

PRIVATE ACTS OF THE THIRTY-FIRST CONGRESS

OF THE

UNITED STATES,

Passed at the second Session, which was begun and held at the City of Washington, in the District of Columbia, on Monday, the 2d day of December, 1850, and ended Monday, the 3d day of March, 1851.

MILLARD FILLMORE, President; WILLIAM R. KING, President of the Senate; HOWELL COBB, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dec. 24, 1850. CHAP. I. — *An Act for the Relief of Gamaliel Taylor (late Marshal of the District of Indiana) and his Sureties.*

Gamaliel Taylor, marshal, and his sureties released from certain liabilities.

Legal proceedings against him to be dismissed.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That Gamaliel Taylor, late marshal of the State of Indiana, together with the sureties on his official bond, dated March fourteenth, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty-six, be, and they are hereby, released from all liability in consequence of the acts of said Gamaliel Taylor, in the levy and execution of a certain "distress warrant," issued from the office of the solicitor of the treasury, on the twenty-eighth day of April, eighteen hundred and thirty-eight, directed against James T. Pollock, late receiver at Crawfordsville, Indiana; and that the proper officer of the treasury department be, and is hereby, authorized and directed to dismiss any and all suits that may have been instituted, and are now pending, and to suspend proceedings upon any judgment that may have been rendered in favor of the United States against said Gamaliel Taylor and said sureties, or any one of them, growing out of the execution of said distress warrant.

APPROVED, December 24, 1850.

Jan. 27, 1851. CHAP. III. — *An Act to renew and continue in Force the Charter of the "Potomac Insurance Company" of Georgetown.*

Charter of the Potomac Fire Insurance Company renewed and extended.

1831, ch. 90.

1837, ch. 57.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the act entitled "An Act to incorporate a fire insurance company in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia," approved the second March, eighteen hundred and thirty-one, and the act entitled "An Act to amend the charter of the Potomac Fire Insurance Company of Georgetown," approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and thirty-seven, be, and the

same are hereby, reenacted and extended to the first day of March, in the year eighteen hundred and seventy, and until the end of the next session of Congress which shall happen thereafter, until which time the said company may exercise all the powers, and have and enjoy all the privileges and immunities, granted to them by the said original act of incorporation, and the amendment thereto, any thing to the contrary thereof notwithstanding. This act shall commence and be in force from the passage thereof.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the stockholders of said company shall be individually liable for the debts and liabilities of said corporation to an amount equal to the capital [capital] stock held by them respectively: *Provided*, That such liability shall be confined to the stockholders who were such when such debts were contracted or liabilities incurred.

APPROVED, January 27, 1851.

This act to take effect from its passage.

Individual liability of the stockholders for the debts of the company.

Proviso.

CHAP. IV. — *An Act for the Relief of Charlotte Lynch.*

Feb. 5, 1851.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, there shall be allowed and paid to Charlotte Lynch, only surviving child of Lieutenant Colonel Ebenezer Gray, of the sixth regiment of the Connecticut line, who served in the army of the revolution from the beginning of the war to its close, as an equivalent for the loss sustained by him by the substitution of the commutation certificates, issued in seventeen hundred and eighty-three, for the half pay for life, to which he was entitled under the resolution of Congress of seventeen hundred and eighty, five years' full pay, without interest, any law to the contrary notwithstanding.

Payment to be made to Charlotte Lynch.

APPROVED, February 5, 1851.

CHAP. V. — *An Act to amend an Act entitled "An Act for the Relief of Frederic Durrie," approved August fourteen, eighteen hundred and forty-eight.*

Feb. 14, 1851.

1848, ch. 195.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the proviso contained in the first section of the above-entitled act be, and the same is hereby, repealed. (a)

Proviso in former act repealed

APPROVED, February 14, 1851.

CHAP. VI. — *An Act to authorize the Exchange of a Lot on the military Site of Fort Hamilton, for an equal Quantity of Ground adjoining said Site.*

Feb. 14, 1851.

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, under the direction of the President of the United States, to cause to be exchanged a lot of ground, being part of the site of Fort Hamilton, New York, for an equal quantity of ground lying nearer to said fort, and being more valuable for military purposes.

Exchange of part of site of Fort Hamilton, New York.

APPROVED, February 14, 1851.

(a) The proviso thus repealed made it a condition to the confirmation of a purchase of a school lot, and the issuing of a patent therefor, that "the said Durrie 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."

Feb. 27, 1851.

CHAP. XV. — *An Act for the Relief of Dunning R. McNair.*

§425 to be re-
funded to D. R.
McNair.

Proviso.

