaac Williams, or either of them, on said fractional sections, be passed to the credit of the said representatives, in part payment for the said fractional sections.

Authorized to re-enter certain land.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LXIV.—*An Act for the relief of Charles W. Pickering.*

March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officer of the treasury be authorized to adjust and settle the account of Charles W. Pickering, a midshipman in the navy of the United States, and to allow him the difference between the pay and emoluments of a lieutenant over that of a midshipman, for the period during which he performed the duties of a lieutenant on board the United States ship Falmouth, by order of her commander, Francis H. Gregory, in the Pacific Ocean, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-three; and the amount so found due to him shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Allowed difference between pay of a lieutenant and midshipman.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LXV. — *An Act for the relief of Jerah Fenner.*

March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Jerah Fenner, out of any money not otherwise appropriated, his pay as a soldier in the service of the United States, from the thirtieth of June eighteen hundred and fourteen, to the eighteenth of October, eighteen hundred and fourteen, inclusive.

Payment for services as a soldier.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

CHAP. LXVI.—*An Act for the relief of H. and D. Cotheal, of New York.*

March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the collector of the port of New York be, and he is hereby, authorized to permit H. and D. Cotheal of New York, to export, with the benefit of drawback, certain cases or packages of

Allowance of drawback on playing cards.

Spanish playing cards, imported by them into that port, upon their complying with the forms and regulations required by existing laws relating to the exportation of merchandise with the benefit of drawback.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LXVII. — *An Act for the relief of Peter Harmony, of New York.*

Allowance of drawback on playing cards.

Be it enacted, &c., That the collector of the port of New York be, and he is hereby, authorized to permit Peter Harmony, of New York, to export, with the benefit of drawback, certain cases or packages of Spanish playing cards, imported by him into that port, upon his complying with the forms and requisitions required by existing laws relating to the exportation of merchandise with the benefit of drawback.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LXVIII. — *An Act for the relief of James Keytes.*

Land patent to be issued, in lieu of a certain other patent.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury cause to be issued to James Keytes, assignee of William Ashly, who is assignee of Grant Weed, a patent for a quarter section of land, to be located on any of the public lands in the state of Missouri, subject to private entry; which is in lieu of a quarter section which was patented to said Grant Weed, by the United States, on the eleventh day of May, eighteen hundred and nineteen, described as being the north-east quarter of section eleven, in township number fifty-four north, of range twenty south, and which patent appears to have been altered by the Commissioner of the General Land Office on the third day of January, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, by inserting range twenty-one instead of range twenty, so as to make the patent correspond with the record in said office: *Provided, nevertheless,* That no such location shall be made, or patent issue, until the said Keytes shall file a relinquishment with the register of the land office at Franklin, in the state of Missouri, for the above named quarter section, in range twenty-one aforesaid.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

STATUTE II.

March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LXIX. — *An Act to incorporate the President and Directors of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown in the District of Columbia.*

Certain persons incorporated.

Be it enacted, &c., That French S. Evans and Edmund Hanly, of the Union; Charles L. Coltman and James H. Smoot, of the Franklin; John Purdy and John H. Goddard, of the Perseverance; Charles K. Gardner and John Lynch, of the Columbia; Marmaduke Dove and William Speiden, of the Navy Yard; George Shoemaker and John H. King, of the Western Star, and Nathaniel Marden and William J. Gozler, of the Vigilant, fire companies, and the subscribers to the stock of the association, and their successors, shall be, and they are hereby declared to be, a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of "The President and Directors of the Firemen's Insurance Company of Washington and Georgetown;" and by that name shall have perpetual succession, and be capable in law to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, answer and be answered, defend and be defended, in all courts of law or equity, or elsewhere; and to make and use one common seal, and the same to alter or renew at their pleasure, and generally to do and perform all things relative to the objects of this institution, which now is or shall be lawful for any individual or body politic or corporate to do.

