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AN ACT
To amend an act, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Hallowell."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That an act, entitled "An act for the relief of Edward Hallowell," passed on the twenty-seventh day of February, one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, shall be construed so as to allow the said Edward Hallowell, without regard to the date of purchase, to avail himself, in respect to all the goods, wares and merchandise, mentioned in the said act, of all the benefits and provisions of the act, entitled "An act directing the Secretary of the Treasury to remit fines, forfeitures and penalties, in certain cases," passed on the second day of January, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, in like manner, and as fully, as if the purchase of the said goods, wares and merchandise, had been made before war was known to exist between the United States and Great Britain, at the port or place where the purchase was made.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 24, 1816. 139
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
For the relief of Richard Mitchell.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That Richard Mitchell, of the state of Tennessee be, and he is hereby released from the payment of two thousand and thirty dollars, being the balance remaining unsatisfied of a judgment obtained on the twenty sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred, against Reuben Saunders, Richard Mitchell and others, in the district court of the United States, for East-Tennessee: *Provided, however,* That nothing contained in this act, shall be considered as releasing Reuben Saunders from any claim which the United States have against him, as collector of the internal revenues, for the first division within the state of Tennessee.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 20, 1816. 140
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
For the relief of Xaverio Naudi.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Secretary for the Department of State be, and he hereby is authorized and directed to audit and settle the claim of Xaverio Naudi, for services, and expenses lately incurred while acting as consular-agent for the United States at Tripoli, and to allow the said Xaverio Naudi therefor such compensation as may appear equitable and just under all the circumstances of the case: *Provided,* That such allowance shall not exceed the limitation at present allowed by law, to consuls regularly appointed to reside at Tripoli; and the sum to be allowed, when ascertained, shall be paid to the said Xaverio Naudi, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 20, 1816. 141
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
For the relief of the Baltimore and Massachusetts Bible Societies.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all the duties due and payable to the United States, on a set of stereotype plates, owned by the Baltimore Bible Society, imported from London to Philadelphia, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, on board the ship Electra; and from London to Baltimore in the same year, on board the ship Joseph, be and the same are hereby remitted.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the Comptroller of the Treasury be, and he is hereby authorised to direct a debenture to be issued to the Massachusetts Bible Society, for a drawback of duties upon an invoice of Bibles exported from the port of Boston, on board the brigantine Panther, in the year one thousand eight hundred and fifteen:—*Provided however,* That the said society shall produce satisfactory evidence to the said comptroller, as the law directs, that the invoice aforesaid had been landed in some foreign port or place.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore.
April 20, 1816. 142
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
For the relief of Edward Wilson

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That Edward Wilson shall be permitted to withdraw an entry made by James Caldwell, on the fourth day of April, one thousand eight hundred and eleven, at the land office at Steubenville, from the south west quarter of section number thirteen, in the township number nine of range number seven, in the district of land offered for sale at Steubenville; and the money paid on the said entry shall be placed to the credit of said Wilson on any purchase he may make, or may have made, of public lands in said district.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 20, 1816. 143
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
Concerning field officers of the militia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of [illegible] next, instead of one lieutenant colonel commandant to each regiment, and one major to each battalion of the militia, as is provided by the act entitled [illegible] act more effectually to provide for [illegible]national defence by establishing a uniform militia throughout the United States," approved May the eighth, one thousand seven hundred and ninety two, there shall be one colonel, [illegible] major to each regiment of the militia consisting of two battalions. Where there shall be only one battalion, it shall be commanded by a major: *Provided,* That nothing contained herein shall be construed to annul any commission in the militia which may be in force, as granted by authority of any state or territory, in pursuance of the act herein recited, and bearing date prior to the said first day of May next.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 20, 1816. 144
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
Further supplementary to the act, entitled "an act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory."

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That every person or persons claiming public lands in the Mississippi territory, under the act, or pretended act of the state of Georgia, passed January the seventh, one thousand seven hundred and ninety five, who have not duly released their claims to the United States, so as to entitle them to the indemnification provided by the act of Congress, passed the thirty first day of March, one thousand eight hundred & fourteen, entitled "an act providing for the indemnification of certain claimants of public lands in the Mississippi territory," and the acts supplementary thereto, shall be allowed further time to execute and file with the commissioners appointed to decide on such claims, good and sufficient legal releases of their claim, as by said acts are required, until the first Monday of March next. And the commissioners aforesaid are hereby authorized and empowered to decide on such claims, and to adjudge to every such claimant or claimants the proportion of indemnification to which he or they may be respectively entitled.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the commissioners aforesaid shall be, and they are hereby authorized, in all cases where they shall direct suits to be commenced for the recovery of money fraudulently withdrawn from the treasury of Georgia, to transmit to the counsel or attorney appointed to institute and conduct such suits or prosecutions, all original papers or documents in their possession that may furnish evidence to sustain the same.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That there shall be allowed and paid out of the Treasury of the United States, to each of the said commissioners and their secretary, the further sum of one thousand dollars, as a compensation for the additional service required by this act.

