burnt by the British forces in September eighteen hundred and fourteen, in consequence of their being used and occupied by troops in the service of the United States for military purposes.

APPROVED, February 5, 1853.

CHAP. LVII. — *An Act for the Relief of Maurice K. Simons.* Feb. 5, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the name of Maurice K. Simons shall be placed upon the roll of invalid pensioners, at the rate of eight dollars per month during his life, from and after the passage of this act. Maurice K. Simons to be placed on pension roll at $8 per month during his life.

APPROVED, February 5, 1853.

CHAP. LVIII. — *An Act for the Relief of Brevet Brigadier-General Bennett Riley, and to enable him to Settle his Accounts with the United States.* Feb. 5, 1853.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the provisions of the Act approved the third of March, eighteen hundred and forty-nine, entitled "An act to provide for the settlement of the accounts of public officers, and others who may have received moneys arising from military contributions or otherwise in Mexico," be, and they are hereby applied to Brevet Brigadier-General Bennett Riley, in reference to all moneys raised and collected by him, for contributions, penalties, internal assessments, duties, or other objects in California, from the commencement of the late war with Mexico, to the twelfth day of November, eighteen hundred and forty-nine; and the said Riley shall account for, settle, and pay into the Treasury of the United States, for general purposes, any balance of moneys shown to be in his hands, upon such settlement; and all papers, vouchers, and other documents connected with the levying and collecting of any money as aforesaid, shall be filed with the accounts rendered for settlement by the said Riley. Provisions of act of 1849, ch. 126, to be applied to accounts of General Riley. Said Riley to pay into the Treasury any balance in his hands.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That in settling the accounts of said Riley as aforesaid, the accounting officers of the Treasury be, and they are hereby authorized and required to credit him with any sum or sums of money paid or advanced by him for defraying the expenses of the Convention of California, called to frame a State Constitution, and also the sum or sums of money advanced by him, for the relief of destitute overland emigrants to California, and such credits shall be allowed only on the production of proper vouchers, in such form as may be approved by the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States; and the said officers of the Treasury shall in said settlement further credit the said Riley, with all sums of money expended by him for the support of the actual government of California after the ratification of the treaty of peace with Mexico, and before the formation of the State Government, and which expenses may appear to have been proper and necessary, but not authorized by any law of the United States; *Provided*, That before crediting him the said last-mentioned expenditures, they shall be approved by the President of the United States. Said Riley to be allowed his expenses respecting the constitutional convention in California and in relief of over-land emigrants and supporting the government. Proviso.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That as a compensation for collecting, safe-keeping, and disbursing the said moneys, the said Riley shall be allowed and credited on such settlement, one and a half per cent. upon the moneys so raised and collected by him, and he shall be allowed no other or further compensation therefor. Compensation of said Riley.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the Secretary of the Treasury be, and he is hereby directed to cause proper defence to be made, at the expense of the United States, to any suit or suits now pending, or that hereafter may be instituted against the said Riley, for any moneys raised and collected by him in California, and to which this act is applicable. Suits against said Riley respecting money collected by him in California to be defended by the United States.

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