

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE FIFTH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the third session, which was begun and held at the City of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, on Monday, the third day of December, 1798, and ended on the third day of March, 1799.

JOHN ADAMS, President; THOMAS JEFFERSON, Vice President of the United States, and President of the Senate; JAMES ROSS, President of the Senate pro tempore, from the 2d day of March, 1799; JONATHAN DAYTON, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. IV.—*An Act for the relief of Thomas Lewis.*

Feb. 15, 1799.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proper accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby directed to settle the accounts of Thomas Lewis, a captain in the army of the United States, and to allow him a sum not exceeding eleven hundred and fifty-seven dollars, in full for his extra services and expenses during the time he acted as additional aid-de-camp to the late Major-General Wayne.

Allowance to
Thomas Lewis.

APPROVED, February 15, 1799.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. V.—*An Act for the relief of Jonathan Haskill.*

Feb. 19, 1799.

Be it enacted, &c., That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby directed to credit and allow to Jonathan Haskill, the sum of two hundred and fifty-eight dollars and twenty-five cents, placed in his hands for the use of a detachment of troops under his command, and by him lost, in the month of September, one thousand seven hundred and ninety-one.

Allowance to
Jonathan Has-
kill.

APPROVED, February 19, 1799.

STATUTE III.

CHAP. VII.—*An Act for the relief of Gazzam, Taylor, and Jones, and of Samuel Watt, of the city of Philadelphia.*

Feb. 19, 1799.

Be it enacted, &c., That the collector of the port of Philadelphia be authorized to pay to Gazzam, Taylor, and Jones, and to Samuel Watt, of the city of Philadelphia, merchants, the amount of the drawback of duties on so much of the cargo of the schooner Eagle, belonging to them, as was shipped, in the year one thousand seven hundred and ninety-six, on board the said vessel, for St. Thomas's, and reladen in the river Delaware on board the brig Fame, for St. Croix: *Provided,* it shall appear to the satisfaction of the said collector, that every requisite of the law has been complied with by the said Gazzam, Taylor, and Jones, and of Samuel Watt, to entitle them to the said drawback of duties, in case the said goods had not been re-shipped, as aforesaid.

Payment of
drawback to
Gazzam and
others.

APPROVED, February 19, 1799.

STATUTE III.

Feb. 25, 1799.

CHAP. XIV.—*An Act allowing James Mathers compensation for services done for the United States, and expenses incurred in rendering said services, as sergeant-at-arms to the Senate.*

Allowance to
James Mathers.

Be it enacted, &c., That the sum of five hundred and one dollars be, and the same is hereby, allowed to James Mathers, for his services and expenses, during the recess of Congress, as sergeant-at-arms to the Senate of the United States, which services were done, and expenses incurred, by order of the Senate; to be paid out of any unappropriated money in the treasury of the United States.

APPROVED, February 25, 1799.

STATUTE III.

March 2, 1799.

CHAP. XXXV.—*An Act for the relief of Comfort Sands and others.*

Examination
and settlement
of the claim of
Comfort Sands.

Be it enacted, &c., That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and they are hereby, authorized and empowered, upon application of the parties, to examine and decide upon the validity of a certain award or report, made on the twenty-fifth day of October, one thousand seven hundred and eighty-seven, by Isaac Roosevelt, William Malcom, Elbridge Gerry, and Henry Remsen, (four of the referees nominated for the purpose,) between the United States and Comfort Sands and others, his copartners, (contractors for furnishing supplies to the troops during the late war,) and that in making their decision upon the said award or report, the said officers of the treasury shall be governed by principles similar to those which would prevail in a controversy concerning it at law: and if, in the opinion of the accounting officers aforesaid, the said award or report ought to be binding and obligatory against the United States, then, and in such case, but not otherwise, the said Comfort Sands and others, his said copartners, shall be entitled to have their said claim against the United States, as on the said award, allowed and settled at the treasury, in the usual manner, and shall be paid the amount of the claim so to be allowed, out of any moneys which may be in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, That if, on examination by the officers of the treasury, it shall be found that the said Comfort Sands, or either of his copartners, are indebted to the United States, they shall charge the amount in which they may be so indebted, against the sums which may be allowed on account of said award.

APPROVED, March 2, 1799.