Capital stock.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the capital stock of this company shall consist of a sum not exceeding two hundred thousand

dollars, divided into ten thousand shares, at twenty dollars each. Two dollars shall be paid on each share at the time of subscribing; four months after such subscription and payment, a further instalment of two dollars shall be paid on each share of stock; and notes payable on demand, with security to be approved of by the president and directors for the time being, shall be given for the remaining sixteen dollars. The said notes shall be renewed whenever the directors may consider it proper; and any stockholder neglecting or refusing to renew his note, or neglecting or refusing to pay an instalment when required by the directors, 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.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That, should any forfeiture occur, it may be remitted by a majority of the whole board of directors present at the meeting at which the motion for such remission shall be made, upon the payment, by the person incurring a forfeiture, of the principal of said instalment, and the interest thereon up to the time of such payment; as also of his proportion of such loss as may have occurred previous to such forfeiture.

Remission of forfeitures.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors shall not call on the stockholders for any part of the remaining sixteen dollars per share, secured to be paid as above mentioned, unless the exigencies of the company shall require it, and then only in such proportions as the said stockholders are severally interested, taking care, always, to give sixty days' notice thereof, in the papers in the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

Call for the remaining part of shares.

SEC. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That so soon as five thousand shares are subscribed for and paid, or secured to be paid, the company shall be competent to transact all kinds of business for which it is established.

Company may transact business, when.

SEC. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That each fire company in the city of Washington and Georgetown shall be entitled to subscribe by itself, for its own use, in its corporate capacity, or by means of trustees, for the use of said company; or the members of a company may, in their individual capacity, for the use of themselves or the company or companies to which they belong, subscribe for an amount of stock, not to exceed, in the whole, one thousand four hundred and twenty-eight shares for each company. Each company shall open books of subscription for the same, on the first Monday in May, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and shall deliver the said books and the money paid on the subscription, to the board of directors, so soon as they shall be appointed and prepared to receive the same.

Each fire company may subscribe, &c.

Each company to open books of subscription.

SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That if any fire company, together with its members, shall not subscribe for the number of one thousand four hundred and twenty-eight shares allotted to them, within the space of three years from the time the books may be opened for subscription, the residue of shares between the amount of their subscription and the said one thousand four hundred and twenty-eight shares, may be subscribed for and taken by the other fire companies, or the members thereof, in equal portions to each company, or in such manner as the directors may determine.

When a company shall not subscribe for its full number of shares, &c.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That no person, other than a member of a fire company, shall be entitled to purchase or hold any part of the capital or joint stock of this company; and the share or shares of a stockholder ceasing to be a member of a fire company, shall be purchased at their actual value, by the company to which the said stockholder belonged; or by the members thereof, for their own use, or for the benefit of the said company; or by the board of directors of this association, and may be disposed of by them for its benefit. Upon the

Members of fire companies only entitled to hold stock.

Shares of stockholders ceasing to be members, &c.

decease of a stockholder his share or shares shall become extinct, his stock notes shall be cancelled, and the actual value of such share or shares, at the time of his decease, together with all profits due thereon to him, shall be paid within six months after such extinction, to his heirs, executors, administrators, or assigns. And the directors shall have power to create and dispose of shares equal to the number so extinguished by the death of the said stockholder.

Transfers of stock.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That transfers of stock may be made by any stockholder to the company, or to a member or members of the fire company to which he or they may belong, or to any other fire company, or any member or members thereof; but no transfer shall be valid which is made to any other than a member or members of a fire company.

Members entitled to insurance at a discount, &c.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That every member of any of the companies belonging to the association, shall be entitled to effect insurances at a discount of eight per cent. less than other persons, upon producing to the satisfaction of the directors a certificate of his right of membership; and all the companies associated, or who may hereafter associate under this act, within the cities of Washington and Georgetown, shall be entitled to an equal participation in all the benefits and advantages of the institution, in proportion to the amount of stock held by such company.