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, required to pay to Dunning R. McNair, out of any money in the treasury appropriated to the post-office department, the sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars, the amount of fines improperly imposed on said McNair, while he was mail contractor on route one thousand one hundred and fifteen, from Bedford to Washington, in the State of Pennsylvania: *Provided, however,* That if the said McNair shall accept the said sum of four hundred and twenty-five dollars, under the provisions of this act, he shall be forever barred from claiming any other or further sum from this government on account of said service under said contract.

APPROVED, February 27, 1851.

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CHAP. XVI. — *An Act for the Relief of the legal Representatives of the late General Walker K. Armistead, of the Army of the United States.*

§687,40 to be
paid to legal rep-
resentatives of
Gen. Walker K.
Armistead.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the sum of six hundred and eighty-seven dollars and forty cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated to the legal representatives of the late General Walker K. Armistead, of the United States, it being an amount of money which he paid out, for and on account of the army of the United States, whilst in command at Fort Monroe, in the year eighteen hundred and thirty-four, and which was not adjusted with the government, during his life: and that the Secretary of the Treasury cause the same to be paid.

APPROVED, February 27, 1851.

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CHAP. XVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Sayles J. Bowen.*

Payment to
Sayles J. Bowen.

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 Sayles J. Bowen, for his services as clerk in the office of the second auditor of the treasury department, from the first of March, eighteen hundred and forty-six, to the first of July, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, the sum of five hundred and thirty-three dollars and thirty-three cents, and also the further sum of three hundred and eighty-three dollars and twenty-eight cents, for his services as a clerk in the third auditor's office from the seventeenth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, to the fourth day of April, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, February 27, 1851.

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CHAP. XVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the legal Representatives of Robert S. Burrough and of Stephen Hopkins.*

Payment to
legal representa-
tives of Robert
S. Burrough and
Stephen Hop-
kins.

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 to the legal representatives of Robert S. Burrough, deceased, and of Stephen Hopkins, deceased, formerly weighers of merchandize in the custom house at Providence, Rhode Island, the sum of seven hundred and nine dollars

and eighty-two cents, (without interest,) in full compensation for fees alleged to have been withheld from them by the United States, and which had accrued between the first day of July, seventeen hundred and ninety-nine, and the thirtieth of June, eighteen hundred and five, and shall take their receipts in full therefor.

APPROVED, February 27, 1851.

CHAP. XIX. — *An Act for the Relief of the Widow of the late Lieutenant-Colonel William Gray, of Arkansas.* Feb. 27, 1851.

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 the widow of Lieutenant-Colonel William Gray, late of Arkansas, the difference of pay and allowances, between a lieutenant-colonel of cavalry, and a lieutenant-colonel of infantry, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Allowance to widow of Lt. Col. William Gray.

APPROVED, February 27, 1851.

CHAP. XXVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Hubert H. Booley.* March 3, 1851.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, required to place the name of Hubert H. Booley on the roll of invalid pensions; and that he pay him, semi-annually, at the rate of sixteen dollars per month, for and during his life, commencing on the tenth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven.

Hubert H. Booley to have a pension for life of \$16 per month, from October 10, 1847.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XXVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of the Administrator of Major Frederick D. Mills, deceased.* March 3, 1851.

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 shall be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to pay to James F. Babcock, administrator of the estate of Major Frederick D. Mills, late of the fifteenth regiment of the United States infantry, who was killed in the charge upon a body of the enemy retreating from the field of Churubusco, at the gate of the city of Mexico, on the twentieth of August, eighteen hundred and forty-eight, the value of the horse and equipage of the deceased lost on that occasion, not exceeding two hundred dollars.

Payment to James F. Babcock, administrator of estate of Frederick D. Mills.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XXIX. — *An Act for the Relief of Joseph D. Ward and Isaac Watts Griffith.* March 3, 1851.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of Joseph D. Ward, who was a sergeant in the second regiment of Kentucky volunteers in the late war with Mexico, be placed on the roll of invalid pensions at the rate of twenty dollars a month, commencing on

Joseph D. Ward to have a pension for life of \$20 per month, from June 9, 1847.

the ninth day of June, eighteen hundred and forty-seven, and to continue during his natural life.

Isaac Watts Griffith to have a pension of \$16 per month for life, from Oct. 28, 1847, in lieu of present pension.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Interior be, and he is hereby, directed to place the name of Isaac Watts Griffith, late a sergeant in the army of the United States, on the pension list, at the rate of sixteen dollars per month, to commence on the twenty-eighth day of October, one thousand eight hundred and forty-seven, and to continue during his life, in lieu of the pension to which he is now entitled by law.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XXX. — *An Act for the Relief of William Hardin.*

Payment to William Hardin.

