

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRTIETH CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the first Session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday the 6th Day of December, 1847, and ended on the 14th Day of August, 1848.

JAMES K. POLK, President; GEORGE M. DALLAS, Vice-President, and President of the Senate; DAVID R. ATCHISON, President of the Senate on and after the twenty-ninth day of July, 1848; ROBERT C. WINTHROP, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

CHAP. II. — *An Act to authorize the issuing of a Register to the Barque Canton.*

Jan. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the barque Canton, formerly a Haytien vessel, but now owned by William T. Sayward, J. R. Kimball, and H. C. Lowell, citizens of the State of Maine; and which said vessel, having been wrecked and condemned on one of the Muscle Ridge Islands, was purchased by them, and which they have caused to be repaired and refitted for sea again: *Provided*, It shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the cost of the repairs made in the United States, after the purchase of the said vessel by the present owners, exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

A register to be issued.

Proviso as to cost of repairs

APPROVED, January 14, 1848.

CHAP. III. — *An Act authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to grant a Register to the Barque Sarah and Eliza.*

Jan. 24, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the barque Sarah and Eliza, formerly a British vessel, but now owned by Joshua T. Jones, Charles H. Jones, and Thomas Bell, citizens of the State of New York; and which said vessel, having been wrecked and condemned on the coast of Maryland, was purchased by them, got off, and towed to New York, repaired, and refitted for sea: *Provided*, It shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the cost thereof, after the purchase of the said vessel by the present owners, exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

A register to be issued.

Proviso as to cost of repairs.

APPROVED, January 24, 1848.

CHAP. IX. — *An Act to authorize the Issue of a Register to the Barque Wilhamet.*

Feb. 15, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued,

A register to be issued.

under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the barque Wilhamet, formerly a British vessel, but now owned by A. G. Benson and John Benson, citizens of the State of New York: said vessel, having been wrecked and condemned on Rockaway Beach, Long Island, was purchased by the aforesaid citizens of the United States, and has been repaired and refitted for sea: *Provided*, It shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the cost of the repairs made in the United States, after the purchase of the said vessel by the present owners, exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

APPROVED, February 15, 1848.

Proviso as to cost of repairs.

Feb. 15, 1848.

CHAP. XI. — *An Act for the Relief of Joseph and Lindley Ward.*

Commissioner of Indian Affairs to adjust and settle the claims of J. and L. Ward.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Indian Affairs be, and he is hereby, authorized to adjust and settle the claims of Lindley and Joseph Ward, arising upon their contract with the United States to furnish rations for the emigrating Indians of the Potawatomie tribe, in eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, according to the principles set forth in the report accompanying this bill; and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Appropriation.

APPROVED, February 15, 1848.

Feb. 22, 1848.

CHAP. XIV. — *An Act to authorize the issuing of a Register or Enrolment to the Schooner Robert Henry.*

A register to be issued

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register or enrolment for the schooner Robert Henry, formerly a British vessel, but now owned by John P. Baldwin, a citizen of the State of Florida; and which said vessel, having been wrecked on the Florida Reef, and condemned and sold, was purchased by him, and which he has caused to be repaired and refitted for sea again: *Provided*, It shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the cost of repairing and refitting said schooner in the United States, after her purchase by the present owner, exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

Proviso as to cost of repairs.

APPROVED, February 22, 1848.

March 9, 1848.

CHAP. XVI. — *An Act granting the Franking Privilege to Louisa Catharine Adams.*

Franking privilege granted to Mrs. Adams.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That all letters and packets carried by post to and from Louisa Catharine Adams, widow of the late John Quincy Adams, be conveyed free of postage during her natural life.

APPROVED, March 9, 1848.

March 14, 1848.

CHAP. XX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, deceased.*

Secretary of the Treasury to pay

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary

of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the administratrix of Elisha L. Keen, such sums as the Fourth Auditor of the Treasury may decide to be justly due said Keen, not exceeding the sum of five hundred and ninety-four dollars, being a balance alleged to be due said Keen, and credited on the books of the Fourth Auditor for advances to the United States in the years eighteen hundred and thirteen and eighteen hundred and fourteen.

APPROVED, March 14, 1848.

her such sum as the Fourth Auditor may decide to be justly due the deceased, not exceeding \$594.

CHAP. XXI. — *An Act providing for the Payment of the Claim of Walter R. Johnson against the United States.*

March 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to Walter R. Johnson, from any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of six hundred and eleven dollars and thirty-one cents, which will be in full for his services, and payments made by him in researches and experiments on American coal, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy.

APPROVED, March 14, 1848.

\$611 31 cents to be paid him in full for his services, &c.

CHAP. XXII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of John Paul Jones.*

March 21, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounts of the late Commodore John Paul Jones with the United States be referred to the Secretary of the Treasury, to adjust and pay, out of any money or stock of the United States in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, upon the principles of justice and equity, according to acts in similar cases, and applicable thereto.

Accounts of the late Commodore John Paul Jones to be adjusted.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby instructed to pay to the legal representatives of the said John Paul Jones, and the officers, seamen, and marines of the squadron under his command, being citizens of the United States, or their representatives, out of any moneys or stock of the United States in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, their respective proportions of the value, as estimated by Benjamin Franklin, of three prizes captured by the squadron under the command of the said Jones, and delivered up to Great Britain by Denmark, in seventeen hundred and seventy-nine; to be apportioned on the basis of the distribution of a settlement made with the captors, for prizes captured by the said squadron, and received from the court of France, and confirmed by Congress in seven hundred and eighty-seven; deducting, however, from the share of Captain Peter Landais the sum received by him or his legal representatives under an act of Congress approved the twenty-eighth of March, eighteen hundred and six: *Provided,* That in ascertaining the amount due the heirs of said Paul Jones, if any, no interest shall be allowed on such claim.

Prize money to be paid to the legal representatives of said Jones, and of the officers and seamen under his command.

Deduction from the share of Captain Landais. 1806, ch. 18. Proviso.

APPROVED, March 21, 1848.

CHAP. XXV. — *An Act in addition to an Act for the Relief [of] Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, approved July second, eighteen hundred and thirty-six.*

March 29, 1848.

1836, ch. 337.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to settle, upon princi-

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ized to settle their accounts upon principles of justice and equity.

Appropriation.

ples of equity, the accounts of Walter Loomis and Abel Gay, so far as they are original contractors, for making the Cumberland road, and so far as they contracted to make the said road, or any part thereof, different from the original contract, and for keeping the same in repair; and to pay any balance that may be found due to them, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 29, 1848.

April 4, 1848.

CHAP. XXVII. — *An Act to provide for the Compensation of Samuel Leech, for Services in the Investigation of suspended Sales in the Mineral Point District, Wisconsin.*

\$550 to be paid him in full for services performed by him under instructions from General Land Office.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Samuel Leech, the sum of five hundred and fifty dollars, in full compensation for services performed by him pursuant to instructions from the General Land Office, in taking testimony at Mineral Point, Wisconsin, during the past year; and for making a report in the cases of entry in that land district, in which patents have been withheld, on account of alleged frauds in making said entries.

APPROVED, April 4, 1848.

April 3, 1848.

1849, ch. 63.

A pension of \$40 per month, granted to Patrick Walker in lieu of the pension he now receives.

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act granting a Pension to Patrick Walker.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be allowed and paid Patrick Walker, a soldier of the first regiment of artillery in the war with Mexico, a pension at the rate of forty dollars per month, in lieu of the pension he now receives, to commence on the twenty-eighth of October last, and to continue for one year; the said Walker having lost his right arm, and nearly the whole of his left hand, by a cannon-ball, in the action at Churubusco, on the twentieth of August, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, April 8, 1848.

April 12, 1848.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act for the Relief of the legal Representatives of George Fisher, deceased.*

The Second Auditor to examine and adjust their claims on principles of equity and justice, &c.

Amount found due to be paid them.

Losses caused by United States troops and Indians, respectively, to be apportioned in such manner as to afford a fair and full indemnity for losses caused by said troops.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Second Auditor of the Treasury of the United States be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to examine and adjust the claims of the legal representatives of George Fisher, deceased, on principles of equity and justice, and having due regard to the proofs, for the value of property taken or destroyed by the troops of the United States engaged in suppressing Indian hostilities in the year eighteen hundred and thirteen; and that the said legal representatives be paid for the same out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if it shall be found impracticable for the claimants to furnish distinct proof as to the specific quantity of property respectively taken or destroyed by the troops and by the Indians, it shall be lawful for the said accounting officer to apportion the losses caused by said troops and Indians respectively, in such manner as from the proofs he may think just and equitable, so as to afford a fair and full indemnity for all losses and injuries occasioned by said troops, and allow the claimants accordingly:

Provided, That nothing herein contained shall authorize any payment for property destroyed by Indians.

APPROVED, April 12, 1848.

Proviso: property destroyed by Indians not to be paid for.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of Peter Engels, Senior.*

April 12, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Peter Engels, senior, on the pension roll, and to allow and pay him a pension for a total disability during his natural life, to commence on the fifteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and forty-five

A pension for total disability granted to Peter Engels.

APPROVED, April 12, 1848.

CHAP. XXXIII. — *An Act to authorize the issuing of a Register to the Brig Palmetto.*

April 19, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the brig Palmetto, formerly a vessel called the Roger Bontemps, but now owned by Moses D. Hyams, S. B. Barnard, James Vidal, and A. H. Abraham, of the State of South Carolina; and which said vessel, having been condemned at Charleston, in said State, in consequence of injuries sustained at sea, was purchased by them, and which they have repaired and refitted for sea again: *Provided*, It shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the cost of the repairs made in the United States, after the purchase of the said vessel by the present owners, exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

A register to be issued.

Proviso as to cost of repairs.

APPROVED, April 19, 1848.

CHAP. XXXIV. — *An Act to change the Name of Photius Kavasales to that of Photius Fisk.*

May 3, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Photius Kavasales, a chaplain in the navy of the United States, of the District of Columbia, be, and he is hereby, authorized, from and after the passage of this act, to take and use the name of Photius Fisk; and that the name of said Photius Kavasales be hereafter Photius Fisk: by which name all acts and engagements done or made by him may be enforced, and have the same effect and operation in law, as if his name had originally been Photius Fisk.

Photius Kavasales may take the name of Photius Fisk.

APPROVED, May 3, 1848.

CHAP. XXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Christopher Cunningham.*

May 9, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Christopher Cunningham, now resident of New Orleans, Louisiana, on the list of invalid pensioners; and that the said Cunningham receive a pension at the rate of eight dollars a month, to commence from and after the passage of this act.

Name of C. Cunningham to be placed on the list of invalid pensioners.

APPROVED, May 9, 1848.

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CHAP. XXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Mrs. Harriet Barney.*

Pension renewed for five years from 1st December, 1843.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the pension heretofore allowed Harriet Barney, and which expired on the first day of December, eighteen hundred and forty-three, shall be, and the same is hereby, renewed for five years, to be computed from and after the first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and forty-three.

APPROVED, May 9, 1848.

May 9, 1848.