President and directors.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That the affairs of this company shall be managed by a president and a board of directors, (to be elected as follows,) all of whom shall be stockholders; who, previous to entering on the duties of their respective offices, shall take the following oath or affirmation: "I, A B, do swear [or affirm, as the case may be] that I will faithfully, diligently, impartially, and honestly fulfil the duties of my office of _____ to the best of my knowledge and ability." Each fire company holding, together with the members thereof, one hundred shares of stock, and not more than five hundred, shall be entitled to elect one director. Any fire company holding, together with the members thereof, more than five hundred shares, shall be entitled to elect two directors. Any company, together with the members composing it, holding less than one hundred and seventy-five shares of stock, shall not be entitled to the election of a director; and should it so happen that the number of shares of stock possessed by any one company, together with the members composing it, shall become less than one hundred and seventy-five, then, and in that case, the said company shall not be entitled to the election of a director, until the amount of shares held thereby be increased to the said number of one hundred and seventy-five.

No director of any other fire insurance company eligible.

SEC. 12. *And be it further enacted*, That no director of any other fire insurance company shall be allowed to be a director of this; and should any director of this company be elected a director of any other fire insurance company, his acceptance of that appointment shall, ipso facto, disqualify him from continuing a director of this company, and the company from which such director shall have been delegated shall proceed to fill up the vacancy as is hereinafter provided.

Election of directors.

SEC. 13. *And be it further enacted*, That the respective companies composing this association, who may be entitled to the election of one or more directors, shall hold separate meetings for the first election of directors, within two weeks after the aforesaid amount of five thousand shares of stock shall be subscribed for; and on the first Monday in January in each and every year thereafter, and choose by ballot, from among their members, the number of directors to which they are entitled; and each stockholder shall have one vote for each share of stock not exceeding five shares; one vote for every five shares over five, and not exceeding fifty shares; one vote for every ten shares exceeding fifty

shares; but no person or body corporate shall have, in any instance, more than twenty votes. The directors so chosen shall serve until the first Monday in January, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, and until others shall be chosen, and no longer. At their first meeting after every election, they shall choose by ballot, a president, either from among their own body, or from amongst the other stockholders; and in case of the death or disqualification of the president, the directors shall fill up the vacancy by ballot. The said directors shall produce (before they enter on the duties herein assigned to them) a certificate signed by the president and secretary of the respective fire companies, of the appointment of such person as director. In case of a director being chosen president, the place of such director for the remainder of the year shall be filled up by the company from which such director was delegated, from among the stockholders of the fire company to which the director so elected belonged.

Choice of president, &c.

SEC. 14. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of the death, resignation, or disqualification of a director, the place of such director, for the remainder of the year, shall be filled up by the company from which such director was delegated, from the fire company by whom he was elected.

In case of death, &c. of a director.

SEC. 15. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors shall be, and they are hereby, authorized to make all kinds of insurance against fire, within the limits of the county of Washington, in the District of Columbia only, and generally to transact and perform all business relative to the objects aforesaid. And, also, to invest the capital and funds of the company, from time to time, in the public funds of the United States, or in any other stocks, and to dispose of the money and property of the company in such manner (not being contrary to law) as to them shall appear most advantageous to the company.

Insurance only to be made in Washington county, D. C.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors shall declare dividends of the profits of the corporation, or so much thereof as to them shall appear advisable; and in case of any loss or losses, whereby the capital stock of the company shall be lessened, no subsequent dividend shall be made until a sum equal to such diminution, and arising from the profits of the company, shall have been added to the capital.

Dividends.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That the said president and directors shall be, and they are hereby, authorized to retain and set apart out of the profits of the said company, from time to time, as they may think necessary, a portion of said profits, to constitute a fund for the special benefit of such members of the several fire companies belonging to this association as may become injured or disabled in the discharge of their duties at any fire.

Fund for the benefit of injured members.

SEC. 18. *And be it further enacted*, That every house insured by this company that is destroyed by means of fire, from the first floor upwards, shall be deemed as demolished; and it shall be lawful for the directors, in such case, to order the money insured thereon to be paid within three months after the notice given of the loss aforesaid.