H. CLAY Spr of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 20, 1816. 145
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
Concerning the entry of vessels at the ports of Middletown and Plymouth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That it shall be lawful to make entry of foreign ships or vessels, and of cargoes which may be on board the same, and to unlade such cargoes respectively, or any part thereof, at the port of Middletown, in the State of Connecticut, and at Plymouth, in the State of North Carolina, under the regulations in such cases by law provided.

H. CLAY, Spkr of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 24, 1816. 146
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
For the relief of Patrick O'Fling, and and Abigail O'Fling, and Edmund O'Fling.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the proper officer of the Department of War be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to allow & grant to Patrick and Abigail O'Fling a land warrant for four hundred and eighty acres of land, in the same manner and upon the same terms, that warrants for military land bounty are granted to the soldiers of the army of the United States.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the officer aforesaid be, and he is hereby authorised and directed to allow and grant to Edmund O'Fling, a military land warrant for one hundred and sixty acres of land, in the same manner and upon the same terms, that warrants are granted to the soldiers of the aforesaid army.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Patrick and Abigail O'Fling be, and they are hereby authorised to receive half pay for five years for each of their sons, lieutenant Patrick O'Fling, and ensign Temple E. O'Fling, who died whilst in the service of the United [illegible]

H. CLAY Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 24, 1816. 147
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
For the more convenient arrangement of the times and places of holding the Circuit Courts of the United States, for the districts of South Carolina and Georgia.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That from and after the first day of June next, the Circuit Courts in and for the Sixth Circuit of the United States, shall be held at the following times and places, and no others; that is to say, for the district of Georgia, at Savannah, on the fourteenth day of December in every year, and at Milledgeville, on the sixth day of May, in every year; for the District of South Carolina, at Charlestown, on the twentieth day of November in every year, and at Columbia on the twentieth day of April in every year; and the Circuit Court for the said Districts respectively, of the Circuit Judge of the said Sixth Circuit is authorised and required to make all such rules and orders as may be necessary to carry into effect the change in time and place of holding the said Courts according to the true intent and meaing of this act.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 24, 1816. 148
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
To increase the pensions of invalids in certain cases; for the relief of the invalids of militia, and for the appointment of pension agents in those states, where there is no Commissioner of Loans.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That all persons of the ranks hereinafter named, who are now on the military pension roll of the United States, shall, from and after the passage of this act, be entitled to, and receive, for disabilities of the highest degree, the following sums, in lieu of those to which they are now entitled, to wit: a first lieutenant, seventeen dollars; a second lieutenant, fifteen dollars; a third lieutenant, fourteen dollars; an ensign, thirteen dollars; and a non-commissioned officer, musician or private, eight dollars per month; and for disabilities of a degree less than the highest, a sum proportionably less.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That all persons of the aforesaid ranks, who may hereafter be placed on the military pension roll of the United States, shall, according to their ranks & degrees of disabilities be placed on at the aforesaid rates of pensions in lieu of those heretofore established: *Provided,* that nothing herein contained shall be construed to lessen the pension of any person who, by special provision, is entitled to a higher pension than is herein provided.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That all laws and regulations relating to the admission of the officers and soldiers of the regular army to be placed on the pension roll of the United States shall, and they are hereby declared to relate equally to the officers and soldiers of the militia, whilst in the service of the United States.

Sec. 4. *And be it further enacted,* That the secretary for the department of war be, and he is hereby authorized and required to appoint some fit and proper person in those States and Territories where there is no commissioner of loans, and also in the District of Maine, to perform the duties in those states and territories and in said District respectively relating to pensions & pensioners, which are now required of said commissioners in their respective states.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 24, 1816. 149
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
For the relief of William Flood.