CHAP. XXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of John Black, late Consul of the United States at the City of Mexico.*

John Black to be paid for his diplomatic services in Mexico, at the rate of compensation allowed by law to chargé d'affaires.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to John Black, late consul of the United States at the city of Mexico, the rate of compensation allowed by law to a chargé d'affaires of the United States, for his diplomatic services to the United States in Mexico during the suspension of diplomatic intercourse between Mexico and the United States, from the tenth of May, eighteen hundred and forty-five, to the third day of April, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, inclusive, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Also to be paid such additional sum as may be found due for extraordinary expenditures incurred by him. Proviso.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That there be paid, as aforesaid, to the aforesaid John Black, such additional sum as may be found due by the proper accounting officers of the treasury, to cover his extraordinary expenditures incurred by him, the said Black, in consequence of his forcible expulsion from Mexico, and in bringing with him to the United States the archives of legation of the United States: *Provided, however,* That the sum thus allowed for indemnity shall not exceed eleven hundred and twenty-four dollars.

APPROVED, May 9, 1848.

May 17, 1848.

CHAP. XLV. — *An Act to authorize the issuing of a Register to the Brig Encarnacion.*

A register to be issued.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register to the brig Encarnacion, formerly a Danish vessel, but now owned by John B. Brown, Jediah Jewett, and Mark P. Emery, of Portland, in the State of Maine, citizens of the United States, the said vessel having sustained great damage on a voyage from St. Thomas to Portland, and the aforesaid owners having caused the said vessel to be repaired and refitted for sea at great expense: *Provided,* It shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the cost of the repairs and refitting said vessel in the United States exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

Proviso as to cost of repairs.

APPROVED, May 17, 1848.

May 17, 1848.

CHAP. XLVI. — *An Act for the Relief of William P. Brady.*

A pension of \$10 per month allowed to William P. Brady.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and hereby is, authorized and directed to place the name of William P. Brady, of the State of Pennsylvania, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and that he be allowed a pension of ten dollars a month

from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, May 17, 1848.

CHAP. LI. — *An Act for the Relief of John Mitchell.*

May 29, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of John Mitchell on the roll of invalid pensions, and that he pay him semi-annually at the rate of ten dollars per month, for and during his natural life, commencing on the fifteenth day of May, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

A pension of \$10 per month allowed to John Mitchell.

APPROVED, May 29, 1848.

CHAP. LII. — *An Act for the Relief of Mary Brown, Widow of Jacob Brown.*

May 29, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby required to issue a pension certificate to Mary Brown, of Clarksburgh, in the State of Massachusetts, aged seventy-four years, and was born before the close of the revolution, and widow of Jacob Brown, senior, a revolutionary pensioner, deceased, granting to her a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month, commencing on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and continuing during her natural life.

Secretary of War to issue a pension certificate to Mary Brown for a pension of \$8 per month.

APPROVED, May 29, 1848.

CHAP. LIII. — *An Act to provide for the Purchase of the Manuscript Papers of the late James Madison, former President of the United States.*

May 31, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to purchase of Mrs. D. P. Madison, widow of the late James Madison, formerly President of the United States, all the unpublished manuscript papers of the said James Madison now belonging to and in her possession; and upon delivery thereof to the Secretary of State, with a proper conveyance of title to the United States, the said sum of money, upon the certificate of the Secretary of State of the delivery and conveyance of said papers, shall be paid at the treasury, agreeably to the wishes of the said Mrs. Madison, and in the manner following, namely: five thousand dollars of said sum of twenty-five thousand dollars to be paid to her; and the residue of twenty thousand to James Buchanan, now Secretary of State, John Y. Mason, Secretary of the Navy, and Richard Smith, Esq., of Washington city, to be held, put out to interest, vested in stocks, or otherwise managed and disposed of by them, or the survivor or survivors of them, as trustees for the said Mrs. Madison, according to their best discretion and her best advantage—the interest or profit arising from the said principal sum to be paid over to her as the same accrues—the said principal sum to be and remain inalienable during her lifetime, as a permanent fund for her maintenance, but subject to be disposed of as she may please by her last will and testament.

\$25,000 appropriated for the purchase of all the unpublished manuscripts of the late James Madison.

Manner in which the above sum is to be paid to Mrs. Madison.

APPROVED, May 31, 1848.

CHAP. LVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Edward Bolon.*

May 31, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary

§1174 to be paid Edward Bolon for expenses incurred and compensation for keeping two prisoners of the United States.

of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, or cause to be paid, to Edward Bolon, of Florida, or his legal representatives, eleven hundred and seventy-four dollars, as reimbursement of expenses and compensation for services in keeping two prisoners of the United States, named Passmore, in the jail of Calhoun county, Florida; the same to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, May 31, 1848.

May 31, 1848.

CHAP. LVII.—*An Act for the Relief of Thomas Brownell.*

§50 63 to be allowed in the settlement of the accounts of Thomas Brownell, for that sum paid by him for medical services rendered to officers and seamen of the United States.

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 are hereby directed to allow to Thomas Brownell, in the settlement of his accounts, the sum of fifty dollars and sixty-three cents, being the amount paid by him while in command of the naval station at Sackett's Harbor, for medical services rendered to the officers and seamen attached to that station.

APPROVED, May 31, 1848.

May 31, 1848.

CHAP. LVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Samuel W. Bell, a Native of the Cherokee Nation.*

The Secretary of War to pay Samuel W. Bell the amount of his expenses incurred in going to and returning from Florida in 1837.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War pay to Samuel W. Bell, a native of the Cherokee nation of Indians, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, his expenses incurred in going to and returning from Florida, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, and such daily pay for the time he was engaged on such mission, up to the time of his return to the Cherokee nation, as was paid to Richard Fields for similar services.

APPROVED, May 31, 1848.

May 31, 1848.

CHAP. LIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Reynolds May.*

Reynolds May released and discharged from the payment of a judgment obtained against him by the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Reynolds May, of the State of Arkansas, be, and he hereby is, released and discharged from the payment of a judgment obtained against him by the United States in the District Court for the district of Arkansas, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, on his recognizance for five hundred dollars, and from the payment of all costs and expenses attending the same.

APPROVED, May 31, 1848.

June 13, 1848.

CHAP. LXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Fernando Fellanny.*

A pension of \$3 per month allowed to Fernando Fellanny.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War cause the name of Fernando Fellanny to be placed upon the pension roll, under the act providing pensions for persons disabled by wounds in the military service of the United States, at the rate of eight dollars per month during his natural life, to commence on the twenty-third day of December, eighteen hundred and forty-six.

APPROVED, June 13, 1848.

CHAP. LXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Jones and Boker.*

June 13, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to Jones and Boker, of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, the sum of eleven hundred dollars, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, in full satisfaction of their claim for eight treasury notes, of which they were the lawful owners, and which were abstracted and stolen from the mail at the post-office at Fayetteville, in the State of Arkansas: one of five hundred dollars, five of one hundred dollars each, and two of fifty dollars each; and, for a more particular description of said notes, reference may be had to the report accompanying this bill; and which said notes, after being altered and forged, were by some person unknown presented to and redeemed by the Bank of America, as the fiscal agent of the United States.

\$1100 to be paid Jones and Boker, in full for their claim for eight treasury notes belonging to them, which were stolen, &c.

APPROVED, June 13, 1848.

CHAP. LXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Richard Bloss and others.*

June 13, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, after ascertaining and deducting all the costs, charges, and expenses incurred by the United States in and about the arrest, detention, and commitment of Thaddeus P. Haskell, to the custody of the marshal of the United States for the northern district of the State of New York, in October, eighteen hundred and forty-five, on a charge for passing counterfeit money, to repay to the bail of said Thaddeus, Richard Bloss, and others, the amount paid by them on the forfeited recognizance and bond for the appearance of said Thaddeus; the said Thaddeus having since his default been retaken and convicted and imprisoned for said offence.

The Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain and pay Richard Bloss and others the amount of their forfeited recognizances for the appearance of Thaddeus P. Haskell, after deducting all costs, charges, &c.

APPROVED, June 13, 1848.

CHAP. LXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Joseph Wilson.*

June 13, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the Treasury Department be, and they are hereby, authorized to allow to Joseph Wilson, a purser in the United States navy, in the settlement of his accounts, for such deficiency as he shall show to exist by reason of his making his deposits of the public money in the Phoenix Bank, at Charlestown, Massachusetts, subsequent to the twenty-fifth of February, eighteen hundred and forty-two, after a final liquidation and distribution of the effects of said bank shall have been made; and shall also allow to said Wilson such reasonable and proper expenses as he has actually incurred and paid, or may incur and pay, in a suit now pending in the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts, and prosecuting the same to final judgment, brought to enforce the supposed priority of the claims of the United States over other creditors upon the assets of said bank in the hands of trustees; the proper evidence thereof being furnished by said Wilson to the accounting officers aforesaid.

Joseph Wilson to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, for deficiencies caused by making his deposits in the Phoenix Bank, of Charlestown, Massachusetts.

Certain expenses to be allowed.

APPROVED, June 13, 1848.

June 13, 1848.

CHAP. LXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles L. Dell.*

The claim of Charles L. Dell, for military services in the Seminole war, to be settled.

Amount found due to be paid him.

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, under the direction of the Secretary of War, settle the claim of Charles L. Dell, of Florida, for military services performed during the Seminole war, between the twenty-third of May and the twenty-ninth of November, eighteen hundred and forty, making to him such compensation for pay and allowances as shall appear to be just; and that the amount which shall be so ascertained to be due, to be paid to him, notwithstanding the want of a muster roll bearing his name, and that the same shall be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, June 13, 1848.

June 24, 1848.

CHAP. LXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of W. B. Slaughter, late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin.**

* Post, p. 747.

The accounts of W. B. Slaughter to be settled on principles of justice and equity.

Balance found due to be paid him, provided that it shall not exceed \$1731 51.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the Treasury Department be authorized and directed to settle the accounts of W. B. Slaughter, late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin, upon the principles of equity and justice; and that they cause to be paid to him the balance, if any be due him, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That such balance shall not exceed the sum of one thousand seven hundred and thirty-one dollars and fifty-one cents.

APPROVED, June 24, 1848.

June 26, 1848.

CHAP. LXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of the legal Representatives of James Brown, deceased.*

Such portion of the sum of \$4149 66, appropriated for their relief, as remains unpaid, to be paid the legal representatives of James Brown.

1834, ch. 201.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized to pay to the legal representatives of James Brown, deceased, such portion of the sum of four thousand one hundred and forty-nine dollars and sixty-six cents, appropriated by an act of Congress, approved June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, entitled "An Act for the relief of the legal representatives of James Brown," as remains due and unpaid; such payment to be made to such of the legal representatives of said James Brown as shall prove to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that they, as such representatives, are entitled under such act.

APPROVED, June 26, 1848.

June 26, 1848.

CHAP. LXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Silas Waterman.*

A pension of \$4 per month allowed Silas Waterman.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of Silas Waterman on the roll of invalid pensions, and that he pay him at the rate of four dollars per month, for and during his natural life, commencing on the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

APPROVED, June 26, 1848.