Payment for houses destroyed.

SEC. 19. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of a partial destruction by fire, the loss shall be determined by assessors appointed as follows: the person whose property is insured shall have the privilege of selecting one disinterested person, the board of directors of this association shall select another; should these two persons disagree in their valuation of a loss, they shall select another disinterested person, and their award shall be final.

Valuation of loss in case of a partial destruction.

SEC. 20. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors shall have power and authority to appoint a secretary, and such other clerks and officers under them as shall be necessary for transacting the business of said institution, and may allow them, together with the

Appointment of officers.

By-laws, &c.
may be made.

president, 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 said institution, not being contrary to or inconsistent with this act, or the constitution and laws of the United States; 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 the city of Washington or Georgetown, for the purpose of transacting the affairs of the institution, and generally to conduct the entire business thereof.

No stockholder answerable in his person, &c.

SEC. 21. *And be it further enacted*, That no stockholder or member of this said company 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 this company, except in the case of a director by his vote declaring an improper dividend, 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 said company.

Assignment of stock.

SEC. 22. *And be it further enacted*, That the stock of this institution 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.

Meetings of stockholders.

SEC. 23. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors may call a general meeting of the stockholders for any purpose relative to the affairs of the institution, giving at least two weeks' notice thereof in the newspapers of Washington and Georgetown; and any number of stockholders, not less than one hundred, who, together, shall be proprietors of twelve hundred shares, may, at any time, apply to the president and directors to call a general meeting of the stockholders for any purpose relative to the affairs of the institution; and if the president and directors refuse to call such meeting, the said number of stockholders, proprietors of not less than twelve hundred shares, shall have power to call a general meeting of the stockholders, giving at least two weeks' notice in the said newspapers printed in the cities of Washington and Georgetown, specifying in such notice the object of the meeting.

In case of the annual election of directors not taking place on the day fixed, &c.

SEC. 24. *And be it further enacted*, That should it so happen, from any cause whatsoever, that the annual election of directors should not take place in any year, on the day hereinbefore mentioned for that purpose, this corporation shall not, for that reason, be dissolved, but such election may be lawfully held on such convenient day thereafter as may for that purpose be fixed on by the president and directors, they causing ten days' public notice thereof to be given in one or more of the newspapers printed in the cities of Washington and Georgetown.

Reduction of stock notes.

SEC. 25. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors shall have power to appropriate such portions of the profits accruing to the company, to the reduction of the stock notes of the stockholders, as the board of directors shall, from time to time, deem advisable.

Act to continue until 1st June, 1858.

SEC. 26. *And be it further enacted*, That this act shall continue and be in force until the first day of June, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-eight.

May be altered, &c.

SEC. 27. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall be lawful for Congress, at any time hereafter, to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

CHAP. LXX. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to place the name of Doctor John P. Briggs on the navy pension list.* STATUTE II.
March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized and required to place upon the list of invalid pensioners of the navy pension fund, at the rate of twenty-five dollars per month, to be paid out of said fund, John P. Briggs, late an acting surgeon on board of the ship Saratoga, who was wounded by a splinter in the action with the British fleet on Lake Champlain, on the eleventh of September, eighteen hundred and fourteen; to commence on the first of October, eighteen hundred and thirty-two.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

To be placed
on pension list.

CHAP. LXXI. — *An Act for the relief of George Frazar, and others.* STATUTE II.
March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the collector of the customs for the district of Plymouth, in Massachusetts, is hereby authorized to pay to George Frazar and others, late owners, and to the surviving heirs of the late crew, of the schooner Quero, of Duxbury, of sixty-one and thirty-six ninety-fifths tons burthen, which was lost on a fishing voyage in eighteen hundred and thirty-three, together with her late crew, such allowance, to be distributed according to law, as they would have been entitled to receive, had the said schooner completed her fishing term and returned into port.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

Allowance to a
fishing schooner
lost at sea.