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 to be paid to William Hardin six hundred dollars, as an indemnity for expenses incurred and moneys paid by him in defending a suit to recover money which he had procured for the use of the government.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XXXI. — *An Act for the Relief of H. J. McClintock, Harrison Gill, and Mansfield Carter.*

Payment to H. J. McClintock.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the superintendent of Indian affairs at Saint Louis be authorized and required to pay to H. J. McClintock the sum of one hundred and forty-two dollars and twenty cents, for his services as farmer for the Sac and Fox Indians at the Great Nemahaw sub-agency, in the year eighteen hundred and forty-six, and for the hire of two hands employed and paid by said McClintock; also the sum of fifty-eight dollars and sixty-six cents to Harrison Gill, the amount due him for services as assistant farmer for said Indians at the same place; also the sum of eighty-nine dollars and thirty-three cents to Mansfield Carter for his services as assistant blacksmith for said Indians, at the same place and time; and for this purpose, the sum of two hundred and ninety dollars and twenty cents be, and the same is hereby, appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XLV. — *An Act for the Relief of the American Colonization Society.*

Settlement of claim of the American Colonization Society for Africans of the barque Pons.

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, upon equitable principles, to settle the claim of the American Colonization Society for the support and maintenance, in Liberia, of the Africans recaptured on board the barque Pons, and for all supplies furnished them of every description, and for medical attention, and to pay the amount which he may find so to be due to the said society, out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated, provided the same shall not exceed fifty dollars per head.

Proviso.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

CHAP. XLVI.—*An Act for the Relief of Cincinnatus Trousdale and John G. Connelley, of Arkansas.* March 3, 1851.

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 audit and pay to Cincinnatus Trousdale, late acting adjutant, and John G. Connelley, late acting quartermaster and commissary, of the mounted rifle battalion of Arkansas Volunteers, lately in the service of the United States, commanded by Major Solon Borland, the same rate of pay and allowances, for the time beginning September twenty-sixth and ending November eighteenth, eighteen hundred and forty-six, as is now allowed by law to officers of the United States army holding commissions equal in grade to the nominal acting appointments temporarily filled by said Trousdale and said Connelley, respectively.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

Payment to C. Trousdale and John G. Connelley.

CHAP. XLVII.—*An Act to grant to the New Haven and New London Railroad Company the Right of Way through the Custom-House Lot in New London.* March 3, 1851.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the right of way for a railroad shall be, and is hereby, granted to the New Haven and New London Railroad Company, over and across the lot of land known as the Custom-House Lot, in the city of New London, in the State of Connecticut: *Provided,* That the route of said railroad shall be laid over the water line of said lot, in the rear of the custom-house, and at a suitable distance from the buildings and fixtures of the United States, and in such manner as not to injure said property, and shall be located under the direction of the collector of customs of the port of New London. And the route of said road shall be surveyed and designated, and a copy of the notes of survey, and a plat and description of the location thereof, with the approval of said collector, shall be transmitted within six months to the Secretary of the Treasury, and thereupon the same shall be held for the use of said company for the purpose aforesaid, and no other.

Right of way granted over Custom-House Lot in New Haven.

Proviso as to route.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the grants herein contained, and all rights and privileges secured hereby, shall cease and determine unless the road be begun and completed within one year thereafter; and if the said road shall at any time after its completion be discontinued or abandoned by said company, the grants hereby made, and all rights and privileges hereby secured, shall cease and determine.

Limitation upon the above grant.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.

RESOLUTIONS.

Feb. 27, 1851. [No. 3.] — *A Resolution providing for an Adjustment of the Accounts of John D. Colmesneil, President of the Ohio and Mississippi Mail Line Company.*

Resolved 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 be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to audit and adjust the account of John D. Colmesneil, president of the Ohio and Mississippi Mail Line Company, for transporting the mails of the United States on the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, between Louisville and New Orleans, and intermediate points, during the season of steamboat navigation, between the fifteenth day of November, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, and the fifteenth day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-three; and upon ascertaining the amount of service actually rendered by said company in the transportation of the mail as aforesaid, the said auditor shall pay to the said John D. Colmesneil, for the use of himself and associates, out of any funds appropriated for the transportation of the mails, the sum which may be found justly and equitably due to said company: *Provided*, That said sum shall not exceed the rate of allowance fixed by the fifth section of the act of March three, eighteen hundred and twenty-five.

APPROVED, February 27, 1851.

March 3, 1851. [No. 7.] — *A Resolution in relation to the Accounts of John De Neufville and Son.*

Resolved 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 examine and adjust the accounts of John De Neufville and Son, merchants of Amsterdam, with the United States, and pay any balance which may be found to be due to said firm, to the party or parties legally entitled to receive the same: *Provided*, That the amount to be paid shall not exceed the sum of eight thousand seven hundred and sixty-seven dollars and sixty cents, with interest from the thirty-first day of May, seventeen hundred and eighty-two, to the first day of July, eighteen hundred and thirty-two, at the rate of five per centum per annum, deducting all payments heretofore made.

APPROVED, March 3, 1851.