CHAP. LXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of the legal Heirs of John Snyder, deceased.* June 26, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the legal heirs of John Snyder, deceased, a private of Captain Sadlier's company of the sixth regiment of infantry, who enlisted the twelfth of June, eighteen hundred and twelve, for five years, and died whilst in service, on the twenty-seventh of January, eighteen hundred and thirteen, be, and they are hereby, authorized to enter at the proper land office in any of the States and Territories in which the same may lie, one hundred and sixty acres of land.

Heirs of John Snyder, deceased, authorized to enter 160 acres of land.

APPROVED, June 26, 1848.

CHAP. LXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Phineas Capen, Administrator of John Cox, deceased, of Boston.* June 26, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of four hundred and thirty-six dollars and twenty-eight cents be, and the same is hereby, directed to be paid, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Phineas Capen, legal administrator of John Cox, late of Boston, deceased, it being the amount due to the said John Cox, deceased, by the United States, for his services on board of one of its ships, and which said sum was fraudulently obtained from the treasury officers by a person unknown to, and unauthorized by, the heirs and the legal administrator of said John Cox, deceased.

\$436 28, being the amount due John Cox, deceased, to be paid his administrator.

APPROVED June 26, 1848.

CHAP. LXXX.—*An Act to change the Name of the Steamboat "Charles Downing," to the "Calhoun."* June 28, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the collector of the port of Charleston, in the State of South Carolina, be, and he hereby is, authorized to issue an enrolment and license for the steamboat now called the "Charles Downing," in the name of the "Calhoun;" the owner thereof, William A. Carson, paying the usual fees, and complying in all respects with the laws regulating the granting of enrolments and licenses to vessels employed in the coasting trade: said enrolment shall state, in addition to the usual description, that the former name of said steamboat was the Charles Downing, and that it was changed by authority of this act.

Name of steamboat "Charles Downing" to be changed to the "Calhoun."

APPROVED, June 28, 1848.

CHAP. LXXXI.—*An Act to authorize the issuing a Register to the Schooner "James."* June 28, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register or enrolment for the schooner "James," formerly a British vessel, but now owned by Timothy Carman, a citizen of South Oyster Bay, Queen's county, State of New York, and which said vessel, having been wrecked and condemned on the south shore of Long Island, was purchased by him, and which he has caused to be repaired: *Provided,* It shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the cost of the repairs made in the United States after the purchase of

A register to be issued.

Proviso, as to cost of repairs.

the said vessel by the present owner exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

APPROVED, June 28, 1848.

June 23, 1848. CHAP. LXXXIV. — *An Act to authorize the Settlement of the Account of Joseph Nourse, deceased.*

The account of Joseph Nourse to be settled in conformity with decree of court of the United States for the District of Columbia.

Balance found due to be paid to his legal representatives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and are hereby, authorized to settle the account of Joseph Nourse, in conformity with the award and decree of the District Court of the United States for the District of Columbia, as affirmed by the Supreme Court of the United States, and that any balance which may be found due him on said decree be paid to his legal representatives out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, June 28, 1848.

June 23, 1848. CHAP. LXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Edna Hickman, Wife of Alexander D. Peck.*

Title to two arpens of land in Louisiana confirmed to Edna Hickman.

Provisi.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the title to two tracts of land, ten arpens front by forty deep, each, in all amounting to eight hundred acres, situated on the Bayou Bartholomew, in the parish of Morehouse, State of Louisiana, being a part of a Spanish grant to Baron de Bastrop, of date first June, seventeen hundred and ninety-seven, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed to Edna Hickman: *Provided,* That this act shall not be so construed as in any manner to confirm any part of said de Bastrop grant, save the two tracts, or to affect the rights of third persons in said two tracts hereby confirmed.

APPROVED, June 28, 1848.

June 28, 1848.

CHAP. LXXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of William Ralston.*

\$681 81 to be paid William Ralston for services as chaplain to the regiment of Tennessee cavalry.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, instructed to pay to William Ralston, of Tennessee, the sum of six hundred and eighty-one dollars and eighty-one cents, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, it being in full compensation for his services as chaplain to the regiment of Tennessee cavalry, from the sixth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-six, to April twenty-one, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, June 28, 1848.

June 28, 1848.

CHAP. LXXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Barclay and Livingston, and Smith, Thurgar, and Company.*

Excess of duties paid by Barclay and Livingston, and Smith, Thurgar, and Company, on jute grass to be refunded.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay to Barclay and Livingston, and Smith, Thurgar, and Company, merchants in the city of New York, any excess of duty paid by them to the collector of the port of New York, upon the importations of jute grass, under the name of India matting, India weed, hemp carpeting,

or jute carpeting, under the tariff law of eighteen hundred and forty-two, and imported in the years eighteen hundred and forty-two, eighteen hundred and forty-three, eighteen hundred and forty-four, and eighteen hundred and forty-five, beyond what the same were legally chargeable with; said sum to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided*, The total amount does not exceed twelve hundred dollars; and that if either of the persons hereinbefore named is in any manner indebted to the United States, the sum so payable to such indebted person, or so much thereof as will be necessary, shall be retained in set-off to such indebtedness.

APPROVED, June 28, 1848.

1842, ch. 270.

Proviso.

CHAP. LXXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Russell Goss.**

by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of Russell Goss, of the State of Tennessee, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and to pay him during his life a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month from the first of July, eighteen hundred and forty-six.

APPROVED, June 28, 1848.

June 28, 1848.

* See chapter 97 for this act correctly enrolled.

CHAP. LXXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Thomas Scott, Register of the Land Office at Chillicothe, Ohio, for Services connected with the Duties of his Office.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Thomas Scott, late register of the land office at Chillicothe, Ohio, such amount as may be a reasonable compensation for extra labor performed by persons employed by him, in consequence of the transfer to said office of the business of certain other land offices, under the act approved June twelfth, eighteen hundred and forty: *Provided*, That the whole amount so paid shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

APPROVED, June 28, 1848.

June 28, 1848.

The Secretary of the Treasury to pay Thomas Scott such amount as may be a reasonable compensation for extra labor performed by persons employed by him.

Proviso: whole amount not to exceed \$500.

CHAP. XCI. — *An Act for the Relief of Jonathan Fitzwater.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Jonathan Fitzwater on the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay him at the rate of twenty dollars per month during his natural life, to commence on the eighteenth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, July 1, 1848.

July 1, 1848.

A pension of twenty dollars per month allowed Jonathan Fitzwater.

CHAP. XCV. — *An Act for the Relief of Stalker and Hill.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to audit and adjust the claim of Gilbert Stalker and N. B. Hill, for a steamboat called the "James Boatwright," which was sunk in Indian River, in

July 5, 1848.

The Secretary of the Treasury to audit and adjust the accounts of Stalker and

Hill for a steam-boat sunk in the service of the United States, &c.

Florida, in the month of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, while in the service of the United States, as represented by them, by reason of her bottom being eaten through by the worms which infest those waters, and which was prevented from being repaired after she had been ascertained to have been seriously injured, and application had been made for her relief to the officer under whose command she was, in consequence of the exigency of the public service; and that the said Secretary, on finding the facts aforesaid to be true, pay the said Stalker and Hill whatever damage they may have sustained by the loss of the steamboat aforesaid, estimating the value of the said steamboat not to exceed fifteen thousand dollars, and deducting therefrom what, in his judgment, it would have cost to overhaul and repair the said steamboat at the time application was made to take her to Charleston for repairs, including the expense of taking her there, and the value of the engine saved from the wreck of said steamboat; and that the said Secretary be authorized to take additional evidence upon any or all of the points arising in the case, if deemed necessary.

APPROVED, July 5, 1848.

July 8, 1848.

CHAP. XCVI. — *An Act to incorporate the Washington Gas Light Company.*

Washington Gas Light Company incorporated.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That John F. Callan, Jacob Bigelow, B. B. French, W. H. Harover, M. P. Callan, W. A. Bradley, and W. H. English, and their present and future associates, are hereby declared to be a body politic and corporate, by the name and style of the "Washington Gas Light Company," and by the same name shall have perpetual succession, and shall be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and equity in the District of Columbia and elsewhere; and to make and have a common seal, and the same to break, alter, and renew at pleasure; to ordain and establish such by-laws, ordinances, and regulations, and generally to do every act and thing necessary to carry into effect this act, or to promote the objects and design of this corporation.

Capital stock not to exceed \$50,000.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the capital stock of this corporation shall not exceed fifty thousand dollars; that a share in the same shall be twenty dollars; and books of subscription to the said capital stock, or to such portions thereof as from time to time may, by the directors for the time being, be deemed proper and necessary, shall be opened by the appointment or under the direction of the directors hereinafter named, subject to such rules, limitations, and conditions, as by them shall be prescribed; and the stock of the said corporation shall be deemed personal property.

Affairs, &c., of said corporation to be managed by five directors—how they are to be chosen.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the stock, property, and affairs of the said corporation shall be managed and conducted by or under the direction of five directors, being stockholders; that the said directors shall hold their offices for one year from the second Monday, and shall be elected on the first Monday in January, in each year, at such time and place in the city of Washington as a majority of the directors for the time being shall appoint; and that notice of such election shall be published in at least two of the public newspapers printed in the city of Washington, at least fourteen days previous to the time of holding such election; and every such election shall be by ballot, and by such of the stockholders who shall attend for that purpose, either in person or by proxy; and each stockholder shall be entitled to one vote for each share of the stock which he or she may have held in his or her own name for at least fourteen days before the time of voting; and the persons having the greatest number of votes

shall be the directors; and if it shall happen that two or more persons have an equal number of votes, the directors in office at the time of such election shall, by a plurality of votes, given by ballot, determine which of the persons so having an equal number of votes shall be director or directors, so as to complete the whole number to be chosen; and the directors so chosen shall, as soon as may be thereafter, proceed by ballot to elect one of their number for their president; and whenever any vacancy shall happen, the same shall be filled up by the remaining directors, by plurality of votes, until the next annual election.

Directors to choose one of their number for president.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That John F. Callan, Jacob Bigelow, B. B. French, W. H. Harover, M. P. Callan, and W. A. Bradley, shall be the first directors of the said company, who shall hold their offices until the second Monday of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-nine, and until others are chosen in their places; and they shall proceed to choose their president at such time and place as they, or a majority of them, shall determine.

Five persons who shall be directors until January, 1849.

Sec. 5. *And be it further enacted*, That in case it shall at any time happen that an election for directors shall not take place on the day appointed by this act for that purpose, the said corporation shall not, for that cause, or for any nonuser, be deemed to be dissolved, but it shall and may be lawful to hold an election for directors on any other day, in such manner as shall be provided for by the by-laws of the said corporation.

This corporation not to be dissolved in case of failure to elect directors on the day herein designated.

Sec. 6. *And be it further enacted*, That it shall and may be lawful for the directors, or a majority of them, to require payment of the subscription to the capital stock of the said corporation, at such times and in such proportions as they, or a majority of them, shall deem fit, under the penalty of forfeiting all previous payment or payments thereon; and that previous notice of the instalments required to be paid shall be published at least fourteen days in two of the public newspapers printed in the city of Washington.