CHAP. LXXII. — *An Act for the relief of Philip F. Voorhees.* STATUTE II.
March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Philip F. Voorhees, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six hundred dollars, in full for expenses incurred by him while commanding the ship John Adams, in the Mediterranean, during the years eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and eighteen hundred and thirty-two, in conveying our consuls to and from their consulates, and the Tripolitan Ambassador from Malta to Tripoli, by orders from Commodores Biddle and Patterson.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

Payment for
certain ex-
penses.

CHAP. LXXIII. — *An Act granting an increase of pension to Empson Hamilton.* STATUTE II.
March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That there be paid to Empson Hamilton, an invalid pensioner, an increase of pension of one dollar per month, to be paid out of the privateer pension fund, and to commence from the time that he was placed upon the list of pensioners, payable out of said fund.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

Pension to be
increased.

CHAP. LXXIV. — *An Act for the relief of George F. Strother.* STATUTE II.
March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered to settle the accounts of George F. Strother, late receiver of public moneys at St. Louis, Missouri, according to the principles of justice and equity.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

His accounts
as receiver, &c.
to be settled.

CHAP. LXXVI. — *An Act for the relief of John P. Becker.* STATUTE II.
March 3, 1837.

Be it enacted, &c., That the Secretary of War be authorized and directed to place the name of John P. Becker on the pension roll of the

To be placed
on pension roll.

United States, and that he pay the said Becker the sum of twenty dollars per annum, to commence the fourth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and to continue for and during his natural life.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

RESOLUTION.

March 3, 1837. No. 2. *Resolution granting a pension to Susan Decatur, widow of the late Stephen Decatur.*

A pension for five years to be paid to her.

Act of June 30, 1834, ch. 134.

Be it resolved, &c., That Mrs. Susan Decatur, widow of the late Commodore Stephen Decatur, be paid from the navy pension fund, a pension for five years, commencing from the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, in conformity with the provisions of the act concerning naval pensions and the navy pension fund, passed thirtieth June eighteen hundred and thirty-four, and that she be allowed from said fund the arrearages of the half-pay, of a post captain, from the death of Commodore Decatur to the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, together with the pension hereby allowed her, and that the arrearage of said pension be vested in the Secretary of the Treasury in trust for the use of the said Susan Decatur: *Provided*, That the said pension shall cease on the death or marriage of the said Susan Decatur.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

March 3, 1837. No. 3. *Resolution to authorize a settlement of the accounts of Orange H. Dibble.*

Claim for labor, materials, &c., to be examined, &c.

Act of June 30, 1834, ch. 155.
Proviso.

Be it resolved, &c., That the claims of Orange H. Dibble for labor, materials, and all other expenses incurred, and losses sustained by him in making preparations to execute his contract for the construction of the bridge across the Potomac, and which have not heretofore been settled and paid, be examined and ascertained by the Secretary of the Treasury, as nearly as the same can be done, and be laid before Congress at its next session for examination. And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to apply, in part payment of the same to him, the unexpended balance of the appropriation made for said purpose by the act of the thirtieth of June eighteen hundred and thirty-four: *Provided*, That the Secretary of the Treasury is not authorized to make any allowance to the said O. H. Dibble for the purchase of stone or stone quarries, nor any further sum for his personal services.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.

March 3, 1837. No. 4. *Resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to correct a clerical error in the award of the Commissioners under the treaty with France of eighteen hundred and thirty-one.*

In the case of the claim of the Union Bank of Maryland.

Be it resolved, &c., That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is authorized and directed, in making payment of the two last instalments to the claimants under the treaty with France of July four, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, to correct a clerical mistake which occurred in the award of the Commissioners in the case of the claim of the Union Bank of Maryland; by which mistake the sum of ten thousand dollars awarded to said bank, has gone to the use of all the other claimants; and that he correct such mistake by making the proper alteration in the proportion to be paid to the several claimants in the said two last instalments, so that all the claimants shall obtain their just proportion of the whole indemnity and no more.

APPROVED, March 3, 1837.