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 War Department be, & they are hereby authorized & directed to settle the claim of William Flood, on account of the destruction of his property by the British forces on the eighth of January one thousand eight hundred and fifteen, by ascertaining, or causing to be ascertained, the value thereof in such manner and upon such terms as may be equitable and just.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the amount of such valuation, when so ascertained shall be paid to the said William Flood out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore.
April 24, 1816. 150
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
Authorizing the President of the United States to lease the Saline near the Wabash river for a term not exceeding seven years.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the President of the United States be, and he is hereby authorised to lease the United States Saline near the Wabash river for a term not exceeding seven years, from and after the end of of the present term; such conditions as will insure the working the same most advantageously to the United States.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 24, 1816. 151
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
Respecting the late officers and crew of the sloop of war Wasp.

Whereas, there is reason to apprehend that the sloop of war Wasp, an armed ship of the United States, and lately commanded by Captain Johnston Blakely, is lost:

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 the representatives of captain Johnston Blakely, and of each of the officers & crew aforesaid, as is hereinafter directed, twelve months wages; and that there be paid to the aforesaid representatives, and to the survivors of said officers and crew, if such there be, the sum of fifty thousand dollars, to be distributed as prize money for the capture & destruction, by said sloop of war, of the British armed vessels Reindeer and Avon.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That the distribution of said wages and compensation shall be as follows, viz. one third to the widow, and two third parts to the children of the deceased; and in case there be no child, the whole to the widow; and if there be no widow, then to the child or children; and if there be neither widow nor child, then to the parent or parents; and if there be no parent, then to the brothers and sisters; and if there be neither brother nor sister, then such share or shares not claimed as aforesaid, shall be and remain part of the navy pension fund; and the sums aforesaid shall be paid out of any moneys in the treasury not otherwise appropriated: *Provided,* That in all cases in which there shall be only one child, the widow shall have an equal share with the child.

Sec. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That the secretary of the navy be and he hereby is authorised and required to appoint a prize agent, whose duty it shall be to disburse the moneys aforesaid, or to refund any balance thereof, under such rules and regulations as the said secretary may prescribe; and that all moneys not claimed by virtue of this act within two years from the day when said sums shall be put at the disposal of the said prize agent, shall be deemed and held a part of the navy pension fund.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore.
April 20, 1816. 152
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
Establishing a port of delivery at the town of Bayou St. John.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the town of Bayou St. John, in the state of Louisiana, shall be a port of delivery; that a surveyor shall be appointed to reside at said port, that all ships and vessels bound to said port shall after proceeding thereto, and making report and entry at the port of New-Orleans within the time limited by law, be permitted to unlade their cargoes at the said town of the Bayou St. John, or at the basin of the canal of Carondolet adjoining the city of New Orleans under the rules and regulations prescribed by law.

Sec. 2. *And be it further enacted,* That so much of the sixth section of the act of Congress passed on the 24th day of February, one thousand eight hundred and four, entitled "An act for laying and collecting duties on imports and tonnage, within the territories ceded to the United States by the treaty of the thirtieth of April, one thousand eight hundred and three, between the United States and the French Republic, and for other purposes," as is contrary to this act, is hereby repealed.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore.
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
Authorising the payment of a sum of money to John T. Courtnay and Samuel Harrison or their legal representatives.

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 authorised and required to pay to John T. Courtnay and Samuel Harrison, citizens of Virginia, or if either or both of them be dead, then to their legal representatives, the sum of three hundred and seventy five dollars, to be equally divided between them; which sum is paid them in consequence of their exertions in saving from being destroyed by fire the gun boat schooner Asp, belonging to the United States, when she was set on fire and left burning by the enemy, after having been taken by them in an action in the month of July, one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, in the river Potomac.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate, pro tempore.
April 26, 1816. 154
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

AN ACT
Concerning Pharaoh Farrow and others.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America, in Congress assembled, That the Judge of the Albemarle district court in the State of North Carolina be, and he is hereby authorised and required to distribute to Pharaoh Farrow and his associates, the proceeds arising from the sale of two armed boats, belonging to the British privateer Mars; which boats, with their tackle and apparel, were captured by the said Pharaoh Farrow, and his associates, on the nineteenth day of October, in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirteen, in New Inlet, in the said State; and which, with their tackle and apparel, have been condemned and sold by a decree of the court, the proceeds of which sale are held to the benefit of the United States; and that the said distribution be made agreeably to the laws of the United States, relating to captures made by private armed ships.

H. CLAY, Speaker of the House of Representatives.
JOHN GAILLARD, President of the Senate pro tempore.
April 27, 1816. 155
Approved, JAMES MADISON.

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