Manner in which the capital stock shall be paid in.

Forfeiture for non-payment.

Sec. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That the president and directors shall have full power and authority to manufacture, make, and sell gas, to be made of coal, oil, tar, peat, pitch, or turpentine, or other material, and to be used for the purpose of lighting the city of Washington, or the streets thereof, and any buildings, manufactories, or houses, therein contained and situate, and to lay pipes for the purpose of conducting gas in any of the streets, avenues, and alleys of the said city; and, also, that the said company will so conduct the manufactories of gas as not to injure private property or create a nuisance: *Provided, however*, That the said pipes shall be laid subject to such conditions, and in compliance with such regulations, as the corporation of Washington may from time to time prescribe: *And provided further*, That the right to erect or put up any buildings, works, or apparatus for the manufacture of gas shall be subject to such terms, conditions, restrictions, and regulations as the said corporation of Washington may or shall, from time to time, prescribe or direct.

Powers and duties of the president and directors.

Proviso.

Sec. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That if any person or persons shall wilfully do, or cause to be done, any act or acts whatever, whereby the works of said corporation, or any pipe, conduit, plug, cock, reservoir, or any engine, machine, or structure, or any matter or thing appertaining to the same, shall be stopped, obstructed, impaired, weakened, injured, or destroyed, the person or persons so offending shall forfeit and pay to the said corporation double the amount of the damage sustained by means of such offence or injury, to be recovered in the name of the said corporation, with costs of suit, in any action of debt, to be brought in any court having cognizance thereof.

Penalty for wilfully injuring or damaging works erected by said company.

Nothing in this act to be so construed as to prevent any person or persons, or company, from engaging in the business specified in the 7th section of this act.

Said corporation prohibited from making, issuing, or putting in circulation notes, checks, drafts, &c., intended to circulate as money.

Stockholders to be individually liable for debts and engagements of said corporation.

SEC. 9. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act shall be construed to prevent any person or persons, nor any incorporated company hereafter to be created by Congress for that purpose, from engaging in and pursuing the business specified in the seventh section of this act; and that it shall be lawful for Congress, at any time hereafter, to alter, amend, or repeal this act.

SEC. 10. *And be it further enacted*, That nothing in this act contained shall be construed to authorize the said Washington Gas Light Company to make, issue, or put in circulation any bill, draft, check, order, promissory note, change ticket, or any thing else promising or agreeing to pay money, intended to circulate as money, or the tendency of which shall be to circulate as money or currency; and the violation of any one of the provisions of this section shall be a forfeiture of the charter herein granted, and a fine of fifty dollars against each of the directors voting for the same.

SEC. 11. *And be it further enacted*, That each of the stockholders in the Washington Gas Light Company shall be held liable in his or her individual capacity for all the debts and liabilities of the said company, however contracted or incurred, to be recovered by suit as other debts or liabilities, before the court or tribunal having jurisdiction of the case.

APPROVED, July 8, 1848

July 8, 1848.

CHAP. XCVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Russell Goss.*

A pension of eight dollars per month allowed Russell Goss.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of Russell Goss, of the State of Tennessee, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and to pay him during his life a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the first of July, eighteen hundred and forty-six.

APPROVED, July 8, 1848.

July 17, 1848.

CHAP. CIII. — *An Act to confirm to the legal Representatives of Joseph Dutailis the Location of a certain New Madrid Certificate.*

Location under a New Madrid certificate confirmed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the location by the legal representatives or assignee of Joseph Dutailis, under a New Madrid certificate, numbered fifty-two, (52,) of the south half of section eighteen, in township forty-nine north, range nine west, in the State of Missouri, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed, and a patent may issue therefor as in other cases.

APPROVED, July 17, 1848.

July 20, 1848.

CHAP. CVI. — *An Act for the Relief of William T. Holland.*

William T. Holland to be paid the mileage allowed to witnesses in the courts of the United States from Rio de Janeiro to Richmond, Virginia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to William T. Holland, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the mileage allowed by law to witnesses attending the courts of the United States from the city of Rio de Janeiro, in the empire of Brazil, to the city of Richmond, in the State of Virginia.

APPROVED, July 20, 1848.

CHAP. CVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Jose Argote Villalobos, Marie Rose, Francois Felix, Marquis de Fougères, or their Heirs or legal Representatives.*

July 20, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Jose Argote Villalobos, Marie Rose, Francois Felix, Marquis de Fougères, or their heirs or legal representatives, or such thereof as may be deemed to be proper parties therefor, may, within one year from the passage of this act, reinstate, or have reinstated on the docket of the Supreme Court of the United States, an appeal to the said Supreme Court from a certain decree of the Superior Court of the district of East Florida, in the late Territory of Florida, rendered on the tenth day of September, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-eight, in favor of the United States, rejecting a certain claim or grant for certain lands in said State, and said Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction of said appeal, and proceed to hear and determine such appeal, the same as if the appeal heretofore taken and dismissed by said Supreme Court or Court of Error in the proceedings respecting said appeal by the officers of said Superior Court had not been irregular, and as if the time limited by law had not elapsed; it appearing that some of said parties have died, some residents of France, and some minors, and that delay in taking said appeal in due time has been occasioned thereby.

Jose Argote Villalobos and others, authorized to have reinstated on the docket of the Supreme Court of the United States an appeal from a certain decree of the Superior Court of the eastern district of Florida in favor of the United States.

APPROVED, July 20, 1848.

CHAP. CIX. — *An Act to authorize the Sale of a Part of Public Reservation numbered Thirteen, in the City of Washington, and for other Purposes.*

July 25, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Public Buildings in the city of Washington be, and he is hereby, authorized to sell to the vestry of Washington parish such portion of the public reservation of land in the city of Washington, numbered thirteen, called the Hospital Square, as the said vestry may desire to purchase, for the purpose of enlarging the Washington parish burial-ground, not exceeding six acres: *Provided,* The Secretary of War and the Secretary of the Navy shall be of opinion that the said land can be sold without injury to the public service; and, upon payment being made to the said Commissioner for the said land, at the same price per acre which the United States received for the adjoining square of ground, numbered eleven hundred and fifteen, he shall execute a conveyance therefor to the said vestry, in the same manner as he now conveys public lands when sold.

Sale of a portion of public reservation No. 13 to the vestry of Washington parish authorized.

Proviso.

Upon payment of purchase money, deed of conveyance to be executed.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the vestry of Washington parish shall have authority to enclose, possess, and occupy so much of Nineteenth Street east as passes between square numbered eleven hundred and fifteen, in the city of Washington, (the present burial-ground,) and the land proposed by the first section of this act to be sold; and also, with the consent of the corporate authority of the city of Washington, the said vestry may enclose, possess, and occupy so much of any street or streets as may pass between the said square numbered eleven hundred and fifteen, and any other whole square of ground of which it may become the possessor, for the sole purpose of enlarging the said burial-ground.

Said vestry may enclose and occupy portions of certain streets;

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the vestry of Washington parish shall have power to hold and enjoy forever any land which it may purchase or possess for the extension of the Washington parish burial-ground: *Provided,* The whole quantity shall not exceed thirty acres, any thing in any former act to the contrary notwithstanding;

And may hold and enjoy forever any land it may purchase for extension of burial-ground.

Proviso.

and the said vestry may, from time to time, sell or otherwise dispose of the said ground for the purposes of burial.

Government of the United States to have the right to purchase a portion of said ground for a burial-ground for members of Congress and public officers.
Proviso.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the government of the United States shall be entitled to purchase from the said vestry, and to occupy as a burial-ground, for members of Congress and such other members of the United States government as the President shall deem it expedient and proper to allow, a portion of the land hereinbefore authorized to be sold, not exceeding one fourth part thereof, and which portion shall be laid out in some compact form, and at such place as the Secretaries aforesaid shall select: *Provided*, That the ground so authorized to be purchased and used by the government shall be paid for from time to time, as it is actually used, at the price demanded by the vestry, for grave-sites in other parts of the same ground: *And provided, also*, That this reservation of the right to purchase to the extent aforesaid shall not be held to subject the United States to any part of the expense of putting up or keeping up the enclosures of the said burying-ground, or other expense incident thereto.

United States not to be subject to any expense for enclosures, &c.

APPROVED, July 25, 1848.

July 25, 1848.

CHAP. CXII. — *An Act to confirm the Location and to grant a Quarter Section of Public Lands for the County Site of Hillsborough County, State of Florida.*

Confirmation of location and grant of a quarter section of land to Hillsborough county, Florida, for county site.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the location of the county commissioners of the county of Hillsborough, in the State of Florida, of one hundred and sixty acres of land for the county site of said county, at Tampa, viz.: beginning on the east bank of Hillsborough River, at the point where the reduced military reservation, as made by Major L. Whiting, September fourteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, strikes the same; thence up said river, binding thereon, to a point at least half a mile in a straight line from the beginning; thence north-easterly to a point from whence a line running parallel to said straight line, and striking the line of said reduced reservation; and thence along the lines of said reservation to the place of beginning — shall include between said river and said lines one hundred and sixty acres of land; and the same is hereby granted to the said commissioners of the said county, and their successors in office, for the use of said county, the proceeds of sales to be applied to the building of a court-house and jail, and other public buildings for said county; and the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall cause said one hundred and sixty acres of land, granted as aforesaid, to be surveyed, and the survey confirmed, as soon as practicable; and a patent shall issue therefor to said commissioners, for the use of said county, as aforesaid, referring to this act.

Proceeds of sales — how to be applied.

APPROVED, July 25, 1848.

July 25, 1848.

CHAP. CXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Alfred White.*

Postmaster-General to pay Alfred White \$51 45 cents, the amount of a judgment recovered against him.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, directed to pay, from the revenues of the Post-Office Department appropriated for mail transportation, to Alfred White, of Mississippi, the sum of fifty-four dollars and forty-five cents, that sum having been paid by him in satisfaction of a judgment recovered against him by the United States, in the District Court for the southern district of Mississippi; and which said sum, included in said judgment, was over and above what appears to have been due

from said White to the Post-Office Department, for whose benefit said judgment was recovered.

APPROVED, July 25, 1848.

CHAP. CXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of the Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia.*

July 25, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cancel and give up six several bonds of the Central Railroad Company of Georgia, falling due on the third day of March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, which said several bonds were required and given contrary to the true intent and meaning of the several acts under which they were taken.

Secretary of the Treasury to cancel and give up six several bonds illegally taken from Central Railroad and Banking Company of Georgia.

APPROVED, July 25, 1848.

CHAP. CXV.—*An Act to authorize the Secretary of the Treasury to make a Compromise and Settlement with the Securities of Francis D. Newcomb, late Surveyor-General of the State of Louisiana.*

July 25, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to make such an equitable settlement and compromise with the securities of Francis D. Newcomb, late surveyor-general of the State of Louisiana, as he shall, under the circumstances, deem advisable; and on their paying or securing to his satisfaction the sum agreed to be paid by them, to discharge them fully from all liability as such securities.

Secretary of the Treasury authorized to make a settlement and compromise with the securities of F. D. Newcomb.

APPROVED, July 25, 1848.

CHAP. CXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Moses White.*

July 25, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, directed to allow and pay to the heirs-at-law of Moses White, deceased, late a pensioner on the revolutionary invalid pension roll, the amount of his invalid pension, from the third of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-six, to the thirty-first day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty, during which time said pension was withheld or discontinued in consequence of said Moses taking the benefit of the act entitled "An Act for the relief of certain surviving officers and soldiers of the army of the Revolution," approved May fifteenth, in the year eighteen hundred and twenty-eight.

Secretary of War to pay to the heirs of Moses White the amount of his invalid pension from 3d March, 1826, to 31st May, 1830.

1828, ch. 53.

APPROVED, July 25, 1848.

CHAP. CXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents in the City of New York.*

July 25, 1828.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the judgment rendered in the District Court of the United States for the southern district of New York, in the case of the United States against the managers of the Society for the Reformation of Juvenile Delinquents, so far as the same remains unpaid, be, and the same is hereby, forever

Release of a judgment rendered against said society in favor of the United States.

released and discharged; and that the proper law officer of the United States in said court cause satisfaction thereof to be entered of record.
APPROVED, July 25, 1848.

Aug. 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company.*

The claim of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company to be settled on principles of equity and justice.

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 audit and settle the claim of Bent, St. Vrain, and Company, on principles of equity and justice, for provisions collected for the use of a detachment of United States troops on the waters of the upper Arkansas, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-three, under a contract made with Major Lee, commissary of subsistence at St. Louis, and recommended to be allowed by General Gibson, Commissary-General of Subsistence, by letter to the Second Comptroller, dated May twenty-eighth, eighteen hundred and forty-four; and that the amount found due to the said Bent, St. Vrain, and Company, be paid to them out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amount found due them to be paid.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

Aug. 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of John Anderson.*

§2333 82 to be paid John Anderson for lead improperly received from him as rent of a lead mine which belonged to him at the time rent was paid.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of two thousand three hundred and thirty-three dollars and eighty-two and a half cents be paid to John Anderson, of Jefferson county, Missouri, for forty-eight thousand five hundred and seventy-four pounds of lead, received by the agent of the United States as rent for the use of a lead mine which belonged to said Anderson at the time the rent was paid.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

Aug. 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Bennet M. Dell.*

§750 to be paid Bennet M. Dell for a building at Newnansville, Florida, taken for the use of the United States.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Bennet M. Dell, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seven hundred and fifty dollars, being for the value of a certain building at Newnansville, in Florida, which was taken for the use of the United States by order of Colonel Francis R. Sanchez, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-five, and continued in the use of the United States as a blockhouse and magazine until eighteen hundred and forty-one, when it was abandoned and pulled down.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

Aug. 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXVI.—*An Act for the Relief of E. G. Smith.*

Commissioner of Patents to pay E. G. Smith such compensation for extra services as he may deem a fair remuneration for the labors performed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Commissioner of Patents be authorized to pay E. G. Smith, from the patent fund, such compensation for extra service, out of office hours, rendered by him in the preparation of the agricultural report in eighteen hundred and forty-four and eighteen hundred and forty-five, as in the Commissioner's judgment is a fair remuneration for the labor per-

formed, on satisfactory proof being furnished him of the number of hours so employed, and according to the usual rate for similar services
 APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXVII.—*An Act for the Relief of John Manly.*

Aug. 5, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and required to place the name of John Manly on the pension list of revolutionary pensioners, and to pay him a pension at the rate of twelve dollars per month from the fourth of September, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty-five.

A pension of \$12 per month allowed to John Manly

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXVIII.—*An Act for the Relief of Charles Cappel.*

Aug. 5, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Charles Cappel, of the parish of Avoyelles, State of Louisiana, his heirs and assigns, be forever confirmed in the title, use, and possession of all that certain tract, lot and parcel of land situate within the said parish of Avoyelles, at Marksville, in the prairie, and embraced within the grant of the Spanish government to Noel Soileau, lying within section numbered twenty-seven, of township two north, of range four east, as described upon the plat of the public survey of the lands of the south-western district of Louisiana, to wit: that tract occupied by the said Charles Cappel, containing two hundred superficial arpents, five arpents front by forty arpents deep, not heretofore confirmed to any other claimant.

Title of Charles Cappel to a certain tract of land in the parish of Avoyelles, Louisiana, confirmed.

SEC. 2. *Be it further enacted,* That the Secretary of the Treasury cause the said tract of two hundred superficial arpents to be surveyed, and a patent to issue to said Cappel, his heirs and assigns, for the same.

Tract to be surveyed and patent to issue.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXIX.—*An Act for the Relief of Robert Ellis.*

Aug. 5, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, required to pay to Robert Ellis, of the State of Tennessee, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of sixty-six dollars per annum, for and during his natural life, in addition to the thirty dollars per annum now paid him under the act of seventh of June, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, in consequence of wounds received by him in the war of the Revolution; said pension to commence from and after the fourth day of March, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

A pension of \$66 per annum allowed Robert Ellis in addition to the pension he now receives.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXX.—*An Act for the Relief of Amzy Judd.*

Aug. 5, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay, out of any unappropriated money, to Amzy Judd, of the county of Onondaga, New York, the sum of twenty-four dollars, that being the amount still due him as encouragement for his enlistment into the army of the United States under the provisions of the

Amzy Judd to be paid \$24, being the amount still due him on his bounty for enlistment in the army.

1813, ch. 12. act of Congress approved January twentieth, eighteen hundred and thirteen.

A warrant to issue to him for 160 acres of land.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Commissioner of the General Land Office shall be, and is hereby, authorized and required to issue a warrant in favor of Amzy Judd, for one hundred and sixty acres of land, to be located upon any unlocated land belonging to the United States, and now subject to entry.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

Aug. 5, 1848. CHAP. CXXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of Catharine Fulton, of Washington County, Pennsylvania.*

Name of Catharine Fulton to be placed on the revolutionary pension roll.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to place the name of Catharine Fulton upon the revolutionary pension roll, under the rates fixed by the acts of the seventh of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, and third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-three, as the widow of Captain Samuel Fulton, for twelve months' service as a captain in the revolutionary army; and that her pension commence on the first of January, eighteen hundred and forty-five.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848

Aug. 5, 1848. CHAP. CXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of the legal Representative of William McKenzie, late a Seaman on board the United States Ship Vincennes.*

The sum due to William McKenzie, deceased, to be paid to his legal representative on presentation of duly certified copies of letters testamentary or of administration.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum due to William McKenzie, late a seaman on board of the United States ship Vincennes, at the time of his death, as determined by the proper accounting officers of the treasury, may, and shall be, paid to the legal representative of the said William McKenzie, on such representative presenting to the proper officer an exemplification or duly certified copy of letters testamentary, or letters of administration, granted, or which shall be granted, to such representative by any State court of competent jurisdiction and authority to grant the same.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

Aug. 5, 1848. CHAP. CXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of J. Throckmorton.*

The claim of J. Throckmorton for loss sustained by rescinding of a certain contract to be audited and adjusted.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to audit and adjust the claim of J. Throckmorton against the United States, for any damage or loss sustained by him in consequence of the rescinding of a certain contract on the twentieth August, one thousand eight hundred and forty, without any fault and against the wish of the said Throckmorton; which contract was entered into between him and Major McRae, a quartermaster of the army of the United States, on the sixteenth day of August, A. D. one thousand eight hundred and forty, who was duly authorized to make the said contract; and by the terms of which contract the said Throckmorton, as master of the steamer Chippewa, was required to transport Brigadier-General Atkinson, together with eight companies of the infantry of the United States army, from Jefferson barracks, near St. Louis, to Fort Crawford, in Wisconsin, and to furnish two keel boats of the first class, in addition to the steamer, for the use of the said troops; for which he was to

receive as compensation the sum of two hundred dollars per day, to commence on the twenty-first of the same August; and that, upon an adjustment of the said claim, the sum found due to the said Throckmorton, not to exceed one thousand dollars, be paid to him out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Elijah H. Willis.*

Aug. 5, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the collector of Plymouth, in the State of North Carolina, is hereby authorized to pay Elijah H. Willis the sum of twenty-six dollars and sixty-five cents for his services as inspector and measurer, in the discharge of the cargo of schooner Carpenter's Son, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-five; and that the Secretary of the Treasury allow to the collector aforesaid, in his account with the United States, the sum of twenty-six dollars and sixty-five cents aforesaid.

Collector of Plymouth, North Carolina, to pay Elijah H. Willis \$26 65 for his services as inspector and measurer in the year 1845.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of Benjamin White.*

Aug. 5, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby directed and authorized to give to Benjamin White a land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land for military services rendered by him in the late war with Great Britain, which warrant may be located on any quarter section of public land now open to private entry.

Land warrant to issue to Benjamin White for 160 acres of land for military services in the late war with Great Britain.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of William Culver.*

Aug. 5, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, directed to pay thirteen hundred and seventeen dollars and twenty-one cents, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to William Culver, in full compensation for work on, and for materials furnished for, the United States custom-house at the city of New London, in the State of Connecticut.

William Culver to be paid \$1317 21 in full compensation for work, &c., for the United States custom-house at New London, Conn.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

CHAP. CXXXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Heirs of Matthew Stewart.*

Aug. 5, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, authorized and directed to pay to the heirs of Matthew Stewart one hundred and forty-eight dollars and forty-eight cents, in full of all demands, under his claims as set forth in the report of Colonel Totten, of the engineer corps, dated nineteenth of January, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and directed to the Hon. John W. Davis; the said sum to be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

\$148 48 to be paid heirs of Matthew Stewart in full of all demands under the claims of the deceased against the United States.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

Aug. 5, 1848. CHAP. CXXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Sarah Stokes, Widow of John Stokes.*

A pension of \$66 63 per annum allowed to Sarah Stokes.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby authorized and required to place the name of Sarah Stokes on the list of revolutionary pensioners, and to pay her a pension at the rate of sixty-six dollars and sixty-three cents per annum, to commence on the fourth day of September, eighteen hundred and forty.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

Aug. 5, 1848. CHAP. CXXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Jonathan Moore, of the State of Massachusetts.*

Name of Jonathan Moore to be placed on the roll of revolutionary pensioners.

1832, ch. 126.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Jonathan Moore, of the State of Massachusetts, on the roll of revolutionary pensioners, and that he be allowed such pension, under the act of June seventh, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, as would be allowed him if he had served six months; said pension to commence on the fourth of September, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, August 5, 1848.

Aug. 7, 1848. CHAP. CXL. — *An Act to authorize the issuing a Register to the Bark Mary Teressa.*

A register to issue to bark Mary Teressa.

Proviso as to cost of repairs.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be issued, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, a register for the bark Mary Teressa, formerly a French vessel, but now owned by Nathan Rogers and Charles Butler, citizens of Baltimore, in the State of Maryland; and which said vessel having been wrecked and condemned in the Chesapeake Bay, and has been repaired at great expense: *Provided,* It shall be proved to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the cost of the repairs made in the United States exceeds three fourths of the original cost of building a vessel of the same tonnage in the United States.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

Aug. 7, 1848. CHAP. CXLII. — *An Act for the Relief of James M. Scantland.*

A pension of \$30 per month allowed James M. Scantland in lieu of the pension he now receives.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War allow and pay to Major James M. Scantland, of Davidson county, Tennessee, the sum of thirty dollars per month during his natural life, instead of the sum now paid him as an invalid pensioner, to commence from the twenty-first day of July, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

Aug. 7, 1848. CHAP. CXLVI. — *An Act for the Relief of certain Tennessee Volunteers.*

Certain mounted Tennessee volunteers to be

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay,

out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the mounted Tennessee volunteers who served in the companies of Captains Gillespie, Peake, and Vernon, and Rogers, in eighteen hundred and thirty-six, to each the sum of forty cents per day for the use and risk of his horse, and fifteen cents per day for forage, from the first day of November, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, the date of the order of General Wool, until the day they were finally discharged, according to law, from the public service: *Provided*, Said allowances shall be made by the accounting officers upon the same principles and upon like proofs as are required in other cases where similar allowances are made by law.

paid each 40 cents per day for the use and risk of his horse, and 15 cents per day for forage, from 1st November, 1836, till the date of their discharge.

Proviso.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

CHAP. CXLVIII. — *An Act to refund a Penalty remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury to John Hardorp.*

Aug. 7, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to pay to John Hardorp, of the city of New York, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four hundred and eighteen dollars and sixty cents, being the amount of a certain penalty incurred by him under the seventeenth section of the act of Congress, entitled "An Act to provide revenue from imports, and to change and modify existing laws imposing duties on imports, and for other purposes," approved thirtieth August, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-two, and which penalty was remitted by the Secretary of the Treasury on the fifteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

John Hardorp to be paid \$418 60, the amount of a penalty incurred by him which was remitted.

1842, ch. 270.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

CHAP. CXLIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Catharine Hoffman.*

Aug. 7, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of Catharine Hoffman, of Baltimore, State of Maryland, widow of the late Lieutenant-Colonel William Hoffman, on the roll of invalid pensions, and pay to her the sum of twenty dollars per month, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, and to continue during her natural life.

A pension of \$20 per month allowed to Catharine Hoffman.

APPROVED, August 7, 1848.

CHAP. CLVII. — *An Act for the Relief of David N. Smith.*

Aug. 11, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized and directed to place the name of David N. Smith, of New York, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and that he be paid at the rate of eight dollars per month during his life, to commence on the nineteenth day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

A pension of \$8 per month allowed to David N. Smith.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

Aug. 11, 1848.

CHAP. CLVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Oliver C. Harris.*

Letters patent granted to Oliver C. Harris for improvement in paint mills, extended for seven years.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That letters patent granted to Oliver C. Harris on the fifteenth day of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, for his improvement in paint mills, or manner of grinding paints, indigo, &c., &c., be, and the same are hereby, extended for the term of seven years from and after the passage of this act; and the Commissioner of Patents is hereby directed to renew and extend said patent by making certificate thereon, or upon a certified copy thereof, of such extension; and the Commissioner is hereby directed to cause the same to be entered on record in the Patent Office, and the said patent so extended shall have the same effect in law as if originally granted for twenty-one years, in the form herein provided.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

Aug. 11, 1848.

CHAP. CLIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Red River Railroad Company.*

Certain bonds given by Red River Railroad Company for duties on railroad iron to be cancelled.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized to cancel the several bonds given by the Red River Railroad Company for the duties on certain railroad bars of iron imported for the use of said company, and which bars were imported at New Orleans in the months of February and March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven; and he is hereby further authorized to enter the judgments satisfied, which have been obtained by the United States against said company on their bonds, upon the defendants paying the costs of said suits: *Provided,* That it shall appear to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury that the said railroad bars have been, and are now, permanently laid down upon the railroad of the aforesaid company.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

Aug. 11, 1848.

CHAP. CLX. — *An Act for the Relief of Samuel Cony.*

A pension of \$8 per month allowed to Samuel Cony.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he hereby is, directed to place on the pension roll the name of Samuel Cony, of Augusta, State of Maine, and to pay him a pension at the rate of eight dollars per month, from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-five, to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

Aug. 11, 1848.

CHAP. CLXI. — *An Act for the Relief of Alborne Allen.*

Alborne Allen to be paid a balance due on a contract for building a boat for the government.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid to Alborne Allen, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of four hundred and thirty-two dollars, for the balance due on a contract for building a boat called the *Æolus*, on account of the government.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

CHAP. CLXII.—*An Act for the Relief of Joseph Perry, a Choctaw Indian, or his Assignees* Aug. 11, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That in lieu of section thirty-five, of township twenty-five, range six east, to which Joseph Perry, a Choctaw Indian, was entitled, and of which he was deprived by operation of the Chickasaw treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty-four, and the action of the government of the United States, the said Joseph Perry or his assignees shall be entitled to locate one section of land, in quantities not less than one quarter section by the legal subdivisions, upon any of the public lands not otherwise appropriated, subject to private entry.

Joseph Perry authorized to locate one section of land, in lieu of a section of which he was deprived by the Chickasaw treaty

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

CHAP. CLXIII.—*An Act for the Relief of the Heirs and Widow of François Gramillion.* Aug. 11, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claim of the widow and heirs of François Gramillion, to a tract of seventeen arpens front, by forty deep, in the parish of Avoyelles, Louisiana, be, and the same is hereby confirmed, according to a survey executed in February, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, by Kenneth McCrummen, deputy surveyor; and it shall be the duty of the commissioner of the General Land Office to order an official survey to be returned for the said claim, conforming as near as may be to a survey made in February, eighteen hundred and twenty-six, by Kenneth McCrummen, accompanying the petition for confirmation; and upon the return to the General Land Office of an official survey, properly executed and certified, a patent shall issue: *Provided,* That the confirmation and patent shall only operate as a relinquishment of title on the part of the United States, and shall in no way prejudice any adverse rights which may exist to any part of the premises before such official survey shall be made.

The claim of widow and widow of François Gramillion to a tract of land confirmed.

Proviso.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

CHAP. CLXIV.—*An Act for the Relief of John Farnham.* Aug. 11, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of John Farnham, of Woolwich, in the county of Lincoln, and State of Maine, on the roll of invalid pensions, and that he pay to him the sum of five dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to continue during his natural life.

A pension of \$5 per month allowed to John Farnham.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

CHAP. CLXV.—*An Act for the Relief of Francis M. Holton.* Aug. 11, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of Francis M. Holton on the roll of invalid pensions, at the rate of eight dollars per month; and that he be paid at that rate during his natural life, to commence from the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-six.

A pension of \$8 per month allowed to Francis M. Holton.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

Aug. 12, 1848.

CHAP. CLXX. — *An Act for the Relief of B. O. Tayloe.*

The claims of B. O. Tayloe referred to the Solicitor of the Treasury to ascertain whether the buildings rented by him to the Post-Office Department were returned to him "in a good and tenable condition;" if not, to pay him the amount of damage sustained.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the claims of B. O. Tayloe, as set forth in the report of the Committee of Claims of the House of Representatives of July twenty-four, eighteen hundred and forty-six, be referred to the Solicitor of the Treasury to ascertain, from the proof to be submitted by said Tayloe and by the government, whether the buildings were returned to B. O. Tayloe by the Post-Office Department "in a good and tenable condition;" and if not, to ascertain the amount of damage sustained by said B. O. Tayloe, and the amount so ascertained to have been sustained by said B. O. Tayloe (if any) the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to pay out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 12, 1848.

Aug. 12, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of Charity Herrington.*

Charity Herrington authorized to enter a certain fractional quarter section of land.

Patent to issue. Proviso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Charity Herrington be authorized and permitted to enter at the minimum price, at the Chicago land office, the north-east fractional quarter of section ten, in township thirty-nine north, of range eight east, of the third principal meridian, and a patent shall issue therefor as in other cases: *Provided,* That this act, and the patent hereby authorized to be granted, shall not have the effect, or be construed, to impair any legal or equitable claim of any person or persons whatsoever to said tract or parcel of land.

APPROVED, August 12, 1848.

Aug. 12, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Gustavus Dorr.*

A pension of \$20 per month allowed to Gustavus Dorr.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Gustavus Dorr, late captain in the sixth regiment of United States infantry, on the roll of invalid pensioners, and pay to him the sum of twenty dollars per month, during his natural life, commencing on the eighteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty-seven.

APPROVED, August 12, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXIV. — *An Act supplementary to "An Act to authorize the Secretary of State to liquidate certain Claims therein mentioned," passed eighteenth of April, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen.*

Secretary of State to examine, according to principles of equity, the claim of Joseph De la Francia.

1814, ch. 68.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of State be, and he is hereby, directed to examine, according to principles of equity and justice, the claim of Joseph De la Francia for advances made, for the use and benefit of the United States, prior to and since the taking of that portion of the late province of West Florida described in the act (approved eighteenth April, eighteen hundred and fourteen) to which this is a supplement, as included within the limits of the State of Louisiana, or of the Mississippi Territory, by the United States; and that such sum of money as he may find to be justly

due to the said De la Francia be paid to him, or his legal representatives, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Amount found due to be paid him.

APPROVED. August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXVIII. — *An Act for the Payment of the Fourth Regiment in the Second Brigade of the Third Division of the Vermont Militia, for Services at the Battle of Plattsburg.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

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, authorized and directed to adjust and settle the claims for one month's services of the officers and soldiers of the fourth regiment in the second brigade of the third division of the militia of the State of Vermont, who served at the battle of Plattsburg on the eleventh day of September, one thousand eight hundred and fourteen, for their military services on that occasion, and that the same be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Claims of certain officers and soldiers of Vermont militia to be adjusted and settled.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widows and Orphans of the Officers, Seamen, and Marines of the Brig-of-War Somers.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

WHEREAS the United States brig-of-war Somers was foundered at sea, in the offing of the harbor of Vera Cruz, while engaged, under very hazardous circumstances, in the prosecution of hostilities against an enemy of this republic: Therefore,

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the widows, if any such there be, and in case there be no widow, the child or children, and if there be no child, then the parent or parents, and if there are no parents, to the brothers and sisters who were minors and under the age of eighteen years at the time of said loss of the officers, seamen, and marines who were in the service of the United States, and lost in the United States brig-of-war Somers, shall be entitled to, and receive, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, a sum equal to twelve months' pay of their respective deceased relations aforesaid, in addition to the pay due to the said deceased at the date of the loss of said vessel.

A sum equal to twelve months' pay of their deceased relatives awarded to the widows or children, &c., of the officers, seamen, and marines of the late United States brig Somers.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of George V. Mitchell.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That George V. Mitchell, late postmaster at Bellsville, Pennsylvania, be, and he hereby is, released from the payment of a judgment obtained against him in the United States Court for the western district of Pennsylvania, held at Williamsport.

George V. Mitchell released from the payment of a judgment.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXXII. — *An Act for the Relief of Ward and Smith.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to ascertain

The Secretary of the Navy to ascertain what sum

is justly due Ward and Smith for advances made for the use of the navy in California, and certify the amount to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall pay the same.

what sum should be justly and equitably allowed the firm of Ward and Smith, for advances made by them for the use of the Navy Department in California, in the month of February, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and to certify the amount to the Secretary of the Treasury, who shall pay the same out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXXIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Messrs. Cook, Anthony, Mahony, and others.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Cook, Anthony, and Mahony, of New York, fifty dollars; to Doremus, Suydams, and Nixen, of New York, one hundred and fifty dollars; to Spellman and Fraser, of New York, fifty dollars; to West Oliver and Company, of New York, one hundred dollars; and to O. B. White, of New York, two hundred and fifty dollars; the said sums being the amount of treasury notes, the property of the aforesaid persons, which were deposited, enclosed in letters, in the post-office at Van Buren, in the State of Arkansas, in March, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and forty-three, and were afterwards stolen from the mail by one Charles Botsford; and, after being altered and forged, were presented, by some person unknown, to the Bank of America, in the city of New York, then acting as the fiscal agent of the treasury, and paid by said bank, in behalf of the United States.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXXIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Charles M. Gibson.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to cause the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to Charles M. Gibson, as remuneration for a wagon captured and destroyed in Middle Florida by the Seminole Indians, in February, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-nine, the same to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXXV. — *An Act for the Relief of William Triplett.*

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of William Triplett, of St. Louis county, Missouri, to a preëmption of the south-east quarter of section thirty-six, in township forty-five, of range four east, as specified in the certificate of the receiver of the land office at St. Louis, numbered eleven thousand one hundred and seventy-one, held under the act of eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, being the land on which he, the said Triplett, has resided for more than twenty-five years last past, be, and the same is hereby, confirmed and established; and that upon payment being made, or having been made for said land, by said Triplett, a patent shall be issued to him: *Provided,* That all or any previous right acquired, and grants or sales of said

Right to a pre-emption of a tract of land in Missouri, confirmed to William Triplett.

Upon payment being made for said land, a patent to issue.
Proviso.

land by the United States, shall be, and the same are hereby, expressly saved and reserved from the operation of this act.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXXVI. — *An Act for the Relief of Richard Reynolds.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, directed to place upon the pension list of invalid pensioners of the United States, Corporal Richard Reynolds; and that he be allowed a pension of eight dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.

A pension of \$8 per month allowed to Richard Reynolds.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXXVII. — *An Act granting a Pension to John Clark.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be allowed and paid to John Clark, a soldier of the forty-fifth regiment of infantry in the late war with Great Britain, a pension at the rate of four dollars per month, to commence on the first day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and to continue during his natural life; the said Clark having been severely injured while in the line of his duty, in September, eighteen hundred and fourteen.

A pension of \$4 per month allowed to John Clark.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Milledge Galphin, Executor of the last Will and Testament of George Galphin, deceased.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to examine and adjust the claim of the late George Galphin, under the treaty made by the Governor of Georgia with the Creek and Cherokee Indians, in the year seventeen hundred and seventy-three, and to pay the amount which may be found due to Milledge Galphin, executor of the said George Galphin out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

The claim of the late George Galphin under the treaty made with the Creek and Cherokee Indians in 1773 to be adjusted.

Amount found due to be paid to his executor.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CLXXXIX. — *An Act for the Payment of Charles Richmond.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury pay to Charles Richmond, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of three hundred dollars, in full payment for his services as special marshal in aiding the marshal of the United States for the district of Michigan to preserve the neutral relations of the United States with the provinces of Upper and Lower Canada, in eighteen hundred and thirty-nine and eighteen hundred and forty.

Charles Richmond to be paid \$300 in full for his services as special marshal in the district of Michigan in 1839 and 1840.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CXC. — *An Act for the Relief of Jesse Turner.*

The title of Jesse Turner to a tract of 150 acres of land in Florida confirmed to him.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be, and hereby is, confirmed unto Jesse Turner, of the State of Florida, one hundred and fifty acres of land lying on the north side of Trout Creek, north of the River St. John, to the west of the Bouck house, in the county of Duval, and State of Florida, being the same tract of land surveyed to James Turner by order of the Spanish government on the fifteenth day of December, eighteen hundred and eighteen, and on which the said Jesse Turner has resided upwards of twenty years.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CXCI. — *An Act for the Relief of Mary Taylor.*

The name of Mary Taylor to be placed upon the revolutionary pension roll.

1838, ch. 189.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to place the name of Mary Taylor, commonly called Polly Taylor, upon the revolutionary pension roll, at the rates fixed by the act of the seventh of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, as the widow of Jesse Taylor, for services performed by him as a sergeant in the revolutionary army; and that her pension commence on the seventh of April, eighteen hundred and forty-five.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CXCII. — *An Act for the Relief of the legal Representatives of Thomas J. V. Owen, deceased.*

Administrator of Thomas J. V. Owen to be paid \$200 for the occupation of the house of the deceased at Chicago during the Black Hawk war, &c.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be paid, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to the administrator or other legal representative of the late Thomas J. V. Owen, deceased, the sum of two hundred dollars for the use and occupation of his house at Chicago during the Black Hawk war, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-two, as a cholera hospital.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CXCIII. — *An Act for the Relief of William B. Stokes.*

William B. Stokes to be paid from the revenues of the Post-Office Department \$4775 for extra mail service performed by John N. C. Stockton & Co., in 1836.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay from the revenues of the Post-Office Department appropriated for mail transportation, to William B. Stokes, surviving partner of John N. C. Stockton and Company, the sum of four thousand seven hundred and seventy-five dollars, for extra services performed by said John N. C. Stockton and Company, who were contractors for carrying the mail from Augusta, in the State of Georgia, to Mobile, in Alabama; said services having been rendered during the months of May, June, and July, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-six; and which said sum shall be in full satisfaction of all claims for said extra services, and of all damages occasioned thereby.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CXCIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Samuel Grice.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, such amount of damages as, from the testimony furnished, shall appear to have been sustained by Samuel Grice, in consequence of the seizure of his boat by an officer of the United States army, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-six, so far as said damages have not arisen from the negligence of said Grice.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Samuel Grice to be paid the amount of damages sustained by him in consequence of the seizure of his boat by an officer of the United States army in 1836.

CHAP. CXCV. — *An Act for the Relief of Frederic Durrive.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Frederic Durrive be, and he is hereby, confirmed in his purchase of lot number sixteen, in township number seventeen, of range number fifteen east, lying west of the Mississippi River, entered and paid for by him at the land office at New Orleans, containing one hundred and sixty-five acres and eleven-hundredths of an acre, and that a patent be issued to him therefor: *Provided, however,* That said Durrive shall first procure and file with the register of the district the assent in writing of the commissioners of schools, and a majority of the voters, in the township in which said land is situated, to such confirmation.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That if such patent shall be issued to said Durrive, in pursuance of the section aforesaid, then the register of the land office and receiver of public money in said district, under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, shall select and reserve for the use of schools in said township other lands in the same or adjoining township, of the same extent and quality with those described in the first section of this act.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

1851, ch. 5.
The title of Frederic Durrive to a tract of 165 11-100ths acres of land in Mississippi confirmed to him.

Other school lands to be selected.

CHAP. CXCVI. — *An Act granting a Pension to William Pittman.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War is hereby directed to place the name of William Pittman on the list of invalid pensioners of the United States, and that the said Pittman be entitled to receive a pension of eight dollars per month, from the thirteenth day of May, eighteen hundred and forty-six, and to continue during his natural life.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

A pension of \$8 per month allowed to William Pittman.

CHAP. CXCVII. — *An Act for the Relief of John P. B. Gratiot and the legal Representatives of Henry Gratiot.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized and directed to ascertain whether the lead exacted of John P. B. and Henry Gratiot, as rent, by the United States agents of lead mines, was mined and smelted within the territory and upon the lands of the Ottawa, Pottawatomie, Chippewa, or other tribes of Indians; and, if so, to ascertain the amount, or

Secretary of the Treasury to ascertain the value of certain lead illegally exacted from John P. B. Gratiot and others as rent by the

agents of United States, and after deducting therefrom the amount which may be due the United States, to pay the balance to said Gratiots.

value, so paid to said agents for the United States by said Henry and John P. B. Gratiot, and, after deducting the amount appearing on the books of the Treasury, or found to be really due from said Gratiots, or either of them, to the United States, to pay the balance, if any, to John P. B. Gratiot and to the legal representatives of Henry Gratiot, deceased, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CXCVIII.—*An Act authorizing the Payment of a Sum of Money to Robert Purkis.*

§700 to be paid Robert Purkis for having recaptured, alone and unassisted, a vessel called the Little Sarah, together with four seamen of the British navy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of seven hundred dollars to Robert Purkis, of the State of Rhode Island, or to his legal representatives; which sum of seven hundred dollars is paid to him as an evidence of the sense entertained by Congress of his valor and good conduct in having recaptured, alone and unassisted, a vessel called the Little Sarah, together with four seamen of the British navy, which prisoners were delivered to the district of Rhode Island, and as a compensation for the prisoners so taken.

APPROVED, 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CXCIX.—*An Act for the Relief of William Hogan, Administrator of Michael Hogan, deceased.*

§16,831 to be paid William Hogan in full compensation for the services of the deceased and moneys advanced by him as agent for the navy department at Valparaiso.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he hereby is, directed to pay, out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to William Hogan, administrator of Michael Hogan, deceased, the sum of sixteen thousand eight hundred and thirty-one dollars and eighty-seven cents, it being in full compensation for the services rendered and moneys advanced by the said Michael Hogan, as agent or factor for the Navy Department at Valparaiso.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CC.—*An Act to compensate R. M. Johnson, for the Erection of certain Buildings for the Use of the Choctaw Academy.*

R. M. Johnson to be paid the cost of certain buildings erected by him for the use of Indian students at the Choctaw Academy.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized and required to receive proof of the cost of the buildings erected by Colonel Richard M. Johnson, of Kentucky, for the use of Indian students at the Choctaw Academy, and when the cost of such buildings shall be so ascertained, to pay the same to said Johnson; and for the purpose aforesaid, the sum of ten thousand dollars be, and the same is hereby, appropriated, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CCI. — *An Act for the Relief of Benjamin Adams and Company, and others.* Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to pay, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, to Benjamin Adams and Company, George Howe and Company, Thomas P. Cushing, Dexter and Almy, Gill Wheelock, and Carter and Coolidge, the additional duties paid by them, severally, over and above five per cent. ad valorem imposed by the act of the second of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three, on certain milled and fulled cloths, known by the name of "plains, kerseys, and Kendal cottons," which were imported by them, respectively, under the act of the fourteenth of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-two, and placed in the public stores, according to the terms of said act, prior to the third day of March, one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three: *Provided,* That satisfactory proof shall be furnished to the Secretary of the Treasury that said goods were in the actual custody of the public officers on the third day of March aforesaid, and that said duties have not been returned in debentures on the exportation of said merchandise: *And provided, also,* That the whole amount to be thus refunded, as having been overpaid, shall not exceed two thousand seven hundred and seventy-six dollars.

Refunding of certain duties paid by B. Adams & Co., T. P. Cushing, Dexter & Almy, Gill Wheelock, Carter & Coolidge.

1842, ch. 270.

Proviso.

The whole amount to be thus refunded not to exceed \$2776.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CCII. — *An Act for the Relief of Purser Benjamin J. Cahoon.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the accounting officers of the treasury be, and are hereby, authorized to allow to Benjamin J. Cahoon, in the settlement of his accounts as purser, the sum of two hundred and thirty-seven dollars and sixty-seven cents, for the services of Mr. Fleming, late captain's clerk on board the United States frigate Congress, who performed the additional duties of purser's clerk during a part of the late cruise of said frigate.

Benjamin J. Cahoon to be allowed, in the settlement of his accounts, \$237 67 for the services of the captain's clerk on board the frigate Congress as purser's clerk.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CCIII. — *An Act granting a Pension to Abigail Garland, Widow of Jacob Garland, deceased.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized and directed to place the name of Abigail Garland, of Potten, in the province of Canada East, widow of Jacob Garland, on the revolutionary pension roll; and that she be paid at the rate of five dollars per month during her life, to commence on the twenty-eighth of April, eighteen hundred and forty-three.

A pension of \$5 per month allowed Abigail Garland.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CCIV. — *An Act for the Relief of Anna J. Hassler.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to place on the navy pension list, under the act of June thirtieth, eighteen hundred and thirty-four, the name of Anna J. Hassler, widow of Charles A.

A pension of \$25 per month for the term of five years allowed Anna J. Hassler.

Hassler, deceased, late a surgeon in the United States navy, and that there be paid to her, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of twenty-five dollars per month for the term of five years; pension to commence on the twenty-seventh day of November, one thousand eight hundred and forty-six, on which day her said husband was drowned, while on board the steamer Atlantic.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CV. — *An Act for the Relief of Welcome Parmeter.*

A pension of \$10 per month allowed Welcome Parmeter.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of Welcome Parmeter on the pension roll, and to allow and pay him a pension at the rate of ten dollars per month during his natural life, to commence on the twentieth day of January, eighteen hundred and forty-six.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CCVI. — *An Act for the Relief of David Currier.*

A pension of \$4 per month allowed David Currier.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of David Currier, of Andover, in the State of Massachusetts, upon the invalid pension roll, at the rate of four dollars per month, from the first day of January, one thousand eight hundred and forty-four.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CCVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Elizabeth Pistole, Widow of Charles Pistole, deceased.*

The name of Elizabeth Pistole to be placed upon the revolutionary pension roll.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to place the name of Elizabeth Pistole, widow of Charles Pistole, who was a private soldier in the revolutionary army, on the revolutionary pension roll, and allow her the same rate of pension as is allowed to the widows of revolutionary soldiers under the act of June seventeen, eighteen hundred and forty-four.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

CHAP. CCVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of David A. Watterston.*

1850, ch. 66,
David A. Watterston to be paid \$87 85, the amount of his salary for 4th quarter of the year 1844 and 1st quarter of the year 1845.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be paid to D. A. Watterston the sum of eighty-seven dollars and eighty-five cents, the same being the amount of his salary for the fourth quarter of the year eighteen hundred and forty-four, and the first quarter of the year eighteen hundred and forty-five, to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

CHAP. CCIX. — *An Act for the Relief of David Wilkinson.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be paid to David Wilkinson the sum of ten thousand dollars, as a remuneration to him for the benefits accruing to the public service from the use of the principle of the gauge and sliding lathe, of which he was the inventor, now in use in the workshops of the government at the different national arsenals and armories; the same to be paid out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

David Wilkinson to be paid \$10,000 for the use of the principle of the gauge and sliding lathe invented by him, at the workshops of the government.

CHAP. CCX. — *An Act for the Relief of John Lorimer Graham, late Postmaster in the City of New York.*

Aug. 14, 1848.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Auditor of the Treasury for the Post-Office Department credit the account of John Lorimer Graham, late postmaster in the city of New York, with a sum equal to the debit, for his disbursements from the post-office fund, in leasing ground and buildings, and fitting the same for the principal branch post-office in that city, under the direction of Charles A. Wickliffe, late Postmaster-General.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Postmaster-General pay to the said John Lorimer Graham the sum of two thousand seven hundred and four dollars and thirty-one cents, the said Graham having overpaid that amount at said date.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.

John L. Graham to be credited an amount equal to the debit for his disbursements from the post-office fund in leasing ground and buildings, &c., for the post-office at New York.

\$2704 31 to be paid him out of the post-office fund for that sum overpaid by him

RESOLUTIONS.

March 14, 1848.

[No. 3.]—*A Resolution for the Relief of Betsey McIntosh.*

Secretary of the Treasury to pay to Betsey McIntosh the amount of a certificate issued by the late board of Cherokee commissioners in her favor.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That, agreeably to a joint resolution of the fifteenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, "for the relief of certain Indian claimants under the Cherokee treaty of eighteen hundred and thirty-five - thirty-six," the Secretary of the Treasury pay, or cause to be paid, the amount of certificate issued by the late board of Cherokee commissioners under the seventeenth article of said treaty, in favor of Betsey McIntosh, to the said Betsey McIntosh, out of any unexpended appropriation heretofore made under an act approved the second of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-six, entitled "An Act making further appropriations for carrying into effect certain Indian treaties."

APPROVED, March 14, 1848.

June 16, 1848.

[No. 9.]—*Joint Resolution providing for Payment of the Regiment of Texas Mounted Troops called into the Service of the United States, under the Requisition of Colonel Curtis, in the Year eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and for other Purposes.*

Certain Texas mounted troops mustered into service for six months in 1847, and discharged before joining the army, to receive the pay and allowances of mounted men from the time they arrived at San Antonio till mustered out of service or disbanded.

*Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be, and he is hereby, authorized and required to cause to be paid, out of any unexpended appropriations for the prosecution of the war between the United States of America and the republic of Mexico, the regiment of Texas mounted troops which was mustered into the service of the United States for six months, under the requisition of Colonel Curtis, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and discharged before joining the army, the pay and allowances of mounted men, from the time the several companies thereof arrived at San Antonio, the place of rendezvous, until they were mustered out of service, and the usual pay and travelling allowances from the time they left their homes until they reached San Antonio, and from the places where they were mustered out of service until they reached their homes; and the companies of Captains Smith and Hill, until they refused to be mustered out of service, or were disbanded by their respective captains; and also that he cause to be paid to the said regiment the full value of all horses which he shall be satisfied were lost by them for want of forage, during the periods herein specified: *Provided*, That nothing in the act approved second March, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, entitled "An Act to amend an act to provide for the payment of horses and other property lost and destroyed in the military service of the United States," approved eighteenth January, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, shall be construed to revive the proviso to the second section of the act approved the fifteenth of June, eighteen hundred and forty-four, entitled "An Act making an appropriation for the payment of horses lost by the Missouri volunteers in the Florida war:" *Provided, also*, That all horses belonging to volunteers, which were lost in the Gulf of*

To be paid also for horses lost by them for want of forage.

Proviso.
1847, ch. 39.

1844, ch. 73.

All horses belonging to volunteers, which were

Mexico, since the thirteenth May, eighteen hundred and forty-six, by being thrown overboard or otherwise, shall be paid for in the same manner as is provided for the payment of other lost horses in this act.

APPROVED, JUNE 16, 1848.

thrown overboard in the Gulf of Mexico since 13th May, 1846, also to be paid for.

[No. 10.]—*A Resolution in Favor of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser.*

June 26, 1848.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Postmaster-General be, and hereby is, authorized and required to examine the claim of David Shaw and Solomon T. Corser, contractors for carrying the mail on route number four, from Portland to Augusta, in Maine, and ascertain whether any sum of money is justly and equitably due them for any more expensive service performed by them on said route than was required or contemplated by their contract; and if it shall be found that any sum of money is due them as aforesaid, then that he ascertain the amount thereof, and pay the same out of the revenues of the Post-Office Department: *Provided,* That in no event shall a greater sum than three thousand dollars be allowed and paid on the claim aforesaid.

APPROVED, JUNE 26, 1848.

The Postmaster-General to examine their claim for extra mail service.

The amount ascertained to be due them, if any, to be paid out of the revenues of the Post-Office Department.

Proviso, that no greater sum be allowed than \$3000.

[No. 11.]—*A Resolution to explain an Act passed twenty-fourth June, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, entitled "An Act for the Relief of W. B. Slaughter, late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin."*

June 23, 1848.

1848, ch. 69.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the words "late Secretary of the Treasury of Wisconsin," where the same occur in the act entitled "An Act for the relief of W. B. Slaughter, late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin," approved June twenty-fourth, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, be taken to mean, "late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin;" and that the said act be construed and executed accordingly.

APPROVED, JUNE 23, 1848.

The words "late Secretary of the Treasury of Wisconsin," in the act for his relief, to be taken to mean "late Secretary of the Territory of Wisconsin."

[No. 14.]—*A Resolution in Relation to the naval Pension of John McGarr.*

July 5, 1848.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Navy be, and he hereby is, authorized to pay to Catharine McGarr, wife of John McGarr, a naval pensioner, the amount of pension which shall appear on the books to be due to him, and not called for by him or any one duly authorized by him.

APPROVED, JULY 5, 1848.

Catharine McGarr to be paid the amount of pension which shall appear on the books to be due her husband, and not called for by him.

[No. 27.]—*A Resolution authorizing the Submission of certain Claims to Arbitration.*

Aug. 11, 1848.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Solicitor of the Treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized, by and with the approval of the Secretaries of the Treasury and War Departments, to submit the differences between the United States of the one part, and the Catholic Congregation of St. Augustine, Florida, and Benedict Madeore, vicar-general of the Catholic Church of Florida, of the other part, as to certain property specified in the memorials to Congress of the claimants, at this session, to arbitration, and to agree, for the

The claim of the Catholic Congregation of St. Augustine, Florida, and Benedict Madeore, vicar-general of Florida, to certain property specified in their memorial, to be submitted to arbitration.

United States, to such impartial and disinterested citizen learned in the law as said Solicitor and said parties may select, to decide said differences on such terms and conditions, and in such mode, manner, and form, as may be deemed just and proper by said Solicitor and said parties, to be set forth in such submission; and that said Solicitor be directed to defend the rights and interests of the United States before such arbitrator, and to obtain from Havana, or elsewhere, such papers as may be necessary therefor, the decision of said arbitrator to be made before or during the next session of Congress, and, with the evidence on which the same is founded, to be laid before Congress at its next session, for its approval and ratification thereof, or dissent therefrom, and for its further action.

APPROVED, August 11, 1848.

Aug. 14, 1848.

[No. 28.]—*A Resolution for the Relief of H. B. Gaither.*

§240 to be paid to H. B. Gaither for taking charge of and keeping certain books relating to the payment of the Cherokees in 1841.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of War be authorized and required to pay to H. B. Gaither the sum of two hundred and forty dollars, for taking charge of and keeping certain books relating to the payment of the Cherokees, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-one, under an implied contract with William Armstrong, agent for said Indians; and that said sum be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, August 14, 1848.